



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Red Deer Silver Sharks – Masters Swimming Club
September 28, 2023 7:00pm
Michner Centre Aquatic Centre

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Attendance (7:00pm)

President	Roy van der Sluis	Present
Vice President	Anna Pietrangelo	Absent
Treasurer	Neil Martin	Present
Registration Officer	Andy Lamb	Present
Members at Large	Approximately 10-12	Present

2. **Approval of Agenda**
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| Neil Martin | Passed |
| Tanya Kitchen | Passed |

3. **Approval of Minutes of May 2022**
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| Neil Martin | Passed |
| Roy van der Sluis | Passed |

4. Business Reports

a. Presidents Report - It was reported there were approximately 60 registrants last year which was a small increase in membership from previous years. There are currently 47 registrants for 2023-2024. The Club's website seems to be working well and continually improving. Members were asked to provide any feedback on how to improve the site. A membership goal of 75 was set. Beyond that number swim lanes may be excessively full, particularly on Sunday mornings. Finally, the change in Coaching to Mandi Smith as head coach (limited coaching time), directing multiple coaches (Amy, Emma, Serge and Deb) worked better than initially envisioned and swimmer feedback was very positive.

b. Grant Projects - In the past successfully obtained grant funds were used to pay for pool or gym equipment, host Tammy Cunnington – Red Deer's Para Olympian – to speak etc. The last CREG grant application (April 2023) was an application for a new timing system (Wyllass) in tandem with Special O. That grant was not approved only because Swim AB has not approved or accredited the Wyllass timing system. Everyone was encouraged to submit ideas for future grant application, the next submission date is October 1st which is too late now, however we will have an opportunity for the April 1, 2024 grant.

c. The Financial Officer – He recapped the Club's financial standing. Please note that values are approximate.

Opening Bank balance	\$2,000
2022-2023 Registration Revenue	\$30,000
Pool Rental	\$18,000
Coaching Expenses	\$6,000

The Financial Officer felt based on the current financial standing overall, the club was in good financial shape although historically there has been unforeseen expenses that occur over the course of the year. Thus, the rationale for starting off the swim season with a financial buffer.

d. Treasurer – The refund policy regarding for cancelled practices was not discussed

5. New Business

a. The President reviewed the scheduled swim times for the 2023-2024 season and surmised the season would end near the end of April 2024. In the past some swimmers continued to swim through May to prepare for swim meets. Depending on the club's financial status this option will have to be reviewed closer to April 2024. It was also noted that the Recreation Centre closes Dec. 4, 2023 until early 2024.

b. Dryland training on Thursday evening and Sunday is meeting with success and will continue

c. The fee increases of 6 to 10% this year were largely fixed and unavoidable and due to increased pool rental, insurance, registration etc. costs. The Red Deer Silver Sharks will continue to operate as a not-for-profit society.

d. The President discussed the possibility of hosting a swim meet and relayed possible advantages and disadvantages of hosting one in Red Deer. Ultimately it would be up to the membership and whether the likelihood of a profit is probable.

e. A recent Community Recreation Grant was declined by the City but still remains a potential source of funds.

f. It was acknowledged that Richard is doing a great job on Instagram

g. It was confirmed that the Club would conduct a short survey near year end to provide feedback.

h. The table brought up no new business

6. Election of Directors

a. President	Roy van der Sluis	Passed by Acclamation
b. Vice President	Chantal Boos	Passed by Nomination
c. Treasurer/Financial Officer	Neil Martin	Passed by Acclamation
d. Registration Officer	Andy Lamb	Passed by Acclamation

7. Appointment of Officers

a. Compliance Officer	President	Passed by Acclamation
b. Events/Social Coordinator	Patricia Gukert	Passed by Nomination
c. Equipment Coordinator	Vice President	Passed by Nomination
d. Meet Manager	Kinga Field	Passed by Nomination
e. Communication Manager	President	Passed by Acclamation

8. Adjournment (7:20pm)

Tanya Kitchen	Passed
Ed Driesen	Passed