

Mid-Can Masters Swim Club
Annual General Meeting 2019-2020 & 2020-2021
October 18, 2021
10:00 am U of M
Minutes

Attendance: Roy/Carrie Smith, Shannon Adam, Bob Groff, Mary Ann Mork, Leah Barnlund, Francie Palmer, Rhonda Leger, Greg Giesbrecht, Roy Eldridge, Bob Modrcin, Nancy Love, Colleen Medge, Wenda Dickens, Laurie MacCallum,

Zoom Attendees: Penny Kelly, Val Barnby, Tracy/James Jennings, Stephen Sidloski

1. **Approval of Agenda**: Roy S. moved to accept agenda; 2nd by Francie Palmer; All in favour, carried.

2. **2019-2020 AGM**
 - **Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2019**: – Moved by Francie, 2nd by Bob Groff; All in favour, carried.
 - **President's Report** – Wenda advised that the board decided to choose to register with MSO as opposed to Swim Manitoba as it is cheaper. In October of 2019, the pool sprung a leak and we swam at Pan Am for a period (was cheaper). The club did not hold Pop Sidwell as Swim MB would not support us with officials as we were not registered with them. An issue for the Board was lower membership and higher costs. Wanted to build membership, and then COVID hit, and Paul retired. There was no Progressive Dinner due to Covid.
 - **Registrar's Report** – Mary Ann advised that in 2019 the club had 46 members (there were 5 registered from Ontario so they could swim with Manitoba, and a group of Russian swimmers who then moved away). There were 26 members in 2020.
 - **Treasurer's Report** - See accompanying PDF files from Roy Eldridge

3. **2020-2021 AGM**
 - **President's Report** – Wenda thanked all Board and club members for continuing to support the club with all its ups and downs.
 - Due to the Pandemic, the pool was closed from March 2020 to April 2021. Then it shut down again in May, reopening in July with a lot of restrictions. Membership numbers are a continuing concern if fees are to keep going up – club could close as a result. Roy, Penny and Wenda talked to Simon Wang of U of M. Discussed options for keeping the club operating: reduced rental fees (according to Simon, the U of M still charges less than the City (\$13.35/hour/lane vs \$16.98/hour/lane). He said that the U of M supposedly hadn't been raising rates consistently so they're trying to catch up. However, our rates have gone up a lot and that's always the same excuse the Univ. uses; discussed getting community memberships instead (\$520 for community membership and \$420 for Alumni), however, we'd still need to pay extra for other fees and coaching (a plus would be we'd have access to all the facilities); discussed the possibility of affiliating with the Bison's swim team (they had asked us in the past, but we didn't want to lose Pal as our coach). Simon said he'd give Wenda a name of someone from the Bisons to connect with. In fairness to Simon, he's aware of our long-term pool use and he seems to be willing to try to help us. They advised Simon that the club would discuss this. Discussion comments by members: one advantage of joining the Bison's is we would have a coach and wouldn't need a Board, but how many practices would we have and would they still be the same time as our current schedule; in order to not lose our identity and control, we'd need to negotiate with the Bisons; maybe Bison parents might want to join the club; could we have a mid-day practice for retired people; we should brand ourselves as a fitness and recreation club; if we go the community membership route, maybe we could get more members from the community.

- **Registrar's Report** – Mary Ann advised there were 26 members in 2019, 27 in 2020, and 28 so far in 2021. Six members not returning but picked up 5 new members. Had several people interested but they never came out – it could be our swim times or the fact that it's more complicated to join up now. Mary Ann will send out an email to see if they might still want to join. Will try to put them on Team Reach, but Wenda will continue to send out the practices to members.
- **Treasurer's Report** – See Accompanying PDF Files from Roy Eldridge-. Mary Ann thanked Roy E. for all his hard work.
- **Coaching and Practices** – We currently don't have a coach since Pal retired, but we're using his old practices - everyone seems to be happy with continuing to use them.
- **Team Reach** – We don't need it for keeping track of who's swimming, but it is a hub of communication. Wenda will encourage members to continue to use it. Colleen says she doesn't mind keeping it up.
- **Event for Pal Temesvari**– Bozidar suggested we provide a lifetime membership to him. Everyone agreed he was such a dedicated and wonderful coach. A discussion was held about a get-together for Pal.
 - ***Moved by Greg G. that the club hold a social event to honor Pal in a suitable location (perhaps Boston Pizza). Time and place to be determined; all in favour; carried.***
- **Election of Board Members** – Wenda's term as President is up and she'd like to step down but will stay on as President for 1 more year to mentor Rhonda who is taking on Vice-President. Leah's term as Secretary is up and is stepping down. Nancy and Francie to be Members at Large, with Nancy potentially taking on role of Secretary. Greg nominated Rhonda for Vice-President and Roy S. seconded it. Mary Ann nominated Roy S. for President, but he declined. Penny not interested in being President.
 - Elected board positions for the 2021-2022 swim season:
 1. President – Wenda Dickens (for 1 more year)
 2. Vice-President – Rhonda Leger
 3. Treasurer – Roy Eldridge
 4. Registrar – Mary Ann Mork
 5. Secretary – Nancy Love
 6. Past President – Bozidar Modrcin
 7. Director at Large – Roy Smith
 8. Director at Large – Greg Giesbrecht
 9. Director at Large – Bob Groff (MSM)
 10. Director at Large – Francie Palmer
 11. Social Convenor – Shannon Adam
- **Discussions:** Roy E. asked if everyone is getting his emails and was advised that they are. Nancy asked when Board meetings are held. Next Board meeting is December 7 at U of M, 6:45 p.m.
- Next AGM scheduled for October 2022. Laurie moved to adjourn meeting at 11:20 a.m.