

Alberta Masters Swimming
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 27th, 2011
Medicine Hat Family Leisure Center

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Attendees

Name	Club/Position
Jeanne Carlsen	UMAB/Chair
Mike Morrow	CMSC/Vice-chair
Barry Lewis	EMSC/Treasurer
Birget Moe	EMSC/Secretary
James Hood	Swim Alberta
Nancy Davis	CMSC
Jo Bends Puds (Illegible)	UMAT
Glenn Leroux	OMSC
Glenn Carlsen	UMAB
Sarah Inkster	OMSC
Chris Hider	OMSC
Nicole Kelemen	RMMSC
Mark Sandilands	LMSC
Chantel Boos	RDM
Kelly Zwicker	AMAM
Kevin Andrew	AMAM
George Colbert	CMSC
Ivan Pivovarov	UMAB
Amanda Little	Penguin Masters
Pam Kempthorne	CWC
Shelley Wearmouth	CWC
Deb Williams	CWC
Jen Johnstone-Scott	CWC
Kathy Hilland	CWC
Stephanie MacGregor	FMSC
Leigh Garvie	EMSC
Neil Topping	CMSC
Scott Summers	EMSC
Colin Beattie	Penguin Masters
Kelly O'Toole	CMSC
Sara Symington	UMAB
Mike VandenHam	EMSC & ASSA
Quincy Chiang	RMMSC
Ken Fong	CMSC
Doug Anderson	Okotoks Masters
Bo Simpson	UMAB

Jeff Welechuk
Aimee Gabriel

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:55am by Jeanne Carlsen, Chair.

Approval of Agenda

Jeanne asked for any additions to the 2011 AGM Agenda. Colin Beattie requested to discuss the ages for relay records. It was decided to discuss this issue at a later time. Motion to Approve Agenda: Mark Sandilands/Chantel Boos/CARRIED.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Jeanne requested approval of the minutes from the 2010 annual general meeting. Upon request, time was given to attendees in order to read copies brought for their approval. Motion to approve the minutes from the 2010 annual general meeting (attached): Glenn Leroux/Glenn Carlsen/CARRIED.

Chair's Report (Jeanne Carlsen)

Attachment 1

Treasurer's Report (Barry Lewis)

- There are 935 registered swimmers for the 2010-2011 season, generating \$27,215 in revenue. Of that, \$20,485 is used for fixed costs, which include an individual's insurance fees, MSC fee, SNC fee, and the Masters Provincials Medals grant, which, this year, helped to pay for the commemorative mugs. In addition, \$3,880 is used for Swim Alberta operational costs/management fees.
- The Milt Nelms clinics held in July 2010 cost \$3000, of which \$1650 was recouped through participant registration fees.
- Due to rising insurance costs and MSC fees, the Swim Alberta/Masters fee will be increased by \$1/swimmer for the 2011-2012 season.

Swim Alberta Report

James Hood, General Manager of Swim Alberta, discussed some issues pertinent to Alberta masters swimmers and clubs:

1. Coach Registration Requirements

All swimming coaches in Alberta will need to have yearly police background checks performed. Coaches can begin this process on August 15th, but they must finish the process by November 1st. It was noted that the City of Calgary Police Department is up to 9 months behind on processing applications. Thus, receipts of submission can be used to fulfill this requirement. However, it was also noted that the City of Calgary will also automatically require any applicant whose age and gender match a convicted sex offender to undergo secondary screening procedures, which will further prolong the process.

2. Coach Education Requirements

There will be some new requirements for all swimming coaches in Alberta relating to minimum education requirements. Due to the specialty groups associated with most masters clubs (i.e. 65+ swimmers, SWAD), coaches of masters swimmers need to have more specialized training in order to meet the coaching needs of these groups. A pilot project of Swim Canada and MSC is awaiting approval, and if approved, minimum coach education standards will be enforced. Thus, courses will be offered to meet these standards. The courses will have both an online and a classroom portion.

Discussion:

Mark Sandilands: It is difficult for many coaches in rural Alberta towns to get to training sessions when they are only offered in large cities.

James Hood: Courses will be offered with the express intent to target remote communities. Courses will be offered in Lethbridge, Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Calgary, etc. They will be offered in the fall, and if not, then spring at the latest.

Jack Ashton: Why not host these courses at the Alberta meeting of the Canadian Swimming Coaches Association, which is held yearly?

James Hood: The courses will require 19+ hours of classroom time. This would be difficult to do at this meeting. FYI, the meeting this year will be held in Edmonton from September 30 – October 2, 2011. It will have some special sessions on shoulder strain and stability that will be hosted by physiotherapists from the University of Alberta. It would be good to have some separate sessions at this meeting for coaches of masters swimmers specifically; however, a minimum number of participants would be required.

