

Pickering Masters Swim Club

Minutes – Annual General Meeting

October 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Lone Star Texas Bar and Grill on Kingston Road, Pickering

Attendance

Members

Heather Wardell	Mathura Sabanayagan
Barry Watson	Gerhard Wolfel
Tony Savor	Mike McMullan
Angela Sokol	
Marcia Myers	

Executive Members / Coaches

Andy Manahan – President	Janet McMullan – Secretary
David McMullan – Vice President/ Registrar	Liz Watson - Communications/ Social Officer
Ed Rutland – Treasurer	Rene St. Aubin – Coach

Notes

Welcome & Introduction	Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Thank you to all the members for their support over the year. The current Executive and coach, Rene St Aubin, were introduced.
Club Overview	<i>About the Club</i> A. Manahan provided a brief overview of the Pickering Masters Swim Club (PMSC) and review of the season 2024-2025 season. PMSC offered Fall and Winter/Spring sessions of swimming, with four coached practices per week. Sessions were held at the Dunbarton pool and TPASC competition pool. Currently, there are 39 active/enrolled members, with a goal of 50 active members. Our thanks to Rene for his efforts to bring in new swimmers and invite previous members to come back. There has been a coaching change at TPASC since Liane Coholan recently commenced University. Many thanks to Liane for her coaching, we wish her every success.

	Our new coach is Nick McKechnie. He will be supporting our swim program at TPASC on Monday evening and the first Thursday of the month. A few members participated in local competitions this year, including the Alderwood Teddy Bear meet. We hope to see the competitive swimming aspect of our Club expand. A sign-up sheet was circulated to assist with coordination between members. Competitive events are listed on the Masters Swim Ontario and Swim Ontario websites. Links to these sites are available on the PMSC website. <i>Communications</i> Efforts are continuing to be made to increase the Club's profile in the community. Information is being posted on the City of Pickering community information website. A new, recently developed, PMSC one-page communication tool was shared with the group. There is a QR-Code that links to the PMSC Website for people interested in learning more about the Club. Copies can be made available to you on request. Rene St. Aubin represented the Club at the Chestnut Hill Community Programs Open House last October. Rene St. Aubin regularly posts on Face Book. It would be great if you "liked" these postings when you read them. If there is interest, we could set up a WhatsApp chat for our member group to streamline communication e.g. pool closures, other events. The Website is being kept current in efforts to ensure it is reflective of our Club. Using the Website https://pickeringmsc.ca/ • What's New – an important page that brings the most recent newsletter and other messages, • Calendar – regularly maintained and kept up-to-date with information about swim days, cancellations. The calendar in the members section contains workouts that enable you to track what you completed, • Coaches Corner – includes articles and any updates from your coaches, • Social Media – We encourage you to get connected, there is a private group FaceBook page and Instagram sites. <i>Social Activities</i> Social Events are an important part of any masters swimming club. There are a number of activities happening including the Annual Holiday Event in December, and End-of-the-Year Party in June. Watch the Club Newsletters for details. Thursday Pub nights may occur after practice on Thursday evenings if there is interest. From Dunbarton, we usually go to the 'Fox Goes Free' on Kingston Rd.
--	--

	From TPSAC, there is a pub 'Zaks' across the road on Morningside. These are very informal get-togethers. We invite you to come out and get to know your fellow swimmers. ACTIONS: 1. Encourage new membership through your friends and family. 2. WhatsApp chat to be set up.
New Business	<i>New Competition Events Coordinator</i> Mathura Sabanayagan has agreed to coordinate participation in some competitive events through Masters Swim Ontario, and Swim Ontario for those that are interested.
Financial Statement	Ed brought forward and reviewed the Financial Statement for the 2024-2025 season and presented the budget for the 2025-2026 season. Registrations decreased during the Winter session, and pool rental costs have increased for this coming year. There is a slight increase in registrations for this Fall session. Banking has switched from BMO to CIBC. This change is expected to better meet the Club's needs and offer improved security with 2-factor authentication. We are currently needing to use reserve funds for this coming year and hoping to see further improvements in registrations. The budget was approved and accepted by the membership.
Election of the Executive	The Slate of Officers for the 2025/26 year was brought forward, including: Andy Manahan – President David McMullan – Vice-President/ Registrar Ed Rutland – Treasurer Janet McMullan – Secretary Liz Watson - Communications/ Social Officer Marcia Myers – Member-at-Large A request was put out for new Executive members. Mathura Sabanayagan and Angela Sokol put their names forward to be members-at-large. The Slate of Officers was approved and accepted by the membership. Other members were invited to consider joining the Executive.

Dialogue with Members – Have your say?	Members were asked for their input into the future of the Club. Feedback was enthusiastic and variable: • There is a need to follow-up with previous members and determine reasons for not returning, • Instagram is a forum that is not well used by the Club and could be enhanced, • Changes in the website could include member's MSO#s and TPASC#s, • Members find value in the Club having access to supplier deals, • Members interest in video/taping and analysis to improve their strokes, • E-mail to go out to let members know about sizes for t-shirts. ACTION 3. Ideas from the AGM to be further considered – PMSC Executive
Next meeting	Thank you to the membership for coming out and providing their input. Next meeting - Fall 2026.