



FOOTHILLS MASTERS SWIM CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014-2015 JUNE 2, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Welcome** All attendees were welcomed. Thanks to the staff at Gus's for hosting our AGM. Pizza was enjoyed by everyone.

2. Reports for 2014-2015

▪ **Meet Manager** (Matt was not in attendance so report was delivered by Sheryl). Not many meets were attended this year. Only a few people attended meets other than our own. Jen Scott went to Red Deer. There were 7 meets in Alberta this year including our meet and the provincials in Grand Prairie. No one went to provincials due to the long distance that would have to be travelled. The FMSC meet was a moderate success in the fact that it occurred at all. There were a total of 57 swimmers, 10 of whom were from FMSC. Some did not pay an entry fee as they only swam a relay, and a few took advantage of the \$10/event entry fee to swim one or two events. In total we made about \$280 on the meet, a far cry from recent years, as we did not co-host with the Calgary Winter Club, so we had to pay for pool rental. One very big problem was getting enough stroke and turn volunteers. Sheryl had to ask parents from UCSC to assist with that. There were almost too many volunteers for other aspects of the meet. It was recommended that a stroke and turn clinic be held (Peter Burke has volunteered to instruct) prior to our next meet, as several FMSC members have expressed an interest in taking the clinic.

▪ **Social Coordinators** Meredith Simon reported and thanked Barb for her wonderful brunches. Social events consisted of pub nights, a few wine tastings, a ladies hike organized by Brenda, a Christmas party hosted by Scott and Sandra K., a ladies ski weekend organized by Carolyn, a ski in weekend to Elizabeth Parker Hut at Lake O'Hara organized by Gail B., and regular Stitch and Bitch evenings. Thanks to everyone for hosting/organizing the many and varied social events. The annual Christmas party was moved to a Friday night for the first time, and those present voted to hold the party alternating the first Friday and Saturday nights of December in alternating years. This means the party will be on Saturday for the 2015-16 season. We still have a paella party at Sandra B's on June 13, our annual Stampede Breakfast on June 27 and our year end pub night on June 30. Barb Finnie offered her place for the Stampede Breakfast.

▪ **Equipment** Susan Burke reported that she organized the purchase of team swimsuits this year and 29 were ordered.

▪**Web Administrator** Gail Boehm said she had nothing to report.

▪**Treasurer** Scott Kerford handed out a financial report highlighting our estimated final numbers (to the end of June) for the 2014-15 season compared to the budget. The proposed budget for 2014-15 had us sitting with a deficit of \$2091.52, but because the proposed laptop purchase did not happen, we ended the year (before the submission of Stampede breakfast expenses) with a deficit of \$1740.31. As of July 2014 our GIC was worth \$7537.05 and an estimated \$3947.74 in our bank account. Scott let us know that unless we increase our swim fees, we will have very little money remaining in our bank account.

▪**Vice-President/Registrar** Diane Smart said she had nothing to report.

▪**President** Sheryl King-Reimer reported that the arrangement to share swim times with Critical Speed and swim at Shouldice pool the month of September, 2014 because Foothills pool was closed seemed to work out well. She thanked swimmers for their willingness to move around lanes, based on workout and number of swimmers present. Kudos to our coach for helping this happen. Thanks to swimmers for showering before entering the pool.

3. Discussion for 2015-2016 Swim Year

▪**Swim Alberta and Alberta Masters Swimming** Doug Bird, FMSC member and president of Swim Alberta, explained what Swim Alberta does for all masters swim clubs around the province. He was unsure of what Masters Swimming Canada does for us. After some Q & A and discussion Diane moved, seconded by Sheryl that FMSC stay affiliated with Swim Alberta. Members unanimously approved the motion.

▪**Coaching** Discussion lead by Sheryl. Joylin Nodwell is unable to coach us next season, so we have to hire a new coach with at minimum level 1 coaching certification. This will be one of the first jobs of our new president. It was mentioned that swimmers need to be respectful of the coach and the workouts that are planned for us. If a swimmer has any concerns or complaints, they should be shared with the president, who will discuss the issue(s) with the coach. Diane suggested that a code of conduct outlining appropriate behavior for swimmers would be helpful.

▪**Ordering and paying for equipment from Team Aquatic Supplies** Shark cards are worth a 20% in store discount at Team Aquatic, and we can order online. The online discount is 25% and the club gets 5% of the purchase price back.

▪**Swim Meet for 2015-16** Given the poor attendance at this year's swim meet, the question of whether we should host a swim meet again next season, if we should only host it every other year, or if we should host it at all. After discussion Meredith moved, seconded by Jean, that the swim meet take place next year. The majority voted in favour. There were a few abstentions, and no one was

opposed. Next Jean asked if we wanted a social organized for after the meet. There were slightly more people in favour than against this proposal.

▪ **Scholarship/Sponsorship** Discussion was held regarding the sponsorship amount for this year and who to sponsor. Sheryl read an email from David Woodman reviewing his swim season, thanking the club for supporting him and requesting continued sponsorship. A motion was made by Gail G. and seconded by Diane S that we sponsor David Woodman for \$500 from the club and the donations made with the 2014-15 swim fees and the same happen again next season. Motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Lane Distribution** It was agreed that swimmers were much more willing to switch lanes to balance ability and number of swimmers per lane this year. It helped that the coach initiated many of these switches. So did the reminder that was emailed to all swimmers at the beginning of the season outlining lane etiquette.

▪ **Fees for the 2015-16 swim year** Scott proposed that the fees be increased from \$400 for full time swimmers and \$190 for Saturday only swimmers to \$460 for full time swimmers and \$230 for Saturday only swimmers for the upcoming season. After some discussion Jean moved, seconded by Meredith that for this season we increase fees to \$440 for full time swimmers and \$210 for Saturday only swimmers for the upcoming season, and then increase to \$460 for full time swimmers and \$230 for Saturday only swimmers for the 2016-17 season. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Elections of Officers Sheryl thanked all the executive for their good work this year and especially thanked meet manager Matt Pumphrey, equipment manager Susan Burke, treasurer Scott Kerford, and vice-president Diane Smart who are the executive members stepping down this year. Sheryl who is also stepping down was also thanked. All new executive members were acclaimed.

President – Gerry deLeeuw will replace Sheryl King-Reimer

Vice-president – Brett Plaizier volunteered to take over from Diane Smart

Registrar – Diane Smart agreed to remain in this position

Equipment – Jen Scott volunteered to take over from Susan Burke

Web Administrator – Gail Boehm agreed to remain in this position

Treasurer – Gail Gislason agreed to take this over from Scott Kerford

Social coordinators – Meredith Simon, Jean Pelletier, and Barb Finnie (brunches) agreed to remain in this position

Meet Manager – Sheryl King-Reimer agreed to take this on until someone else offers to take over

5. Other Business There was no other business.

6. Good Night Sheryl thanked everyone for coming out and participating.