

CENTRAL REGION BOARD MINUTES
Special Board Meeting to Consider Milton Titans Application for Affiliation
Saturday, June 13, 2009 – 1230 H

Present: Louise Bull Barton, Paul Corkum, Alastair Currie, Steve Goodwin, Rick Hannah, Jeff Holmes (Chair), Brian Lindsay.

Regrets: John Chittley, Steve Cobbold, Eric Kramer, Horst Tietze

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Holmes at 1230 H.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was a single item – consideration of the application by the Milton Titans Aquatic Club for affiliation with Swim Ontario

Motion: L. Bull Barton/ Brian Lindsay

That the Agenda be approved.

Carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Consideration of the MTAC Application

The required process for a region to follow in the case of an application by a club for affiliation is as follows:

B. Upon receipt of an application for affiliation, the Regional Director shall:

1. Initiate the Approval Procedure so as to arrive at a decision on or before June 15.
2. Notify all Member Clubs in the Region and invite written responses.
3. Obtain the advice of the Executive Director of Swim Ontario.
4. At a subsequent meeting of the Region's Board, the Regional Director shall ensure the Board's consideration of the application.
5. Interview (in person or by teleconference) the applicant, when deemed appropriate.

The Chair reported that steps 1 through 4 were carried out. Step 5 was deemed unnecessary.

In order to facilitate a free discussion of the issue it was moved as follows:

Motion: Jeff Holmes/Alastair Currie

That the Central Region Board move into Executive Session

Carried

Following the discussion, the Board rose from Executive Session and the following motion was put

Motion: Steve Goodwin/Jeff Holmes

That the Milton Titans Aquatic Club be recommended for affiliation with Swim Ontario on a probationary basis

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The Board directed the Chair to communicate to the Swim Ontario Board of Directors that the Central Region Board does not support the application for affiliation by MTAC.

The Chair was further directed to state the reasons for the decision.

The application requirements, section A6 includes the requirement for:

- 6 (1) Head Coach certified at a minimum of Level 2* and with MED
- 6 (2) Assistant Coaches certified at a minimum of Skills Coach for coaching competitive registered swimmers and attending sanctioned competitions

- 6 (3) Assistant Coaches certified at a minimum of Swimming Teacher or “I Can Swim” for coaching non-competitive registered swimmers and not attending sanctioned competitions.
- 6 (4) All Coaches-in-training must at all times be under direct supervision of a Coach who is certified at a minimum level of Skills Coach.

The application by MTAC clearly shows:

- That the proposed head coach does not meet the minimum requirements
- That the proposed assistant coach does not have the required qualifications and would therefore require direct supervision “at all times”

While the application process allows for a regional board to make a recommendation to accept an affiliation without fully qualified head coaches “provided that the application presents an acceptable plan, complete with timeline (maximum of one year), to attain Level 2 certification”, the CR Board does not accept that simply stating a plan “to attain [his] Level 2 certification within the next 6 months assuming that the course is offered” constitutes “an acceptable plan.”

Moreover, from consideration of the application itself, and the information provided by the Milton Marlins regarding the allocation of pool time by the E. C. Drury Provincial School, the CR Board has significant concerns that the application fails to prove that item A9 of the application requirements is satisfied:

A9, Pool time schedules and contracts that do not infringe on those of existing Member Clubs.

Given that the Marlins pool time contract is subject to a 60 day cancellation, the CR Board is concerned that the Marlins could find themselves without pool time or at least, with their pool time diminished, on very short notice.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1315H on a motion by the Chair.