

## **NEW ZEALAND MASTERS SWIMMING (INC.)**

### **46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on Friday 22<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Westwave Aquatic Centre, Auckland**

#### **MINUTES**

**Meeting Commenced at 10.00am.**

#### **PRESENT**

President: John Fisher (WK1)

Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Bodger (WH2)

Northern Region: Jan Fulton (RK1), Rodrigo Sigwalt (SC1)

District Region: Matheus Ferro Ribeiro (KT2)

Capital Region: Marco Cecioni (RM4)

National Recorder: Paulette Tasker (WK1), Jan O'Donnell (NS1, past officer)

IT Officer: Liz Davidson (NS1)

Open Water Swimming: Mike Bodger (WH2)

#### **WELCOME BY PRESIDENT**

John Fisher welcomed everyone present to the Annual General Meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Regional delegates and officers introduced.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Andrew Gabites (Webmaster), Lesley Parkin (Swimming Officer), Warren Gilbertson (Vice President), Liesl Ploos Van Amstel (Masterscrawl Editor), Steve Clarke (DN5)

**DECEASED MEMBERS:** Lyall Mortimer (HU4), Alwyn Manley (RK1), Jim Drummond (HC4).

Lyall Mortimer was a highly respected life member of NZ Masters Swimming and a valued member of the International Body of Swimming, FINA.

**THE MINUTES** of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were presented to the meeting and then accepted as a true and correct record.

*Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Jan O'Donnell that the minutes of AGM2018 be accepted.*

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2018 MINUTES:**

The need for at least two standardised programmes of events for sanctioned meeting was discussed. Hosting clubs tend to set the order of events in programme and whilst a few swimmers question the order of events, most swimmers are happy with the programme of the meet.

We need to discourage swimmers from submitting NO TIME (NT) for a swim event and a motion was moved by *Rodrigo Sigwalt* and seconded by *Marco Cecioni* to put in times for NT swimmers from the average time of swimmers in the respective age group. Times stay in the database for two years before new times are added.

## **FINANCIAL AND SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2019** Mike Bodger

The financial review for 2018 was completed by Carolyn Franklin, Rotorua and circulated to the executive, officers and delegates prior to the AGM. Accounting fees totalled \$450. The **net deficient** stood at \$6,763.

The balance stood at \$66,937 down from \$73,700 in 2018. The cheque account balance was \$23,396.29 at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and \$11,758.68 at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. The Fast Saver account balance was \$677.23 at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and \$678.00 at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. And the Savings Plus account balance was \$43,380.31 at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 the balance was \$44,359.27. So once again NZMS was in a positive financial position at the end of the year. Most payments are now done using ASB business internet banking. Most clubs pay membership fees online through the database and a few clubs by direct credit to the NZ Masters Swimming bank account.

No sanction fees or medal costs were invoiced to clubs hosting sanctioned meetings in 2018 (Roskill, Ashburton, Waitakere City and Whakatane Masters clubs). Online entry fees to sanctioned meetings were paid by Swimming NZ to NZ Masters Swimming, who in turn, reimbursed the respective hosting clubs.

The financial review for 2018 has been placed on the Charities website, but it is not necessary for the review to be placed on the Incorporated Societies website.

For 2018, NZMS had 50 "active" clubs (1 or more financial swimmer) and 647 swimmer's profiles have been added to the database, of which 481 are financial swimmers. The Northern Region, Northland and Auckland, accounts for 62% of the membership.

It was moved by John Fisher and seconded by Jan Fulton to not audit the financial review for 2018.

*Moved by Marco Cecioni and seconded by Liz Davidson, that the secretary's report be accepted.*

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2017**

The present membership fee is \$60. For administration of the database Swimming NZ charges NZ Masters Swimming an affiliation fee of \$10 per swimmer and from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 the fee has risen to \$10.20 per swimmer. This loss of revenue is reflected in the net deficient for 2018.

A motion was put forward by *Liz Davidson* and seconded by *Paulette Tasker* that the membership fee be increased to \$70 per annum with a saving of \$5 if paid online. The committee voted in favour of this increase. This take effect from 1st July 2020. The last membership fee increase was in 2014, the fee going from \$50 to \$60.

### **APPROVAL OF ALLOWANCES AND HONORARIA**

The honorarium is strictly seen as an acknowledgement of services and is not a salary. The following payments are made annually to recipients.

Secretary/Treasurer	\$15000
National Recorder	\$3000 (of which 33% is expenses)
Computer Officer	\$3000
Webmaster	\$3000
Swim Officer	\$1500
Masterscrawl Editor	\$1000

The IT officer, Liz Davidson, will receive her final honorarium payment in December 2019 and thereafter until her retirement Liz will not receive an honorarium. This was purely a decision by Liz.

