



# MASTERS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## September 9/18 Board meeting

Holiday Inn Express – No 6 Road in Richmond, B.C.

### Minutes

**Present:** John Bell, John McManus, Michael DiPietro, Glen Mehus, Peter Heusel, Dale Freeman, Dale Robinson

**Regrets:** John Holmwood, Bryan Iliscupidez

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The meeting was brought to order at 10:05 and John B's motion to have the agenda adopted was approved.

2. **Adoption of minutes from June 16/18 Board meeting**

Dale F moved to approve the minutes. Peter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. **Financial Report** (Peter)

Peter sent the financial report to everyone by email before the meeting. The end of fiscal year was slightly more profitable than budgeted due to slightly higher numbers and the fact that no MSABC funds were spent on the Provincials banquet. There was confusion about the fees that have been charged by Swim BC due to conflicting documentation and emails.

**Action** - Peter to confirm that SwimBC has not increased our dues.

4. **Registrars Report** (John B)

Our new registrar, Brian met with our outgoing registrar, Elisa. The meeting went well, and Brian feels ready to take on the job. Elisa sent out an e-mail to the club registrars informing them that Brian will be taking over. It will be resent in our first MSABC e-mail to all our members in October. In talks with Swim B.C., Ken Radford expressed concern over the issue of some MSABC clubs haven't registered for years. After discussion, it was revealed that there are various reasons for this. The matter will be looked at further and John B will report back to Ken.

Swim BC was also concerned that MSABC has no coaches registered and that they are registered as swimmers. There is no firm date given from MSC on when new coaching program will be ready. Discussion was held on the issue of having a category of swimmer that was registered for both Masters and Age Group. The board position was that very few MSABC swimmers would choose this category.

**Action** - Peter to discuss issue of dormant MSABC clubs with SwimBC.

5. **Policy/Procedures Review Update** (Dale R)

There were no new policies presented to the Board. Dale proposed that he would present 1 or 2 new policies or procedures at each board meeting, and he will propose a prioritized list of policies that should be promulgated.

**Action** – Dale R to propose a prioritized list of policies to be promulgated, and will present 1 or 2 at the next Board meeting.

6. **Competition Report** (John B)
  - a. Sat. Oct. 13, 2018, North Shore
  - b. Sun. Oct. 28, 2018, OMSC Fright Fest
  - c. Sat. Nov. 3, 2018, Winskill Ottermania

These are the first few meets that have been scheduled for the 2018/19 season. Discussion was held on the Victoria Masters bid to host 2019 Provincials, and a few points were noted. These points were submitted to the organizing committee for clarification. John B raised the issue (which came up at the AGM) related to having a single point of contact or committee to focus on the annual competition plan. The tasks would include assisting meet managers before the competition and getting a post-meet report.

7. **Communications Report** (Michael)

Plans to update the website are underway and should take about a year. The next newsletter will be sent out in October after North Shore meet. It will include:

- a. Report on 2018 Provincials
- b. Board update
- c. Competition report
- d. Meet plan
- e. Awards given for 2018
- f. Provincials for 2019 info
- g. Press release on 2018 long distance swims..

8. **Swim BC/SNC/MSC Report** (Rod/John B)

- a. SwimBC – John B held discussions with the new Executive Director of Swim BC, Ken Radford. He stressed MSABC's desire to remain an independent organization. They also discussed the issues related to obtaining qualified officials for MSABC meets.
- b. SNC – nothing to report.
- c. MSC - John B. learned from Ralph Ades that MSC, in partnership with Swim Canada, has developed an online course covering basic coaching for Masters. It was prepared by Nigel Kemp and has been approved by the National Coaching Association. There is no definite date on availability for our MSABC coaches.

9. **Adjournment**

Peter moved to adjourn the meeting at 14:34 and John M seconded the motion.