

MASTERS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Kelowna, BC
April, 26, 2014

Call to order: 3:20 pm

Attendance: sign up sheet distributed (original in secretary's file)

Present Board members: Gilles Beaudin, Nancy Ryan, Len Martel, Glen Mehus, Susan Simmons, Rod Carmichael, Mike Dowling, John McManus

Regrets: Keith Kendall

Quorum: declared

ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order were adopted for the meeting.

Motion: (Sarah McDonald) to adopt Rules of Order. (seconded by Danielle Brault)

Carried

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

All in favour. **Carried**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion: (Michael Stamhuis, Vernon) To adopt the minutes of the 2013 AGM All in favor.

Carried

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Gilles Beaudin welcomed the membership and introduced the present Board of Directors.

The Treasurer, Registrar, Communication and Competition reports are in the Secretary's file.

Main Points:

Treasurer's Report from Keith Kendall reported by John McManus

Down in revenue and up in expenses for 2013. Due to MSC charging an extra \$2.00, we only increased our fees by \$1.00. We had higher than normal AGM banquet costs.

We are well invested in GIC's

We invested \$20,000 in Vancouver Foundation and are now reinvesting. Money can be taken out at any time.

Competition costs were higher this year with Hy Tek and Open water Official from Alberta.

Communication costs are now reduced. Board feels confident that our expenses will be much lower next year. A 5 year budget was established.

Essentially we are well financed but do not want a deficit.

Treasurer's position will be up for election in 2015.

Competiton Report by Leon Politano

First open water meet was sanctioned by Swim BC. MSABC cannot sanction it because there are non-MSABC swimmers taking part.

15 MSABC meets were sanctioned this year. Smaller remote clubs are starting to have "stand alone" masters competition within a Swim BC sanctioned age group meet.

Registrar's report by Len Martel

In short, the big news is Club Assistant which streamlines meet registration. Encourage all clubs to use it from now on. Basically, Club Assistant takes the registration and we give the clubs the cheques.

Updated Meet Manager booklet will be goal for 2014-2015.

Due to new FINA rules, a Dogwood club has been established to accommodate all unattached BC swimmers.

This club may only compete as "exhibition" if they want to compete as a relay team.

Communications report by Susan Simmons

In short, the idea is to increase communication among our members. We now have 270 members on Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Setting of the 2014/15 fees

Referring to the 5 year projected budget, we are asking the members to increase the fees by \$1.00. Our total membership fee, including MSC, MSABC and Swim BC will be \$40.00. This will give us approximately \$1700. more for next year. We will still be in the red but considering how the Board members will have fewer costs, they felt this was adequate.

Discussion took place.

MOTION:(Lauren Westmacott, Vic Masters), moved to increase the fees by \$1.00. Seconded by Sarah McDonald.

Questions and Answers:

1. The Board will continue to subsidize the banquet for the same amount as in the past.
2. (Brent Hobbs, Okanagan Masters) Are we using technology, ie teleconferencing for some of our meetings? Yes, on occasion, but our meetings are 6 hours and most often, more is accomplished face to face.
3. What were our officiating costs? Expensed incurred from getting an Open water referee from Alberta. No one was available in BC.
4. Tony Hoft (Okanagan Masters) What are the membership numbers expected to be in the next 5 years? The membership has been consistent between 1700 - 1750 in the past 7 years.
5. Tony Hoft (Okanagan Masters) What are we doing about a revenue stream? On line store, encouraging new members by advertising MSABC through our banners and videos.

VOTE: All in favor to increase the fees by \$1.00?

1 opposed, remainder all in favour.

CARRIED

2. Appointment of Auditors for 2014-2015

Auditors must be MSABC members and must be different each year.

Jennifer Gunning - Vic Masters and Kelly Imada - Okanagan Masters

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The MSABC Board for 2014/2015 is as follows:

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| a. President | Gilles Beaudin VAC Masters | (1 year remaining) |
| b. Vice President | John McManus NavyMasters | (new 2 year term)Acclaimed |
| c. Treasurer | Keith Kendal Vic Masters | 1 year remaining) Acclaimed |
| d. Secretary | Nancy Ryan Nanaimo Ebbtides | (1 year remaining) |
| e. Registrar | Len Martel Vic Masters | (1 year remaining) |
| f. Editor | Susan Simmons Vic Masters | (new 2 year term) Acclaimed |
| g. Director at Large | Rod Carmichael Vic Masters | (new 2 Year term)Acclaimed |
| h. Director at Large | Glen Mehus Wine Country | (1 year remaining) |
| i. Director at Large | Mike Dowling North Shore | (1 year remaining) |

Question: (Sarah McDonald) Can a member sit in a Board meeting if he/she does not want to be treasurer this year? YES

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

1. (Jeanette Hoft, Okanagan Masters) What is our plan to encourage swimming and swimming development? We do not put on clinics but would like the Okanagan Masters to share ideas with us. Another mechanism we are using is through our Blog. We are encouraging individuals and coaches to write up ideas and share with the membership.
2. UBC reduces membership fees to encourage members to sit on the executive.
3. (Lauren Westmacott, Vic Masters) What are we going to do with our money? If a club offers a clinic and it is open to all MSABC members, the Board would consider financial support. We may be willing to spend money on our interest but not the principle. Funds are limited now but they will be growing.

MOTION: (Brent Hobbs, Okanagan Masters) To ask the Board to review how to manage its assets to support MSABC. (Danielle Brault, Vic Masters seconded)

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: To give consideration to develop a plan to manage our assets to support MSABC and report back at the next AGM.

1 opposed, Remainder in favor. **CARRIED**

4. Danielle offered to organize MSBC relay teams for the Worlds. FINA will not recognize MSBC teams.

Discussion took place.

The Board decided to follow the direction from MSC which states that we can not have a Provincial team at the Worlds.

MOTION: (Sarah McDonald) To have a MSABC member have the ability to swim on a MSBC team for the purpose of relays at the 2014 World Championships.(Brent Hobbs seconded)

Discussion took place.

MOTION: (Sarah McDonald) To ask the Board to reconsider their decision regarding MSABC members to register as a MSBC team at the 2014 Worlds.(Danielle seconded)

VOTE: in favor 8

Opposed 10

Motion defeated

ADJOURNMENT

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm by Lauren Westmacott. Seconded by Alex Cape.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Ryan, Secretary

Gilles Beaudin, President