

MSABC Board of Directors Meeting

Victoria, BC.

June 25, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Gilles Beaudin, Nancy Ryan, John McManus, Carolyn Henderson, Glen Mehus, Len Martel, Melissa Furlotte, Aart Looye, Mike McIntyre, Keith Kendal

GUESTS: Leon Politano, Terry Ryan

QUORUM: Declared

A. Welcome to the new Board - Each Board member introduced themselves with a brief description of their swimming involvement.

B. Adoption of agenda – adopted as amended by Len. **APPROVED**

C. Adoption of Minutes from March 28, 2011 conference call. – adopted as amended by Mike and seconded by John. **APPROVED**

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Jack Kelso nomination – In progress

2. SNC has agreed to be the conduit for the Vancouver Foundation

ACTION: a) John will post the link to the Foundation on the website.

b) Carolyn will include information in the Bulletin as to how to make donations to the Foundation.

3. **Greg Sanderson's offer** – If MSABC members are unable to coordinate swim clinics this year, then we will contact Greg Sanderson.

ACTION: Mike will be the contact person on the board to get clinics organized. The clinics will be 'not for profit' and information will be posted on the website. Swim BC runs 4 clinics a year and perhaps Masters swimmers can piggy back them. Aart and Ivan will pursue this as well. MSABC will only subsidize the loss.

For example, if a club organizes a clinic and advertises as 'open to all MSABC members', and they are unable to cover the costs, then they can apply to MSABC for financial assistance. If a club organizes a clinic and is closed to only their club, then they will be unable to ask for financial assistance.

4. **Request for financial assistance for coaches to attend the Fall Whistler Conference** – Discussion took place and the Board decided not subsidize coaches to attend the Fall Conference as it is more of a social experience rather than a learning experience.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Registrar's Report - Len

We presently have 1594 paid members and have budgeted for 1500. Len will notify all of the swim clubs as to the upcoming change of fees around mid August.

2. Treasurer's Report - Melissa

Melissa reported that we are presently under budget and our Net Revenue over costs is \$17,104.17.

ACTION: John will change our present address on the website to Keith's address for the Foundation as well as any other business.

3. Swim BC- Aart

There have not been any concerns in the last 6 months. As an affiliate of Swim BC, Gilles will attend the Whistler Conference this fall representing MSABC.

4. MSC Report - Glen/ Keith

New President of MSC is Glen Mehus. Congratulations! One new board member is Laura Garrett from Okanagan Masters. There have been some significant changes in MSC in the last 4 months. In the fall, the restructure of MSC will take place. There are 2 new committees that the Board will be working on.

1. Nationals Committee to establish criteria for hosting the Nationals

2. A coaching program for the Masters coaches.

MSC has taken over the cost of the Champion Patches for the individuals only. As well, the \$5.00 increase will possibly be delayed. A decision will be made at the next Board meeting late July.

5. Competition Report – Leon

Two meets are sanctioned for the fall. Discussion took place regarding Swim BC's take on the Seniors Games. The meet is not sanctioned by MSABC as the competitors are swimming for a zone, not a registered Masters team and the Games are not open to all Masters but only to those 55 and older. Now that MSC rules are approved by SNC, MSABC is bound by those rules and cannot make an exception to recognize individual provincial records. As the Games are not a sanctioned Masters competition, no Masters Records will be recognised.

ACTION: Gilles will approach MSC to change the rules regarding MSABC individuals setting records at the Seniors Games.

Mike (as a Board member of Swim BC) commented that BCSSA will abide by SNC rules starting this summer.

Victoria Masters will host the 2012 Provincials March 30, 31 and April 1, 2012. This date was chosen since this weekend has more appropriate times available for a Provincial meet. As well, it will give 7 weeks of training before the Nationals.

MOTION: (Aart) To accept the dates for the 2012 Provincials as submitted by the Victoria Masters. Seconded by Keith. APPROVED

Discussion took place regarding having a long course meet in Nanaimo for this year.

ACTION: Nancy will find out the difference in rental price between renting pool time for a long course meet vs. a short course meet. MSABC may consider paying the difference in price.

6. Bulletin – Carolyn

Gilles will meet with Carolyn to transfer information for the next Bulletin.

7. RECORDS - John

John has made changes to the application form so that Julie may now send the record information directly to the record holder.

8. Meet Manager files and possible meet assistance – Nancy

The electronic back up time information is only needed for 1 year and then shredded.

ACTION: This information will be included in the updated Meet Manager manual. Nancy is to contact Steve regarding the Word document of the original manual.

ACTION: Financial assistance given to clubs hosting Masters sanctioned meets as a goodwill gesture will be discussed next meeting.

9. 2011 Seniors Games - Glen

Similar concern as to Leon's comments in his competition report.

10. HST Discussion – Gilles

UBC had a concern regarding their club having to pay HST. A discussion took place and we heard from Keith Kendall & Mike McIntyre who had individually approached Swim BC to enquire as to whether Swim Clubs were required to pay the HST. Swim BC's response was 'no'. Swim Clubs do have to pay the HST on pool rentals and any equipment they may purchase but they are exempt from the tax regarding collecting their membership fees. Gilles will forward this information on to UBC Masters.

11. Sponsorship – Keith

Discussion took place regarding MSABC being a possible silver sponsor for high level meets taking place in BC.

ACTION: Keith will bring more background information to our next meeting.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Discussion took place regarding future meetings. Conference calls are good for discussing 1 or 2 issues but face to face meetings could be back to back with a swim meet
2. The FINA World Masters Swimming Championships will be held in Montreal in 2016.

Next meeting will be September or early October.

Action: Gilles will send out a 'doodle survey' to determine a final date.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 by Keith and seconded by Carolyn. **APPROVED**

Nancy Ryan, Secretary

Gilles Beaudin, President