

Master's Swim Manitoba
Minutes of the Board Meeting
June 10th, 2015

Attendance: Greg Giesbrecht- Chair, Rhonda Leger, Bob Groff, Sheila Saperstein, Ben Van Den Bosch, Susan Selby, Wenda Dickens, Lesley Clark, and Paul Boulding

Regrets: Diana Mae Boychuk

1. Approval of Agenda –no formal agenda
2. Approval of the minutes from April 15th, 2015—deferred no copies available
3. New Business: “Financing/Promoting Swim Meets” was the topic of our meeting. Master swimmers from near and far offered input.
 1. Jennifer Gardiner, of the Regina Masters?, reported that combining with an age group club (the RODS -age group in Regina) for joint swim meets was met with success in Saskatchewan. With their second joint meet, they offered an unsanctioned 1500 m free for any of the triathletes interested in swimming it and received positive feedback from triathlon clubs.
 2. Mark Ahrens-Townsend proposed an agreement wherein the three established swim meets hosted by Winnipeg area based swim clubs provide upfront commitments from their clubs based on the size of their membership numbers. The objective is for the clubs to market the swim meets better and generate more interest in swimming and finally to support each other financially should the meets do poorly.
 3. Malcolm MacKinney of Brandon is of the belief that coaches have a significant role to play in increasing participation in meets. He also feels that setting a minimum entry with Meet Management based on the financial break-even point for the meet be in place. If minimum entry is not met then the meet is cancelled.
 4. David Kerr suggests introducing a levy for a competition fund. Once the fund totals the cost of two years meets, the levy would stop. Details regarding calculation of the levy, etc. are outlined in his email.
 5. Finally, Bob Groff suggested increasing the MSM fee from \$33 to \$36 to help subsidize meets and request that MSM cover any financial losses incurred by the three Winnipeg Masters Swim meets.
 6. MOTION: MSM will support the Pop Sidwell, Kay Kerr, and March Madness(Provincials) swim meets and cover financial losses for appropriate swim meet costs and a financial report, including social/ banquet/awards etc., is to be made and submitted to MSM to claim for re-imburement. Special consideration will be given to include any new proposed swim meets. [Carried]
4. Next Meeting: Wednesday September 9th, 2015 at Pembina Village Restaurant 7:15 pm
5. Adjournment 8:55 pm