

Foothills Masters Swim Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
June 6, 2023 via Zoom

Meeting was Called to Order at 8:05 pm
Quorum of at least 30 members was met

1. Approval of Minutes from 2022 AGM

The FMSC June 2022 AGM Minutes were sent to the members with the AGM meeting notice.

Motion to approve the Minutes: Jacqueline Kruger

Seconded: Gerry DeLeeuw

Motion Carried

2. FMSC Sponsored Swimmer Update

Patrick McCloy was the recipient of the 2022 bursary. Patrick gave an overview of his academic and competitive swimming year. Some of the highlights included:

- Completed 2nd year in Earth Sciences and 2nd year on U of C Dinos
- Dinos won Can West meet for the first time in 9 years
- Patrick won the 400m Medley at Western Canada Championships

3. Barry Scott Memorial Bursary - Gerry DeLeeuw

Gerry gave an introduction and background for this award.

There were 2 nominations submitted: Patrick McCloy and Liam Dennett.

Gerry provided an overview of the Liam's credentials. As both nominees are highly qualified, Gerry suggested splitting the Bursary between the two nominees. It was noted that the generous member contributions to the bursary support splitting the award this year.

Motion to award the Bursary to Patrick McCloy and Liam Dennett: Gerry DeLeeuw

Seconded: Gail Gislason

Motion Carried

4. Treasurers Report – Gail Gislason

Gail provided an overview of the 2022/23 Financial Report that was sent to the members with the AGM meeting notice.

Discussion:

- Todd Sutherland asked about coach Joylin's remuneration. We review this each year and we are not anticipating an increase for next season as the compensation remains competitive. It was noted that we also give Joylin a bonus at the end of each season that is commensurate with additional support to the club that she provides that year.
- There was a follow up question regarding Joylin's dry land training. We do pay Joylin for this and split the cost with Rocky Mountain Masters club. We will also be splitting the cost of the Zoom License with Rocky Mountain Masters.

- The estimated budget for the 2023-24 season assumes member fees of \$565 (full time) and 290 (Saturday only). This is an increase of 25\$ due to an increase in city of Calgary facility rentals cost.
- Current members will be emailed with invitation to register for next season as soon as we can confirm facility rental costs, Swim Alberta fees and the pool times we are allocated by the City of Calgary.

Motion to approve the Financial Report: Mark Young

Seconded: Jean Pelletier

Motion Carried

5. Presidents Report – Mark Young

It has been a great year for our club with our social activities ramping back up to pre-pandemic levels and hosting our first swim meet since the Covid-19 shut downs. Thanks to everyone who contributed our success.

- Special thanks Joylin, whose cheerful, enthusiastic and supportive attitude is so motivating. Joylin also provides support to the Executive in running the club that may not be apparent to many of our members. For example, when the city gave notice the Renfrew pool would close in November/December this year, Joylin immediately started looking for pool space and was able to secure alternative sessions at U of C. We will be arranging a year end gift for Joylin as a token of our appreciation for all she does.
- Thanks to all of the FMSC Executive who do so much work behind the scenes to ensure the club runs smoothly.
- Special thanks to Kathleen de Jong for filling in as Social Coordinator when Meredith was not available.
- Thanks to all the volunteers and competitors who made our swim meet a great success.
- Thanks to all our members who volunteered at the Masters National meet hosted by CMSC.

6. VP Report - Gerry De Leeuw

We currently have approximately 30 applicants on our waiting list and are adding 1 new applicant every 2 weeks. The average wait time to join the club has in recent times doubled to 3-4 years due to constraints imposed on the club as a result of managing Covid protocols and pool availability. Due to the lane constraints at the Renfrew pool we have not added as many Saturday only swimmers as the club would typically be able to accommodate. We are assuming that post Covid, pool availability will improve and the club is taking steps to find alternative times. We have added 2 fulltime swimmers (Danielle Schubert, Chris Newsome) and 3 Saturday only swimmers (Pauline Mclean, Shyla Morton, Kathryn Davies) to our club over the past year.

7. Secretary/Registrar Report – Jean Pelletier

Jean Pelletier presented his report regarding the current status of our membership and outlined the current compliance issues regarding individual swimmers' registrations.

We stand at 64 swimmers consisting of 58 full time and 6 Saturday only swimmers currently.

Although the Swimming Canada registration process has been streamlined and simplified, it seems that difficulties continue to arise for some swimmers. This is an important step in the registration process that applies to swimmers and coaches alike.