*Moved by Jan O'Donnell, seconded by Jan Fulton that the honoraria payments remain unchanged for 2019/2020.*

NZMS also pays an annual fee of \$200 to Aquatics New Zealand, who oversees all aquatic divisions in New Zealand. Our representative from Masters Swimming is Roger Eagles (FV5) and Roger will continue in this role for 2019.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** John Fisher

We hosted our usual sanctioned meets, although entries were not at the same level as leading up to World Masters Games of 2017. The same clubs hosted the sanctioned meetings in 2018 and all were successful events, but we would like other clubs to take on the challenge of hosting these events.

For the first time in 6 years, the organisation posted a financial loss. This can be largely attributed to the cost of the online database that is made available from Swimming NZ and to the transition to align our financial year to that system. Although this was anticipated and the organisation remains in a strong financial position, we cannot sustain the level of loss and this year we will be looking for areas where costs can be cut.

*Moved by Paulette Tasker and seconded by Rod Sigwalt to accept the President's report.*

#### **COMPUTER OFFICER'S REPORT** Liz Davidson

The report from Liz was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Liz's report is thorough and informative.

NZMS is now well advanced with the implementation of the online system (hosted by Swimming NZ) to manage our membership. The National Secretary, Mike Bodger, is now managing the day to day tasks.

The online swim meet entry has been a great success the system greatly simplifies processes for the IT officer and host club meet administrators.

A useful appendix has been the compilation of NZMS membership trends from 2011 to 2019. Total membership numbers have been generally trending downwards since 2013 but the Northern Region (Northland and Auckland) has gone from providing 47% of total membership in 2011 to 63% of total membership in 2018-2019. Other regions throughout New Zealand have declined significantly.

We continue to use Mail Chimp for sending out bulk emails to NZMS members and to compile the Top Ten swimmer listing for FINA and NZMS Top Club points using the Meet Manager databases for the sanctioned meets.

*Moved by Jan O'Donnell and seconded by Marco Cecioni to accept Liz's report.*

#### **WEBMASTER'S REPORT** Andrew Gabites

The report from Andrew was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. In the absence of Andrew his report was taken as read.

This year has seen a modest increase in visitors to the NZ Masters Swimming website.

Given the financial loss, the AGM requested that the executive investigate if there are cheaper options for operating the Website. The President to discuss with the Webmaster.

*Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Rod Sigwalt to accept Andrew's report.*

#### **MASTERSCRAWL EDITOR'S REPORT** Liesl Ploos Van Amstel

The report from Liesl was emailed to councillors after the meeting.

The continuation of the website is seen to be in the best interest of swimmers

#### **SWIMMING OFFICER'S REPORT** Lesley Parkin

The report from Lesley was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Four sanctioned meetings and one partially sanctioned meeting occurred in 2018. The committee decided to resurrect the 800m/1500m and the one-hour postal events in 2020. And times for the 800m/1500m events would become legitimate times for the database.

*Moved by Jan Fulton, seconded by Liz Davidson to accept Lesley's report*

#### **OPEN WATER SWIMMING REPORT** Mike Bodger

There was no open-water swimming event for NZ Masters Swimmers in 2018. Masters swimmers continue to flock to the oceanswim series around New Zealand. The secretary will investigate the possibly of NZ Masters swimmers joining Swimming NZ at the Epic Swim Event in Taupo.

#### **NATIONAL RECORDER REPORT** Jan O'Donnell (retired); Paulette Tasker

The report from Jan was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Jan has retired after 14 years of service as National Recorder and Paulette has taken over the role of National Recorder. We have one New Zealander swimmer from Wharenui Masters in Christchurch who lives and competes in the USA and who is currently setting new NZ Masters Swimming records. In Paulette's report she has highlighted two rules for swimmers Attempting NZ Masters Swimming records.

*Moved Liz Davidson and seconded by Mike Bodger to accept Jan's and Paulette's reports.*

#### **TROPHIES OFFICER REPORT** Lesley Parkin

The report from Lesley was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Swimmer of the Year for 2018 was awarded to Kyla Steenhart (RK1) and a Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Sue Pollard (NS1)

*Moved by Jan O'Donnell and seconded by Liz Davidson to accept Lesley's report.*

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Matheus Ferro Ribeiro was elected Vice President.  
Marco Cecioni was elected Swimming Officer.

Theirs and the current officers' positions were endorsed.

President – John Fisher  
National Secretary/Treasurer – Mike Bodger  
Webmaster - Andrew Gabites  
Swimming Officer – Marco Cecioni  
National Recorder – Paulette Tasker  
Computer/IT Officer – Liz Davidson  
Masterscrawl Editor – Liesl Ploos Van Amstel  
Openwater Swimming Officer – Mike Bodger

All appointees should be current financial members of NZMS.

*Proposed by Jan O'Donnell and seconded by Mike Bodger to endorse the new officers.*

## **NZMS CHAMPIONSHIPS: HOSTING 2020**

We are hopeful that Raumati Masters will host the NISC2020 and that North Shore Masters will host the Long Course championships.

**The meeting closed at 4pm.**