

**Maine Masters Swim Club Meeting  
Bath, Maine (Midcoast Pizza)  
November 1, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM by President Frank Guistra

In attendance: Frank Guistra, Son Nguyen, Zach Gray, Bob Nelson, Bob Johnston, Richard Denector, Sandy Potholm, Colleen Lepage, Doug Pride, Mike Schmidt, Chris Matava, Kristie Panayotoff, Kevin Crowley, Bridget Convey and Anne Uecker.

1) Minutes of the June 7, 2008 meeting, held in the Greason Pool at Bowdoin College (e-mailed to Board of Directors, copy on hand at meeting). Motion to accept, seconded and approved.

2) Annual Treasurer/Membership Director Report/Budget – Financial Report for YTD ending 10/31/08 and Proposed Budget for 2009 was proudly prepared by Son. Son reported 239 members in 2007 and 270 members in 2008. Goal for 2009 is to get to 300 members. On the USMS National level dues are staying the same for 2009. After 2009 dues may rise \$2 per year in order to fund the paid positions at the National level. \$10,679 was collected in dues from MESC members in 2008. MESC paid some transfer fees for swimmers to move to MESC. Interest in the bank account is low so Son may look into a different bank. Son has worked on the Top Ten Times list. \$675 has been paid out on MESC merchandise and over \$1000 has been collected. 2009 budget is proposed to have 300 members. Anne Uecker brought up the idea of having MESC purchasing Hy-tek Meet Manager program for the meet directors to use (cost would be approximately \$250). The club should have its own license. A motion was made and seconded and the meeting attendees voted to authorize the spending of up to \$300 for the purchase of the software (Zach Gray will look into it). A motion was made to accept the proposed budget. Motion was seconded and all voted in favor of the 2009 budget.

3) 2009/2010 Officers Election – Proposed slate of officers was presented. Since there were no objections it was moved to accept the slate of officers. After the second, all voted in favor. Slate follows:

PRESIDENT: Michael Schmidt  
VICE PRESIDENT: Douglas Pride  
SECRETARY: Robert Johnston  
WEBMASTER / HISTORIAN: Ben Morse  
REGISTRAR / TREASURER: Son Nguyen  
RECORDER: Dieter Weber  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Hodding Carter  
DIRECTOR of MEETS: Zachary Gray  
MEMBER-at-LARGE: Kevin Crowley

4) Meeting was turned over to Mike Schmidt, the new MESC President. Everyone thanked Frank for his fine service to MESC. Frank will continue to sell the

MESC merchandise at meets. Mike then expressed his goals for the club for the next two years. He would like the clubs statistics to be kept up to date and having the Hy-tek Meet Manager program should help with this. The controversy over “sanctioned” versus “recognized” should be resolved. Meet directors should have access to the new MESC Meet Manager program to make it easier to run their meets. Mike would like to promote a “travel team” concept to have members participate in some of the bigger meets held outside Maine (Harvard, Middlebury and BU). He would like the pool reps to talk up the travel team. Perhaps we could get more organized on this with cheaper room rates, car pooling and child care. Mike would like to see more involvement from MESC members in age group and high school swimming. Members have a lot of experience and have a lot to offer to younger swimmers. Bridget proposed having the pool reps work to involve members in this.

- 5) Next meeting will be held after the Waterville meet on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- 2) Motion to adjourn: Seconded and approved. Meeting ended at 5:41 PM.

Submitted by Robert Johnston, MESC Secretary.