3. Alberta 55+ Summer Games

The encouragement of the participation of masters swimmers in the Alberta 55+ Summer Games has been a joint venture of Swim Alberta, the 55+ Games Council, and the Government of Alberta. It is recognized that there will be some growing pains associated with the incorporation of Alberta Masters into the 55+ Summer Games, but it is hoped that the association will provide mutual growth of both parties.

The Swim Alberta office will have a rank of selections for swimmers from Zones 1, 2, and 3 posted within the next week and a half. Swimmers from the northern Zones will be selected after the EMSC meet in Edmonton on April 30, 2011.

4. Approval by Swimming Canada of the MSC Rulebook

About 2 weeks ago, SC approved the new MSC rulebook.

5. Masters Inclusion in the ASSA - Attachment 2

Mike VandenHam, a representative from the Alberta Summer Swimming Association (ASSA), discussed a new competitive opportunity for Alberta masters swimmers during the summer months (May – August). An information sheet distributed to those in attendance is attached. It is hoped that the participation of Alberta master swimmers in the ASSA will not only provide competitive opportunities for masters swimmers during the summer months, but it will also encourage older youth swimmers from ASSA to continue into masters swimming once they reach the age of 18. All meet information for the upcoming season will be posted on the ASSA website. Mike encourages swimmers to take this information back to their clubs for discussion and to contact the ASSA if any questions arise.

Discussion:

Keith Shaw: Is there only one age group for all masters swimmers?

Mike VandenHam: There will only be one age group for the upcoming summer season, but there is the option to create more age groups (similar to those used by MSC) once a threshold number of masters participants is reached.

Mark Sandilands: Concerned that older swimmers may not be interested, as the grouping of all masters swimmers into a single age group (18&Over) may prevent some from wanting to compete against younger masters swimmers

Mike VandenHam: Recognizes this may be an issue and would appreciate any feedback from masters swimmers once the season begins

Barry Lewis: Pointed out that all ASSA meets will also be MSC sanctioned, meaning that any record-setting swims made during these meets will be recognized by MSC in the appropriate MSC age category of the swimmer

Chantel Boos: Concerned by the \$50 club affiliation fee. What happens if your club does not want to pay this fee?

James Hood/Mike VandenHam: If your club does not wish to pay the affiliation fee, then swimmers may join the ASSA unattached. Unattached masters will be divided across the province into six different Wild Rose “clubs,” one for each Region. This is not only for registration purposes, as it also allows for the Regional/Provincial Championship qualification format to work properly.

Colin Beattie: How will results be reported to MSC?

James Hood/Mike VandenHam: Results of unattached masters swimmers at ASSA meets will be recognized by MSC as long as the unattached swimmer has a current MSC membership. MSC charges a \$17 registration fee (this is in addition to the \$27.50 swimmer fee charged by the ASSA), which will need to be paid by any swimmer not currently registered with a masters club who wishes for their times at ASSA meets to be recognized by MSC. All results of registered MSC swimmers at ASSA meets will be forwarded on to MSC for inclusion in their results database.

Colin Beattie: Why doesn't the ASSA pay this \$17 fee on behalf of those swimmers?

James Hood/Mike VandenHam: The ASSA will not pay this fee for this upcoming season, as this is the pilot year for this program and discussions are still ongoing. It was noted that this is the only fee that these swimmers will need to pay in order to have times recognized by MSC, as both Swim Alberta and the AMSA are waiving the fees they charge masters swimmers during the regular season.

New Business

Meet Schedule 2011-2012 (pending acquisition of pool time by host clubs)

Date	Host Club	Location
2 February 2012 (Confirmed)	Making Waves	Edmonton
3 or 4 March 2012	RMMSC	Calgary
End of April/Early May 2012	EMSC	Edmonton
14 January 2012 or Mid-March	RDM	Red Deer
Unconfirmed	AMAM	Medicine Hat
Late November	Okotoks Masters	Okotoks
28 or 29 January 2012	FMSC	Calgary
19 November 2011	Penguin Masters	Edmonton

- Jeanne asked if any clubs were interested in hosting Provincials. No clubs at present demonstrated any interest.
- It was suggested that EMSC host provincials in late April 2012, as they expressed interest in hosting a meet around then. EMSC was unable to make such a decision at the present time. The location of 2012 Provincials was left open.

Elections (Moderated by James Hood)

Jeanne Carlsen and Mike Morrow stepped down from their positions on the board.

Barry Lewis and Birget Moe agreed to stay on the board another year.

