

**MASTERS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Nanaimo
April 25, 2015**

Call to order: 2:00 pm

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

Present Board members: Gilles Beaudin, Nancy Ryan, Glen Mehus, Susan Simmons, Rod Carmichael, John McManus, Keith Kendal

Regrets: Len Martel

Quorum: declared

ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order were adopted for the meeting.

Motion: (Sarah Macdonald) to adopt Rules of Order. (seconded by Brent Hobbs)

Carried

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

All in favour. **Carried**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion: (Sarah) To adopt the minutes of the 2014 AGM All in favour.

Carried

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

President: Gilles Beaudin

Vice President: John McManus

Secretary: Nancy Ryan

Treasurer: Keith Kendal

Registrar: Len Martel

Communications: Susan Simmons

Directors At Large: Glen Mehus and Rod Carmichael

REPORTS

The complete PowerPoint presentations are in the Secretary's file.

Main Points:

Competition Report:

Open water: The 2015 MSABC Provincial Open Water Swimming Championship will be held at Thetis Lake for the 3rd year. Open to other areas of BC next year.

Pool: 12 meets were sanctioned for 2014-15.

Insurance Report:

A reminder was given to clubs to apply to MSABC for their pool insurance certificate and not to go directly to Swim BC.

President's Report:

Gilles answered the question "What does MSABC do for me and my club? "

- Sanctioning of 12 meets
- MSABC Open Water Championships held at the end of July
- MSABC Provincial Swimming Championships held at the end of April.

Registrar's Report:

Rod Carmichael displayed 3 membership graphs for this past year:

1. Swimmers by gender - 800+ Female, 600+ male
2. Swimmers by age - 19 to 90+ with the majority of swimmers in the 30 - 55 age brackets.
3. Registration by Club Assistant

Club Assistant benefits are:

- The entrants are responsible for what is entered in the meet.
- The entries go directly into HyTek.
- The entry money goes to MSABC in advance. Club Assistant charges a fee and as well, there is an additional fee to process credit cards. MSABC paid these fees this year. However, the board decided that it would pass this fee on to the hosting clubs in the future. Len is comparing prices of one day meets and multi-day meets. The board will set a rate after the analysis. The host club will be responsible for an approx fee of \$2.00.

Communications Report by Susan Simmons

- There are 300 Facebook members
- There were over 3000 views on the Blog
- There were over 3000 visits to our store
- There were numerous stories about non-competitive and competitive swimmers on the Blog posts. Gilles and Susan attended the MSC conference in Toronto. All of the other provinces were impressed with what MSABC is doing. MSABC is looked upon as a leader.

Treasurer's Report: by Keith Kendal

Keith broke down the expenses : AGM costs, Board meeting costs, Banquet costs, other meeting costs, competition costs, on line meet processing fees.

There was a drop in revenue this year due to fewer members. Yet MSABC had lower expenses this year. Operationally, there was a surplus of \$4,180 for the year ending August 31, 2014. Net current assets are \$87,744.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vancouver Foundation Contribution: reported by John McManus

After reviewing the Treasurer's report, we have \$85,000. We need an annual working capital of \$30,000 to handle at least 6 years of losing \$6000 per year. The Board presented a motion to provide an irrevocable contribution of \$50,000 to the Vancouver Foundation. John McManus and Keith Kendal spoke in favour of the motion and explained the board's rationale for this course of action . In 2010, MSABC had previously provided an irrevocable contribution to the Vancouver Foundation of \$20,000. There was a discussion on the motion, following which the vote was called.

MOTION was defeated: 13 in favour; 14 opposed.

A further motion to contribute \$25,000 to the Vancouver Foundation was made by Brenda Clarke (Nanaimo Ebbtides) seconded by Brent Hobbs (Okanagan Masters)
Motion carried: 15 in favour; 10 opposed.

2. Appointment of Auditors for 2015-2016

Karina Younk (Ebbtides) was appointed An additional member volunteered, but she carried out the function in the year 2014-15 so is not eligible to do it in a subsequent year. The new President will be responsible to ensure a replacement is named, and that name will be included in a note to these minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The MSABC Board for 2015/2016 is as follows:

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| a. | President | Rod Carmichael Victoria Masters | (2-year term) Acclaimed |
| b. | Vice President | John McManus NavyMasters | (1 year remaining) |
| c. | Treasurer | Peter Heusel English Bay | (2-year term) Acclaimed |
| d. | Secretary | Brenda Clarke Nanaimo Ebbtides | (2-year term) Acclaimed |
| e. | Registrar | Glen Mehus Wine Country | (2-year term) Acclaimed |
| f. | Editor | Susan Simmons Victoria Masters | (1 year remaining) |
| g. | Director at Large | John Bell English Bay | (2-year term) Acclaimed |
| h. | Director at Large | Cheryl Paavola Prince Rupert | (2-year term) Acclaimed |
| i. | Director at Large | Dale Freeman Semiahmoo | (1-year term) Acclaimed |

Aart Looye offered to be President, but there were no seconders .

SUGGESTION: Gilles will write a letter to Aart thanking him for his offer to run. His nomination was considered, but felt that he needed to put all of his energy into his health at this point.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Jim Scantland thanked both the outgoing board Members and the incoming Board members.
2. Jim Scantland was concerned that Alberta Masters held their Provincial Championships on the same weekend as MSABC. He suggested that there should be a better liaison between the provinces in determining their dates for Provincials. Members of the MSABC Board explained that Alberta Masters is a sub-set of the Swim Alberta swimming organization. Swim Alberta made a unilateral decision to run their Masters Championships in Grand Prairie the same weekend as the BC Championships and failed to advise Alberta Masters as to when their provincials would be until just before the meet.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the 2015 Annual General Meeting made at 4:30 PM by Dale Freeman. It was seconded by Liz Smith. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Ryan, Secretary

Gilles Beaudin, President