

**Okanagan Masters Swim Club
Annual General Meeting and Awards 2010
The Kinsmen Field House
10:00am – 12:00pm**

In Attendance:

Members

- Ron Buddo
- Brian Corbett
- Karl Donoghue
- Paul Duffield
- Laura Garrett
- Carmelle Guidi
- Elizabeth Haid
- Brent Hobbs
- Jeanette Hoft
- Tony Hoft
- John Kennedy

- Martine Korban
- Jennifer Leach-Trask
- Todd Melnyk
- Gerry Moyer
- Melvyn Newth
- Val Newth
- Irene Pett
- Ann Stanley
- Rhonda Renning
- Ashley Russo
- Monique Russo
- Cathy Sheehan

- Conny Stamhuis
- Mike Stamhuis
- Brad Talbot
- Chris Wilson
- Randy Wissman

Coaches

- Jonathan Smirl
- Pascal Sutherland
- Sue Morrison

(31 in total)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Brent Hobbs

2. Agenda

Motion to add an item for discussion on hosting of Canadian Masters Nationals in 2012. Agenda adopted (moved- Jeanette Hoft, seconded Karl Donoghue)

3. Minutes of AGM 2009

Minutes adopted. (Moved – Laura Garrett, seconded - Jon Smirl)

3.1 Business Arising

Business arising from the AGM Minutes 2009

Bylaw changes have been submitted to Victoria and registered

4. Annual Reports

4.1 President's Report

(Brent Hobbs)

Attached

4.2 Treasurer's Report

(Irene Pett)

Attached. Adopted (moved – Brian Corbett, seconded Brad Talbot)

4.3 Registrar's Report

(Monique Russo)

At November 2010 the membership base was 71 active members including:

34 members at level "L"

37 members at Level "U"

Several regular drop-in swimmers.

92 members registered with OMSC through MSABC

4.4 Meet Manager Report

(Laura Garrett)

Attached. Meet manager reminded members that:

The 100 x 100's event is scheduled for December 18, 2010, 12:00pm to 5:00 pm. Pledge sheets are available. This is a free event for anyone entering with a pledge sheet. Proceeds are donated to the Strong Kids Campaign.

OMSC is hosting the BC Provincial Masters Swim Championships for 2011 at the H2O Adventure & Fitness pool, April 15-17. Volunteer assistance is urgently needed! See Laura Garrett if you can pitch in! Help is needed to organise food and feed people, officiating, sponsorships etc. There are 25 events. Sponsorship packages are available.

4.5 Communications Report

(Gerry Moyer)

One of the goals was to cut down on emails. The communications have been successful in evolving people to the website. This was achieved with a "pull strategy" versus a "push strategy". Mail is sent to approximately 200 people with an unsubscribe option.

Thanks to Peter Rudd for all of his successes on building the site and the logo.

4.6 Coaches' Report

Attached

(Jon Smirl)

Jon commented "*It doesn't feel like work coaching here it feels more like fun*"

Members commented this is the best coaching they have ever had and that they believe this can be attributed to the personal interest of the coaches.

Jon plans to do quarterly reports. He reminds members that there are dry-land training sessions available. Thanks go to Jeanette Hoft for all of her behind-the-scenes contributions.

5. New Business

5.1 Lane Allocation

The executive advised of the need to review the lane request going forward, specifically to assess the attractiveness of Saturday morning vs Friday morning. The Saturday session (06:00-07:00) has not attracted enough swimmers to cover the cost of coach and lane hire (average 5-6 swimmers only).

To manage costs, the lane request has been reduced to 2. Friday morning lanes (2 lanes - LC) have become available recently. The executive requested comment from the membership on which option to pursue going forward. Friday morning is available therefore, as a possible replacement session for Saturday.

Motion by Jeanette, seconded by Chris Wilson, carried: that the Saturday morning session (06:00-07:00) will be replaced by a Friday morning LC session (06:00-07:00) commencing January 2011

5.2 Open Water Clinics / Karlyn Pipes-Nielsen

Members were asked for suggestions on whether OMSC should hold the open water clinic with Karlyn Pipes-Nielsen again in 2011. Discussion.

Motion of support by Rhonda Renning, seconded by Jeanette Hoft, carried.

Action item: Brent Hobbs will take responsibility to negotiate with Karlyn to hold the o/w clinic next year.

5.3 Swim Member Identification

The executive has been informed by the “Y” that an increasing number of the public have gained access to the pool by passing themselves off as members of one or another swim club.

The “Y” has decided to introduce ID cards for members of participating clubs to show at the front desk when entering, in an attempt to prevent improper access. Cards will be provided to our members at a nominal cost of one dollar as part of its risk mitigation strategy, from January 2011.

5.4 Canadian Masters Swim Championships 2012

The club has an opportunity to submit a proposal to Masters Swimming Canada in December, to host the Canadian Masters Swim Championships - May 2012. The executive put the question to the meeting for discussion.

Discussion

- a. It is expected to be a four-day event to be held over the May long weekend
- b. Nationals are usually held with 50m configuration (long course) although we could offer a short course (25m) configuration if LC is impractical
- c. Two local clubs have expressed interest in partnering with OMSC to submit a joint proposal: Westside Thunder Masters and Wine Country Masters
- d. City of Kelowna would need to commit to support the bid. Several items must be addressed, to make it possible to host the Nationals, including:
 - (i) sponsorship and/or rebate on full costs of the facility
 - (ii) noise level attenuation measures
 - (iii) suitable warm-up/cool down lane if LC offered
 - (iv) extra bleachers to accommodate number of people expected (600)
- e. The bid is due end January 2011

Motion by Mike Stamhuis, seconded by Brad Talbot, carried, that:

The new Executive should explore the opportunity, obtain commitments as needed from the City and co-hosting clubs, and if they feel conditions are met and they are comfortable that the volunteer base is available, then to move forward with the submission.

6. Elections

The following members were elected to office:

- As President: Tony Hoft nominated; elected unanimous
- As Treasurer: Irene Pett nominated; elected unanimous
- As Secretary: Rhonda Renning nominated (for balance of 1 year on the remainder of the two year term) ; elected unanimous
- As Meet Manager: Laura Garrett nominated; elected unanimous
- As Communications officer: Jeanette Hoft; elected unanimous to serve a one-year term (remainder of two-year term)

- Conny Stamhuis (MSABC Registrar)
- As Members at Large: Gerry Moyer, Carmelle Guidi, Brian Corbett, Jennifer Leach-Trask

The following members stepped down, having served a full two-year term, and were given thanks and a round of applause for service to the club:

- Peter Rudd
- Anne Stanley
- Mark Fromberg
- Val Miller

7. Inaugural Awards

The Executive, in consultation with the coaches, have introduced awards for the first time, in recognition of outstanding achievements both in service to the club and in personal development in swimming. For the personal swim-related performances, Jon Smirl prefaced his announcement by explaining how difficult it was for the awards committee to arrive at a single choice for any of the categories, given that so many of our swimmers have done so well in the last 12 months. That said, he announced the final awards as follows:-

Award for the Most Improved Female to Jennifer Leach-Trask
Award for the Most Improved Male to Tony Hoft
Award for the Swimmer of the Year to Karl Donoghue
Award for the Most Inspirational Swimmer of the year to Ron Buddo
Award for Volunteer of the Year to Laura Garrett

8. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon