

MSABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SATURDAY February 20, 2010

HOWARD JOHNSON HOTEL, SAANICH, BC

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm

PRESENT: Aart Looye, John McManus, Glen Mehus, Len Martel, Keith Kendal, Melissa Ferlotte, Steve Wallace, Giles Beaudin, Nancy Ryan

REGRETS: Nil

GUESTS: Leon Politano

QUORUM: Declared

A. AGENDA

Motion: (Keith) to adopt the agenda as amended.

APPROVED

B. MINUTES

Motion: (Keith) to adopt the Oct.17, 2009 minutes for posting on the website as well as the February 1, 2010 conference call.

APPROVED

C. OLD BUSINESS

Auditors – Keith reported that following directions given at the last AGM he has had discussions with various CA firms and received quotes to have our audit done. Based on the cost and work involved he has recommended that we have auditors appointed from within our organization saving major costs (in the \$3000.00 range) and providing greater effectiveness. Discussion followed.

a.MOTION (Keith) To appoint Doug Hartford and Cam Ross (both MSABC members but not board members) to do the audit. Steve seconded.

APPROVED

Recommendation - in future, the board should appoint the auditors, not the treasurer.

b. Keith recommended that the future treasurer should provide a monthly print out to share with the Board members.

c. ACTION - Swim caps - Keith will order 200 latex swim caps to give to international swimmers or MSABC swimmers going to US Nationals or the World Games.

d. ACTION – Keith will follow up on the Duncan Provincials report. He has the Provincials binder.

e. Keith wrote an open water report including photos to submit to the Bulletin.

f. Keith has found an interested person who is a CA and may take on the Treasurer position in 2010.

g. Re: the Master swimmer with the medical condition – the issue is now at the FINA level - swimmer is awaiting a ruling prior to competing in any swim meet.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Swim BC Report – No report. Conference calls take place every 2 months.

2. SNC Report – No news

3. COP Report – Len attended the Nov. Meeting and was nominated as COP chairperson. COP is working on:

a. regulating the membership through Hy Tek and ensuring everyone has a valid registration number.

b. finding people within the provinces who qualify for the MSC awards.

c. MSC and COP to working together. COP members are welcome to meet with MSC but do not have any votes. There are 2 COP members who are MSC board members so they have a vote.

d. helping MSC and COP with communication issues through a facilitator.

4.. MSC report – Glen is the Vice President of MSC. The programs are going well. A video of Masters swimmers and accompanying write ups will be done for each stroke. The Mark Lavigne video is available through the MSC website.

5.. Financial Report – see attached monthly report.

Discussion took place on the suitability of keeping our surplus funds in Term Deposits and GIC's as they are only yielding approx 2%. Under the current policy and rules we are required to keep our surplus funds in Term or GIC's. Was there a better way that was still secure? Suggestion to buy stocks in long term positions equally shared between the 5 banks.

Another related issue was : Could we take a small portion of the surplus funds and invest these in the Victoria or Vancouver Foundations? What would be the benefit and could it be used to attract gifted donations? Would a minimum investment of \$10,000.00 into a Foundation be beneficial

to MSABC ? If we invest 10,000 in a Foundation, the money remains in the foundation but we still control its use and the interest it would generate. Based on the discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to proceed with the preparation of motions that would be presented at the AGM. Motions that would:

1. Allow investments in other forms other than currently allowed for by MSABC policy and rules i.e. Term Deposit and GIC'S
2. Allow for a \$10,000.00 investment in a Foundation.

ACTION: Keith Aart and Steve will work on a package to present to the AGM.

6. Competition Report –

a. Comox- very successful and lots of positive feedback. 86 swimmers attended. Club was reminded that if they lose money on their meet, they can approach MSABC.

b. Victoria – 149 swimmers

c. Provincials – They are ready. The AGM will take place at the pool on Saturday prior to the dinner.

d. Penticton – the meet has been moved to Kelowna due to the pool being demolished in Penticton 1 week before the planned meet. The move will be posted on the website as well as the meet manager will need to reapply for a sanction number.

e. Nationals – The on line registration company was explained as well as their method to help with relay organization. Aart has offered to be the announcer and he will contact Jack Kelso to help out. A request for officials and volunteers was issued.

f. Master exemptions to SNC rules – We are part of Swim BC and our meets are sanctioned through Swim BC so we cannot change the rules set by FINA. Master exemptions for the various strokes are posted on the FINA website and cannot be changed by MSC in any way.

6. Certificate of Insurance -

SUGGESTION by Glen that our website should post a reminder of what the policy is regarding the trial period before becoming a member of MSABC. It cannot exceed 14 consecutive days.

7. Masters Swimming Domain Issues –

a. MSC wants our domain . We gave our approval but have not heard a response.

ACTION – John will contact Lindsay Patten and see if it can be solved before April 1, 2010.

`b. Spam issue – John does not feel our data base was violated because not everyone was invaded.

8. Elections/Awards – 4 board positions are open – Treasurer, Registrar, and a couple of Board Members at Large.

A call for possible candidates will be posted as well as nominations for awards to be presented at the Provincials.

MSC elections- Glen announced that MSC is calling for nominations for a Treasurer.

9. MSC Awards – Len has emailed the registrars with the descriptions of the Stan Powell Award and the Ted Simpson Award.

Giles will work on the evaluation of awards.

10. Hy Tek Meet Manager – As a reminder, Clubs will be reimbursed to buy a new Hy Tek program but the upgrade is the responsibility of the club.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Action** – John will change the Records Form to have a box for the swimmer to tick off either a BC, National or a World Record.

Steve will work with Julie for the remainder of the year in order to acknowledge more of the records.

2. SWAD – discussion took place as to whether SWAD should have separate awards. Decided that SWAD members are always welcome to attend able bodied meets.
3. American swimmers and points –The board agreed that everyone who swims will generate points.
4. Next meeting – April 24, 2010 at the Provincials in Vancouver. Meeting to take place at the pool prior to dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Nancy Ryan, Secretary

Aart Looye, President