

**MASTERS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**VANCOUVER, BC - APRIL 24, 2010**

Call to order: 4:30 pm

Attendance: Sign up sheet attached (original only)

Present board members: Aart Looye, Nancy Ryan, Len Martel, Gilles Beaudin, Keith Kendal, Steve Wallace, John McManus, Glen Mehus

Regrets: Melissa Furlotte

Quorum: Declared

**1. ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER**

Roberts Rules of Order were adopted for the meeting

**Motion:** To adopt Rules of Order (Ivan Szasz)

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** To adopt the agenda as circulated. (Natasha McKinnon/Kerrie Turner) carried

**3. WAIVER OF TWO WEEK NOTICE**

**MOTION:** To waive the two week notice. (Karina Younk/ Natasha McKinnon) carried

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MOTION:**

To adopt the minutes of the 2009 AGM (Danielle Brault/Dan Syroid ) carried

**5. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

Aart Looye welcomed the membership and introduced the Board of Directors

**6. AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Keith distributed and reviewed the Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2009 to the membership. Two MSABC members in good standing were asked to review the books rather than pay a large sum to the previous auditors. Cam Ross and Doug Hartford signed and sealed the statement on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

We presently have 1745 members and it is still increasing with the upcoming Nationals. Our total net revenue is \$27,489.64. Keith noted that our biggest expenses are board meeting costs and competition costs. Total expenses are \$1755.88 which leaves us a net revenue of \$9,935.76. Questions from the floor included the review of our HyTek purchase policy which is : we reimburse each club for the initial purchase of the Hy Tek Meet Manager program providing the club will host a meet to benefit the MSABC swimmers. Another question from the floor was regarding the board meeting costs. The majority are from Vancouver Island and the meetings are usually held on the Island. It was noted that this cost could increase in the future if the membership was dispersed around the province. In addition, there have been telephone conference calls at a cost of \$35. - \$45.00 versus \$2000.00 per meeting.

Keith was thanked for all of his hard work and leaving MSABC fiscally sound before he leaves his position as Treasurer.

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

This position is a 1 - 2 hour commitment per year. The persons do not need a financial background. But should be from a professional organization.

**MOTION:** To elect Mike Dowling (NSM) and Tom Percy(Navy) as the new auditors. (Dennis Crockett) carried

## **8. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTORS**

Steve Wallace, Director at Large stated that his mandate was to provide the membership with information on the Foundation and to follow through. He has one more year and then will leave due to commitments with the Saanich Rotary club.

Keith Kendal, Treasurer stated that he has improved the current financial statement.

John McManus, Director at Large stated that his responsibilities have been to keep the Web page updated as well as giving others technical advice. He is responsive to the members and if there are complaints, please send them to him. He would also appreciate receiving ideas on how to read the Website better. The MSABC domain has been given to Swim Canada.

Nancy Ryan, Secretary stated that she was initially elected as a Director at Large but very soon became the Secretary. This position as a first timer on the Board has been a huge learning curve. It has not only helped to improve her computer skills but it has been a very positive experience and she has really enjoyed learning more about MSABC.

Len Martel, Director at Large stated that he very soon received the position as Registrar. He is the main contact to MSC and is also the chairperson for COP. He is working with Lindsay Patten (Executive Director of MSC) on validating swimmers registrations.

Gilles Beaudin, Director at Large is in charge of the MSABC Bulletin.

Glen Mehus, Past President stated that he has brought back the 'fax meets' this year. He is now on the MSC Board which keeps the communication lines open from the west to east of Canada. MSC feels that MSABC is extremely organized.

Aart Looye, President stated that we are having more swim meets than before. It is important that they are sanctioned. Our swim meets are popular with out of province swimmers. He stated that this is a good board to work with.

Aart Looye thanked Glen for his 4 years as President and 1 year as Past President.

## **9. SETTING OF THE 2010-2011 SWIM YEAR FEES**

The club fee of \$25.00 is waived for next year. Unattached swimmers each pay \$35.00 and receive a number but no club name other than UNATT.

**MOTION:** To keep all MSABC fees at \$35.00 for the entire year. (Natasha McKinnon)

**MOTION:** To eliminate the club registration fee and discounted rates after the Provincials. (Kerrie Turner/Elizabeth Smith) Carried

## **10. PRESENTATION ON SETTING UP A FOUNDATION**

In the very early years of MSABC it had been decided to have 3 years of capital readily available. It is now time for a change and to receive a better return on our money. The benefits of putting money into a Foundation are:

1. There is no risk as we are a non profit organization
2. We will now have a venue for charitable donations.
3. Donors will receive a tax receipt.
4. Has no effect on fund raising.
5. Provides a larger return on our investment. Foundations are well regulated and they invest in mainly Canadian equities.

A question and answer period took place.

**MOTION:** To grant authority to the MSABC Board to invest up to \$20,000 to the Vancouver Foundation (Alex Muir) 2 members opposed. Carried

## **11. AWARDS**

Presented at the Banquet

a) Achievement

1, Ted Simpson Memorial Achievement - Cindy Maybee

2, League Trophy Award - Vic Masters

b) Service

1. Stan Powell Memorial Service Award - Khosro Khosrom

2, Recognition Plaques - Glen Mehus,

3, Meet Managers Plaques - UBC - James Hooper

Nanaimo - Nancy Ryan

Comox - Heather Ney

Victoria - Len Martel

Winskills - Deb Newman

Cherry Blossom - Dean Rowland

Provincials - Val Hadd

Nationals - Nancy Ryan

## 12. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Board positions up for election this year and current elected directors all by acclamation:

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| a) President         | Aart Looye             |
| b) Vice President    | Keith Kendal           |
| c) Treasurer         | Melissa Furlotte       |
| d) Secretary         | Nancy Ryan             |
| e) Registrar         | Len Martel             |
| f) Editor            | Gilles Beaudin         |
| g) Director at Large | Ivan Szazs (1 year)    |
| h) Director at Large | Steve Wallace (2 year) |
| i) Director at Large | John McManus ( 2 year) |

### **13. MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS**

A process is now in place to apply for a medical exemption. Each exemption will be dealt with on an individual basis. The applicant must first get a doctor's letter stating why the swimmer needs to wear the apparatus. The swimmer then completes a form and submits it to the MSABC board for approval. Wearing the 'assist' will dismiss the swimmer from being eligible to set FINA world records only.

The medical exemption form that will serve our membership has not been completed by the MSABC board at this point.

This exemption only pertains to what the swimmer physically wears in the pool.

### **14. QUESTION PERIOD**

- a) A question arose regarding the point system used at this Provincials. MSABC will look into it.
- b) What is MSABC's rule on NT when entering a meet and the meet package states that NT's will not be accepted? All Meet Managers must stick to their Meet Package rulings as their meet has been sanctioned.

### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by;

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Nancy Ryan, Secretary

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Aart Looye, President