

MSABC Board of Directors Meeting

Noon Sunday, April 7, 2013

1405 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC

Minutes

Call to order: 12:30

Present: Gilles, Nancy, John, Susan, Len, Glen, Keith, Rod

Absent: None

A. Adoption of Agenda - adopted by Susan, seconded by Glen

B. Adoption of Minutes from February 23, 2013 meeting - adopted by John, seconded by Rod

C. Old Business

1. Provincial Open Water Championships rules and Tri insurance details- Susan and Rod

The paper work is being finalized with the hope that the new event will be announced at the Provincials. Swim BC has been very cooperative. H2O is the sponsor of the Thetis Lake Swim and MSABC is the sponsor for the Provincials.

For insurance purposes, Tri BC and MSABC members will not have to pay as they are already insured through Swim BC. There is a \$5.00 charge for non members.

Susan Simmons is the Meet Manager for the event to take place July 28, 2013. A qualified Open Water Referee needs to be finalized with MSABC offering to cover the travel expenses.

2. **Team sizes** - choosing and administrator and committee to set rules

John has offered to chair a small subcommittee to set up the criteria for choosing the team sizes each year including the issue of how to define relay events.. Gilles and Glen will join John on the committee. Len will now forward all issues regarding team sizes on to John.

3. Policy information - Nancy

ACTION: The soft copies of the Policy Information will be sent to all board members and discussed at the next meeting with regards to updating and then posting.

The conflict resolutions policy submitted by Vic Masters will be posted under "Coaches Resources" on the website encouraging other members to feel free to use it or to add their input.

The Code of Conduct will be included on the new waiver for September 2013.

4 . MSABC fees - Keith

Keith presented an updated financial statement which is included in the Secretary's file.

Lengthy discussion took place on MSC's decision to increase their fee by \$3.00. Keith recommends that the Presidents of MSABC and MSO (the two largest and most active associations) to discuss the value they are receiving for their money and let MSC know.

If individual members have a strong concern then they are encouraged to take this up with the President and Executive Director of MSC.

After much additional discussion, Rod recommended that the MSABC fees for 2013-2014 be set at \$39.00 (an increase of \$1.00) . MSABC will absorb \$2.00 of the \$3.00 MSC increase. As a result, MSABC will have a possible surplus of \$3,000 - \$4,000 for the following year. All members **APPROVED**.

5. Foundation Report - Keith

Susan recommended to not discuss the possibility of contributing more money to the Foundation at the AGM due to the MSABC fee increase discussion. The percent of the dividend increase will be stated in the Financial Report at the AGM.

ACTION: Keith will draft a Q&A on the Foundation for the AGM.

6. Financial Assistance for electronic timing for meets- revisit

MOTION: Gilles moved that, on request, the maximum of \$300.00 of monetary assistance be available in order to assist in the running of efficient meets if necessary. The request must be made in writing in advance of the meet. Each request will be decided on independently. **APPROVED**

7. Communications report - Susan

Susan displayed the format of the Agenda and its details on the screen for all to see and discuss.

She will bring a Power Point to the AGM.

ACTION: Len will ask Sarah McDonald to act as an advisor on Robert's Rules.

ACTION: Nancy to send the Draft Minutes and sign up sheet electronically to Len.

Protocol and wording of elections was discussed. Rod will act as Secretary at the AGM in Nancy's absence.

Multiple nominations for awards were submitted this year. Lengthy discussion took place. Results as follows:

Stan Powell Award - Karen Tannas for her 20 year contribution to the Thetis Lake Open Water Swim. Susan will make the presentation.

Ted Simpson Award -Rosemary Kelsall (Revelstoke Masters Swim club)

ACTION: Next board meeting to consider changing the wording of the awards criteria. Revisit the awards concept and perhaps have more awards in order to reach out to other areas of achievement, eg stepping outside of the pool - Iceman, English Channel swimmers.

D. Provincials

1-Updated pool measurement needs to take place in order to satisfy US and World records.

ACTION: Len will measure the pool using a tape, on Friday April 26.

2. Team Aquatics will provide some awards for winners of randomly drawn heats.

Banquet:

1. Two extra tickets (Nancy and Keith) to be used for Marcel and Ray as they will set up the venue while Board members are at the AGM.
2. Susan will provide slide show on screens.
3. Copies of Howard Firby's drawings on strokes will be sized to display on the wall. Gilles
4. MSABC will provide wine for Draw prizes. Glen
5. Shirts for Board members will be ready for the Banquet. Glen
6. Meet Managers will receive bags for their contribution. Glen
7. Pens (MSABC) and Post-It will be on the tables for attendees to add to their thought to the "Why i Swim ' Board - pens are token take home gifts..
8. The check in table, (occupied by Marcel and Ray until the Board members arrive) will check for tickets and provide for entering a door prize.
9. Dale Robinson to receive the President's Award for organizing the Training Camp in Hawaii and then donating the profits to the MSABC Foundation Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30

Next meeting; will be decided via Survey Monkey once the new Board has been elected.

Nancy Ryan, Secretary

Gilles Beaudin, President