

Alderwood Teddy Bares Swim Team  
Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday, October 19, 2022  
Alderwood Pool Meeting Room

1. Call to order

2. Attendance

21 members attending, including executive members

3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

N/A – we haven't had a meeting in years, thanks to covid

4. Confirmation/correction of minutes of the previous meeting

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5. Reports of executive officers

A. Treasurer

- Reviewed the finances for 3 years since it's been so long since we've had a meeting (thanks again, covid).
  - 2019-2020: Covid shut-down started in March 2020, so we didn't have a full year of swimming; therefore, we saved money
  - 2020-2021: Lots more covid shut-downs; therefore, we saved more money
  - 2021-2022: We used a lot more pool time than the previous years, but members swam a lot less because of capacity restrictions due to covid. We ended up spending a lot, but we swam a lot less. We also didn't charge as much. We used up almost all of our savings cushion.
  - 2022-2023: We're in a bit of a tight spot financially. Between not running a swim meet (our fundraiser) for 3 years, having no savings, and having fewer members returning (and therefore less membership revenue coming in), we don't have enough money. We have increased our membership price. We may have to look at some cuts in the late spring to stay out of debt.
- Notes:
  - We are actively recruiting new members (see Membership below) to bring in more revenue.
  - We are going to run a swim meet (see Coaching below), and we hope to make some money from it, though it's hard to predict how much with all the changes we've experienced in the past 2+ years.
  - The treasurer, coach, and executive agree that starting the year with \$5,000 in the bank is the target to cover next year's early costs, which have to be paid in September 2023 before the membership fee payments come in. This will be our target for every September going forward. Approved.

B. Membership

- We are actively recruiting new members to the club. If anyone knows of someone who might like to join, please direct them to a member of the executive.
- New members may try one practice for free before joining—maximum of 1 practice because of insurance constraints with MSO.
- We suggest new members should be able to swim a minimum of 500 m without stopping and have an understanding—if not an ability—for all four racing strokes, as well as having lane-swimming experience.
- Part of the introduction for a new swimmer (and also useful for returning swimmers!) is lane etiquette.

### C. Coach

- Lane etiquette
  - If you need to take a short break, stop at the end and move out of the centre of the lane.
  - If you need to take a longer break, exit the pool.
  - If you are going to lead, be the leader of the whole set. If you're planning to abdicate part of the way through, you need to discuss this ahead of time with your lane-mates.
  - If you are catching up to the swimmer in front and would like to pass, touch their foot, then wait till the end of the pool. The slower swimmer will stop and pull to the side so you can pass. Please do NOT try to pass halfway down the lane
  - If you must stop before the end of the lane—e.g. if you have a cramp—try to make yourself as small as possible to one side.
  - Lanes 1 & 5 switch on Sundays.
  - Lane 6 is there to accommodate injuries as long as you communicate with the regular lane 6 swimmers (Ethel & Virginia).
- Stroke Correction
  - Some swimmers will have more stroke correction than others because they need more.
  - If you ever want more feedback, you are always welcome to ask for it.
  - If you are unable to perform a task in the workout because of an injury or physical impairment, please communicate this to the coach.
  - Please try to be willing to attempt new things.
- Annual Swim Meet
  - Our annual swim meet and fundraiser will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2023. We start very early, but we should be done by midafternoon.
  - You are expected to participate and to donate food to be served to our participants.
  - We are not affiliated with Swim Ontario, only with MSO, for the meet. There are approximately 4,000 members with MSO, so we still anticipate a decent turn-out to the meet, though it's hard to accurately predict with the current climate of uncertainty in the world.
  - Swim Ontario swimmers can pay an extra fee (insurance coverage) to participate in our meet.

- Swim Ontario doesn't keep yards records, but MSO does.
- Gregg proposed we rename the meet to the Ted Roach Memorial Short Course Yards Swim Meet. Approved.
- Fees: Gregg proposed \$50/non-ATB swimmer and \$10/ATB swimmer. Approved.
- We need someone to volunteer to coordinate all the food for the meet.
- We will be running a strokes and turns clinic before the meet.

#### D. President

- Constitution—see note in #6 Correspondence, below.
- Reviewed the executive members and positions:
  - Paul – president
  - Tom—treasurer
  - Barbara—membership
  - Melissa—web designer and registrar
  - Gregg—coach & meet manager
  - Angela—member at large
- Opened the floor to executive member nominations for all positions—including adding new positions. No takers.
- Opened the floor to the idea of adding a social convenor-type of position back to the executive (we had one pre-covid). So far no takers.
- Anyone interested in an executive position now or in the future can contact any member of the executive.

#### 6. Correspondence

The city of Toronto would like the ATB club to start doing the following:

- Update our constitution—the executive did this prior to the meeting and circulated copies during the meeting for review and approval. Reviewed! Approved!
- Start keeping minutes of the meetings. You're reading them!

#### 7. Business arising from minutes of previous meeting

N/A – we haven't had a meeting in years, thanks to covid

#### 8. New business

Members would like us to bring back the pizza for the AGM. We are short of funds this year. Maybe next year when we have more money we'll serve pizza.

#### 9. Adjournment