

Masters Swimming Manitoba Report

To: Swim Manitoba Board Members
From: Paul Boulding
Date: January 19, 2005
Re: Masters Report for Board Meeting of Wednesday January 19, 2005

I would like to wish all the volunteers on the board and in the swimming community a happy and healthy New Year!

The following are areas of focus for Masters Swimming Manitoba for the 2005 year.

Calendar:

The master swimmers are looking forward to a very productive year and we have the following meets coming up:

March 12 Pentathlon
April 16-17 Masters Provincial Championships,
May 20-23 Nationals in Toronto

I have submitted our meet calendar requests for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 seasons.

New Officials:

We have always relied on Swim MB officials to work with us in running our meets and one of the things we would like to explore is how we can have more masters as starters, chief referee, chief strokes and turns in order to lessen the burden on the current volunteers. I would like to explore a new category or class of official that has trained specifically for Masters meets but has taken a much shorter qualification route. The individual would only be qualified to hold this position at designated meets for masters.

Participation is a lifestyle:

We would like to explore the opportunity of having more parents and coaches participate in a sport that they and families so enjoy. Fitness and quality of life can be enhanced by strong role models i.e. Parents and coaches participating in swimming and leading by demonstrating the internal discipline of training on a regular basis. You expect your young swimmer to do this everyday. Coaches need to live for today not on past glories, I hope this gentle encouragement will help.

I would like to suggest that at all swim meets that pre-warm up times official, parents and coaches are encouraged to swim for 30 minutes or during breaks or at the end of the meet. At first only a few will partake but it will be great example. In most cases the pool time has been paid for and this activity will not incur further costs.

Meet Rules:

At our masters meets we want to implement the “oops cards” for swimmers that are participating as novice or non-record breaking events. Swimmers will be warned and not disqualified. This practice would be implemented in all of our meets.

Marketing:

Masters swimming nationally will be looking at new marketing opportunities this year. The marketing will focus on two priorities: increased membership and financial partnerships. I would like to encourage Swim MB and each individual club to implement a co-advertising programme for Amateurs and Masters Swimming using my phone number and our Provincial web site whenever they advertise competitive programmes. I am sure that around the table the clubs can see the numbers of parents that are “master swimmers” and that by promoting masters you will increase your own membership at the same time.

Coaching:

We would like to explore the opportunity to host a number of stroke clinics this year and we will be looking for volunteer coaches to assist us in this endeavour. Dates to be announced.

High School Swimming:

I am pleased to announce that masters will support your developmental High School Swim meet. I encourage all members to have their High School swimmers, fellow classmates, teacher or teachers to participate on March 19th, 2005. Tom Wilson and I will coordinate the programme.

The date would be either Wednesday March 16th or Saturday 19th, time 12 pm to 4 pm. The support given two years ago was sponsorship by Panago's Pizza, free pool time, support for officials, \$500 support monies.

Non-sanctioned, no disqualifications, no records. Coaches can be teachers, parents, swimmers, etc.

All swimmers are welcome including club swimmers and their friends. Awards will be based on time levels i.e. A,B,C maybe D if needed. Each swimmer will receive and award certificate, t-shirt and maybe a cap or something from Swim MB. Also if swim clubs have handouts we would be happy to give out information sheets.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend your meeting tomorrow night but should be in attendance in February.

The following are meets for the remainder of the 2005 season.

2005 Spring

Mar 12	Masters - Pentathlon	SC	Timed Finals Masters	Pan am	
Apr 16-17	Masters - Provincials	SC	Timed Finals Masters	Pan am	
May 20-23	Nationals	SC	Timed Finals Masters		

This is our Meet Schedule for 2005 – 2006

Nov 19	Masters - Pop Sidwell	SC	Timed Finals Masters	U of M Pool	
Feb 18	Masters - Pentathlon	SC	Timed Finals Masters	Pan am	
Apr 15-16	Masters - Provincials	SC	Timed Finals Masters	Pan am	
May 19-22	Nationals	SC	Timed Finals Masters		

This our meet Schedule for 2006 – 2007

Nov 18	Masters - Pop Sidwell	SC	Timed Finals Masters	U of M Pool	
Feb 17	Masters - Pentathlon	SC	Timed Finals Masters	Pan am	
Apr 21-22	Masters - Provincials	SC	Timed Finals Masters	Pan am	
May 25-27	Nationals	SC	Timed Finals Masters		

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