

MSABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, November 24, 2010

CONFERENCE CALL

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Aart Looye, John McManus, Keith Kendal, Gilles Beaudin, Steve Wallace, Nancy Ryan

QUORUM: declared

A. MINUTES

Motion (John) to accept the Sept. 18th, 2010 minutes. APPROVED

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Foundation Report – Aart.

The trust document for \$20,000 is ready to be signed. We are waiting for confirmation from the lawyer/accountant of SNC. If unable to get confirmation from SNC by December, Sport BC will be available but they charge a fee. SNC is the preference. Keith said that Aart will sign the document. If the money goes into the foundation by December, the first dividend will be received in April. Aart thanked Steve for initiating this.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Clinics – Ivan

Aart reported for Ivan that clinics are being planned for the Lower Mainland. **Nancy indicated that we should not forget about the island**

2. Financial Assistance request from Kelowna for the 2011 Provincials – Aart

Kelowna is requesting \$2,000. Discussion took place. English Bay received a grant based on the number of swimmers registered and Kamloops received a larger amount but was considered a loan.

Motion (John) to give Kelowna \$2000.00 on the condition the money is used for the banquet and adequate accounting be submitted. The idea is to provide good food at a low cost for the swimmers. Gilles seconded. Approved

3. H2O pool measurement. Aart

There is a request to have the pool measurements taken again with the bulkhead and touch pads in place before 2011 Provincials. Aart will meet with the Kelowna swimmers, City of

Kelowna and Swim BC to ensure that all measurements met SNC sanctioning standards. The measurements are important for the sake of records broken.

4. Registrar's report - Len

Not present

5. MSC - Keith

Glen and Keith attended the meeting. Basic new topics covered are as follows:

- a) Establish Masters Coaching certification process.
- b) Provide posters of Masters swimming for pools providing Masters clubs.
- c) Adopt the individual Champion Patches for Nationals.
- d) Registration through Pay Pal is in the works for Ontario and BC.
- e) If Pay Pal is in place, a store for gear may be created.
- f) MSC updated their rules in the Fall. Keith made MSC aware that MSABC will be following Swim BC rules.
- g) Since there is an uncertainty of costs for developing the coaching program, MSC fees will increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 starting Sept 1,2010. Strong Discussion followed on a number of these items. There appears to be no need for a fee increase- why use Pay Pal ? Who is going to pick up the costs? Who decided that Ontario and BC would use Pay Pal ?—These items are to be on our next board meeting agenda to have a full discussion. Keith indicated that as Treasurer of MSC , he is working hard at “ensuring the funds entrusted to MSC by its members are effectively, efficiently and economically spent.”Again strong reaction followed.

6. Treasurer's Report – Melissa

Keith will meet with Melissa and prepare for the upcoming year. We now have \$40,000 in our bank account. Keith feels that we are in good enough shape to not increase fees for next year, providing we watch our expenses. We are now paying \$5.00 to Swim BC and \$15.00 to MSABC. Further discussion on fees may take place.

7. Swim BC –Aart- nothing to report

8. Leon's Report

Competition Report Submitted by Leon Politano November 24/10

As of November 24, six masters meets have sanctioned. The Comox Valley Masters' meet was cancelled which would have been our 7th meet of the year. Len says the VMSC sanction application and meet package should be ready by the beginning of next week. The first two meets of the year were new to the schedule. Attendance was low at both meets but this can be expected at meets that are new to the schedule and very early in the season.

Mike Flegel of Swim BC has asked that all sanction application and meet packages be forwarded on to him for their files and a look over. All reference to MSC rules and warm up procedures must no longer be included on MSABC meet packages. EBSC's meet package conforms to this requirement.

I read in the North Shore meet report and heard via the grape vine that there wasn't the required number of officials at their meet. The sanction application states clearly the number of officials and the positions required at a sanctioned meet. If this is not met the meet should lose its sanction immediately. The meet can go on but not as a sanctioned meet. Having the required number of officials is also a Swim BC and MSABC sanctioning requirement. If we get sloppy in this area, Swim BC could remove our sanctioning privileges. This could impact MSABC's ability to get officials for our meets. SNC officials could rightly refuse to work non sanctioned meets or even be directed not to work non sanctioned meets.

Another issue that I have is that officials at meets are unaware that at our meets SNC rules with FINA masters exemption and the Swim BC Technical Guide are in effect. At the last couple of meets the "watch rule" rule has been applied. The head Canadian SNC official (FINA level) has clearly stated that there is no such rule and cannot be applied at meets in Canada. This is also the position of Swim BC I have instructed meet managers that their officials know that our meets are governed by SNC rules with FINA masters exemption and the Swim BC Technical Guide and that MSC rules are not valid.

Sanction applications and meet packages are well prepared and the sanctioning process takes little time as most meet managers are very experienced in what they do. MSABC meets are well run even with a shortage of deck officials and I believe that most of the swimmers are unaware of what is involved in running a successful meet.

Discussion on the report followed. There were questions about the spacing of swim meets and potential conflicts. As Leon is only the sanctioning person – the Board felt there was a need to ensure that potential scheduling problems should be addressed prior to a sanction being issued. Keith volunteered to work with Leon on scheduling and potential conflicts prior to any sanctions being issued.

9. **Insurance Claim**-Aart had heard that a statement of claim had been filed in this matter and was interested if anyone had seen or heard of any developments in case.

10. **Bulletin – Gilles** – reported that the latest Bulletin was out and well received by members. There is still a technical problem with the number of emails that members are receiving on each bulletin. John offered to work with Vince on this issue.

11. **Videos – Ivan** has reported that all the old Videos have now been destroyed

12. **MSABC shirts –Nancy** .

A decision was made to donate the MSABC T shirts that are stored at Nancy's home, to the 2011 Provincials as door prizes.

13. **Publish all additional reports (eg Treasurer's or MSC) or just refer to them in minutes?**

Nancy

If a report can be easily inserted in the minutes- only highlights will be provided. Reports will note that eg. board member Keith made a report on MSC – discussion followed.

All written reports or supporting documents should be included in Secretary's binder.

Nancy Ryan, Secretary

Aart Looye, President