The Executive for next year (Positions left undeclared):

Barry Lewis
Birget Moe
Mike VandenHam
Bo Simpson

A volunteer for the role of Records Chair was also requested with no takers. Jeanne will be stepping down after this season, but has agreed to continue in the position until after Nationals.

Mike Morrow will also be stepping down from his role as Website Manager. Mike VandenHam agreed to take over this position.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Chantel Boos/Mark Sandilands/CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Birget Moe
AMSA Secretary

Chairman's Report 2011

I hope everyone enjoyed the social last night and thank you to the Medicine Hat Masters for hosting Provincials here in 2011. There were 135 entrants for the meet from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

Notes from the past year:

A survey was sent out to the membership at the beginning of May 2010 with the results coming back suggesting we look into clinics, coach education, equipment for displaying results and software as the top items.

July 2010 we hosted our first clinic with Milt Nelms with two in Calgary and one in Edmonton. All responses back were that the clinic was worth while.

Our membership numbers are down slightly from last year, with just under 1000 members.

Following Edmonton's meet in April, we will have hosted 9 meets in the province this year with an average attendance of 80 swimmers.

Congratulations to Jeff Welechuk and Jeanne Carlsen for their #1 World Rankings in 2010.

Congratulations to: Peter O'Brien, Barry Saretsky, Kelly Marcotte, Debbie Younger, Ivan Pivovarov, Mike Morrow and Glenn Carlsen for their top 10 placing. My apologies if I have missed anyone here as I had to go through all ages and events separately!

Discussions were started with the 55+ Games and both Provincials and the EMSC meet in April were sited as the "trials" for this event. It is our hope that more 55+ members will become involved in this event.

Discussions have also started to form a relationship with ASSA (Alberta Summer Swimming) to allow Masters swimmers into various events throughout the summer. Details on this have yet to be finalized.

In September 2010, we negotiated a contract with Blueseventy swimwear for Alberta Masters. Notices were sent out to clubs regarding the nature of the agreement and the discounts available to our members. A 40% discount on all Blueseventy products was negotiated. Members have been taking advantage of this sponsorship with the last three orders. One more order will go in prior to Nationals, and there are forms here if you wish to fill one out.

The Masters World Swimming Championships will be held in Riccione, Italy June 2-6, 2012. It is a great venue; championships were also held here in 2004.

World Masters Games will be held in Torino, Italy, September 2013.

Alberta Summer Swimming Association Bulletin: *Welcome Masters Swim Clubs and Swimmers!*



What is Alberta Summer Swimming?

The Alberta Summer Swimming Association (ASSA) is a not-for-profit organization that provides a summer swimming program for individuals of all ages in the Province of Alberta. It is run by a board of directors (volunteers), supported by administrative office staff. ASSA is an affiliate member of Swim Alberta. ASSA currently has 3041 swimmers participating in 59 clubs who compete in short course (25 metre) pools throughout the province during the summer season.

The Summer Swim Season

The summer swimming season officially starts May 1st and concludes with the Provincial Championship Meet, typically held on the second weekend after the long weekend in August. Clubs begin training on or after May 1st, and swim meets are generally held every weekend starting in early June.

New Opportunities for Masters Clubs and Swimmers

Based on motions passed at the fall 2010 ASSA Board of Directors meetings, and collaboration with Swim Alberta and the Alberta Master Swimming Association, the ASSA has revised both its age groups and swimmer eligibility requirements. The key changes being:

1. The introduction of an 18&O age category to align with the entry level Canadian Masters age group
2. Removal of competitive restrictions on swimmers in the 18&O age group. i.e. Regardless of swimming background, anyone may now race at all levels offered by the ASSA in the 18&O age category.
3. Registered MSC Masters Swimmers results from ASSA Meets will be submitted to the MSC results database and eligible for Alberta Masters and Canadian Masters Records.

From these changes, Masters Swim Clubs and Swimmers alike will find ASSA to be more accessible and a favorable option to continue participating in the sport of competitive swimming throughout the summer months, including many racing opportunities: *there are over 50 meets run throughout the province each summer season!*

How to get your Club and Swimmers involved in ASSA

Clubs looking to take advantage of this opportunity with ASSA should send an email to assaadmin@gmail.com with the following information to begin the club affiliation process:

- Club Name
- Club Code
- President's Name
- President's email address
- President's Phone #

Once the above information is received the ASSA will follow up with your club to complete the affiliation process and begin the swimmer registration process.

What are the costs of being an ASSA member?

Club affiliation: \$50
Swimmer registration \$27.50

Average Invitational Meet fees: ~ \$12-\$25 / swimmer
Provincial Championship Meet: **FREE** (for all qualifiers)

For more information about ASSA please visit the ASSA website: www.assa.ca
Questions can be sent to assaadmin@gmail.com