

MSABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, February 12, 2011

UBC, Vancouver. BC

CALL TO ORDER: 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Aart Looye, John McManus, Gilles Beaudin, Nancy Ryan, Ivan Szasz, Melissa Furlotte, Len Martel

QUORUM: declared

- A. AGENDA – accepted as amended.
- B. MINUTES

Motion (Len) to accept the Nov. 24, 2010 minutes. APPROVED

C. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. MSC fee increase issue – lengthy discussion took place regarding:
 - a). the MSC's decision to increase the membership fee by \$5.00. and
 - b). MSABC supporting Keith as the vice President of MSABC as well as the treasurer for MSC.

Motion (Ivan) Does the MSABC support the \$5.00 increase by MSC? Seconded by Gilles.

Results: 5 for 'yes' and 2 for 'no'. PASSED

ACTION: Our treasurer, Melissa, will report at the next meeting as to whether or not MSABC can absorb the \$5.00 increase.

MSABC does support Keith as the Vice President of MSABC as well as the Treasurer for MSC

Action: Aart will call Keith to mend the situation.

2. Swimmers' Insurance – Len

All coaches need to be insured by SNC. We have asked coaches to be registered as swimmers.

3. Swim clinic request – Aart

Randy Bennett has been asked to give a clinic in Victoria but it is not confirmed.

Ivan is working on a coaching clinic in the Vancouver area.

D. NEW BUSINESS .

1. Registrar's report - Len

To date, MSABC has 1487 members. This time last year we had 1800 members. (The budget was set for 1500 members). There have been more requests for out of country letters this year. As well,there have been a few more new clubs. The tri clubs are interested in the distance events. The smallest club has 2 members and the largest club has 133 swimmers.

2. Treasurer's Report – Melissa

Action: Keith will forward a copy of the report with the 09, 10 and projections.

Aart has asked SNC to be the conduit for the Foundation funds. Still to be followed up. It was suggested that due to our surplus revenue, we keep our 2011 – 2012 membership fees as is.

3. Swim BC Report – Aart

We now have formal notification that SNC has approved the use of MSC rules for masters meets in Canada effective immediately.

4. MSC Report – Keith

Keith was absent.

5. Competition Report – Leon

The highlight of this report is that SNC has approved the use of MSC rules for masters meets in Canada effective immediately. This clarification makes it much easier for the officials as there had been differing rules in the past. Warm up procedures will now follow MSC guidelines. Eg: no watches in both warm up and in competition.

The only significant item in the Technical Guide that applies to our meets is the requirement for only the front crawl to be swum in any events where there are two swimmers per lane.

Finally, It is clear that the sanctioning process stays the same and that SNC has absolute jurisdiction over all sanctioning of masters meets in Canada.

6. Bulletin Report – Gilles

The Bulletin comes out every 2 months.

7. Records – John

The recording of records is flawed due to the electronic process versus the mailing process.

Action (Aart) To work with Julie to see if changes can be made on procedures to send on records and reporting of same – look at making the system more electronically friendly. .

8. Swim Meets, cost of entries , on line registration – Nancy

Discussion took place regarding last minute or late entries for swim meets as well as the cost of on line registration companies and the fact that the information still needs to be downloaded onto Hy Tek. The idea of early bird specials for a discount in registration fees as well as registering electronically may help.

Len has developed a guide on using HyTek and Team Manager in order to register a team for a swim meet. Team Manager is free and the information is easy to download into Hy Tek. The only problem is that someone from the team has to do the entries.

Action: John will post on the MSABC website a link to Team Manager and instructions as to how to use it.

9. HST and pool costs – Nancy

Non charitable organizations still must pay HST.

MSABC strongly supports any removal of HST for physical recreation.

10. Provincials/AGM

MSABC will contribute \$1500.00 towards the 2011 Provincials providing the money goes towards the banquet.

Len will validate all entries for the Provincials.

- 11.** Board members are encouraged to recruit new members prior to the AGM. The positions will be posted in the Bulletin, on the MSABC website and to the club registrars two week before the AGM.

Action: Gilles and Nancy will work on the awards selections.

Where is the 'Stan Powell' keeper award?

12. Foundation – Website Agency Listing- Aart

Action: John will create a page on the website to provide information on :

- a. Explaining the Foundation.**
- b. how to donate to the Foundation**

Melissa has the tax and deed information on the Foundation.

E. Other Business

1. Victoria Masters is interested in hosting the 2012 Provincials at the Commonwealth Pool. The age group clubs will run the meet.

The MSABC board is encouraging the VicMasters to proceed with a formal application.

2. Ivan asked Gilles to publish information in the Bulletin regarding the BC Seniors Games held in Nelson this year August 16 – 20.
3. Jack Kelso will be nominated for the Swimming Hall of Fame in Florida by MSABC.

Action: Aart will send in the application and a resume for Jack's nomination.

4. MSABC members are encouraged to have an idea for future nominees for the BC Sports Awards in the Masters category.
5. Ivan will send the MSC 'keeper' awards that he has stored in his house back to the MSC office at their own cost .
6. Banners –The teams that have won the Champion Trophy and the League Trophy awards must bring the awards back to the AGM and they will receive a Banner in exchange.

Action: Gilles will follow through with this.

7. Small and large club awards – to be discussed at the next meeting. A thought is to use the ratio of size of club to the number of competitive participants.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Next meeting to be a conference call on Monday March 14 at 6 p.m. 2011

Nancy Ryan, Secretary

Aart Looye, President