A brief summary of the impact of the cyber attack suffered by Swimming Canada server bank at the beginning of January 2023 until April 2023 was also discussed. No personal information was compromised.

8. Meet Manager Report – Lisa Harvey

We had a fantastic, well-attended meet in February! We had over 120 swimmers competing and a number of clubs emailed to thank us for putting on a great meet. Thanks to all for participating and officiating to make this annual swim meet a success! Looking into having our 29th Annual swim meet on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Please save the date.

We also had 18 swimmers compete at the Masters Nationals in Calgary.

9. **Social Coordinator Update** - Meredith Simon

The social committee has gotten back in action this past year, a bit slowly at first, but is gathering speed as the Covid 19 pandemic is fading in our memories. There has been a Puzzle and Guzzle (formerly Stitch and Bitch) a few times this past year. The next one is scheduled for May 18th at Kathleen de Jong's home.

The Christmas Party was a success, although the numbers were limited this past year. Next year's Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday November 25th, so please mark your calendars and save the date.** With so many other Xmas parties being held at people's work places and homes in December, it has been suggested that having our Xmas Party the last Saturday in November works well for most of people.

There was a pizza night at Gus' Pizza and will be more in the fall.

The year end social gathering will be held on **June 17th at Barb Finnie's home - note the change in venue, as it was thought that Kathleen's home in Bears paw was too far from Renfrew Pool.** We are hoping that more people will be able to attend now. Please mark your calendar for this pancake breakfast to celebrate a wonderful year of swimming.

10. **Equipment Manager Report** – Jacqueline Kruger

We now have several items around the team blue color pallet: Team shirts and hoodies, Latex caps (\$7), Silicone caps (\$12). I always have caps at the pool, and you can pay by cash or etransfer to FMSCmeets@gmail.com.

We plan to do another purchase next year for shirts and hoodies, and will find "sport" fabric options.

Team suits will be another objective for next year. The last 2 years have been very difficult to get suits (4-8month wait) and they were hesitant to provide either availability or pricing. I am looking at some potential alternate vendors next year.

Shark Card is still available for team discount at Team Aquatics (online or instore).

11. **Website/Communications Manager Report** – Duncan White

After significant trial and error we have decided not to use Team Snap as mentioned last year. The site does not offer the level of engagement and communication, nor functionality that we expect and need. We will continue to explore website builders to see what is possible. Another option is to just stay with Drupal and upgrade to their newest platform. This comes at a cost but will be on our list of things to do in 2023. The challenges we are currently experiencing with our Drupal version includes random deletions of uploads (that's our workouts) when the same pages are edited, file management (storing and referencing to new documents), slowness and email quirks. If you have recommendations for our website, please let me know.

12. **Election of Club Executive for 2023/24**

The current Executive/Director positions are listed below and most of the incumbents have agreed to stay on for another year. So far we have received one nomination to replace Mark Young who has decided to step down from the Board

Returning Executive/Directors and Nominations

Position	Incumbent	Intention to Continue	Nominations Received
President	Mark Young	Not Returning	Michael McLean
Vice President	Gerry de Leeuw	Return - same role	
Registrar	Jean Pelletier	Return - same role	
Equipment Manager	Jacqueline Kruger	Return - same role	
Treasurer	Gail Gislason	Return - same role	
Meet Manager	Lisa Harvey	Return - same role	
Social	Meredith Simon	Return - same role	
Website	Duncan White	Return - same role	

No other nominations were received or submitted at the meeting.

Motion to approve the proposed slate of returning and nominated directors: Mark Young

Seconded: Jean Pelletier

Motion Carried

The 2023-24 Executive:

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Vice President	Gerry de Leeuw
Treasurer	Gail Gislason
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13. Other Business

- Joylin has secured some pool times at the UofC pool on a number of Sunday afternoons. She will be offering to fill these lanes with swimmers from her master's clubs and potentially people on waitlists for those clubs. She will send out an invite to FMSC members for this additional training opportunity.
- Joylin has requested that FMSC provide Swim Alberta registration for any unaffiliated swimmers she gets for this training opportunity. This is something we can do as a courtesy to Joylin providing it is clear that these unaffiliated swimmers receive no membership benefits with FMSC and no special priority on FMSC's waitlist.
- Gail Gislason and Jacquie Kruger reminded everyone that all incoming etransfers to our club always go to fmscmeets@gmail.com

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jean Pelletier Mark Young

Seconded: Mark Young

Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm