

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS SWIMMING (INC.)

44TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 20th April, 2017 at Millennium Centre, Auckland

MINUTES

Meeting Commenced at 12 noon.

PRESENT

President: John Fisher (WK1)
Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Bodger (WH2)
Northern Region: John Trubnick (SC1), Jan Fulton (RK1)
District Region: Eleanor Pinfold (HM2)
National Recorder: Jan O'Donnell (NS1)
Editor: Liesl Ploos Van Amstel (NS1)
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)

DECEASED MEMBERS: Bruce Smith (AK1)

THE MINUTES of the 43th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 6th May 2016 were presented to the meeting and then accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved by John Trubnick and seconded by Eleanor Pinfold that the minutes of AGM2016 be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2016 MINUTES: Overall the regions (1-5) of NZ Masters Swimming are not working well and it is crucial that at least 3 regions are represented at the AGM and particularly at the election of President and Vice President every two years. This item will be discussed at the next executive meeting.

FINANCIAL AND SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2016 Mike Bodger

The financial review for 2016 was completed by EBA Ltd Rotorua and circulated to the executive, officers and delegates prior to the AGM. Accounting fees totalled \$621. The net surplus stood at \$11,261, up from \$6,543 the previous year.

The balance stood at \$70,605, up from \$59,345 in 2015. The cheque account balance was \$17,811.22 at January 1st 2016 and \$27,276.44 at January 1st 2017. The Fast Saver account balance was \$670.42 at January 1st 2016 and \$676.40 at January 1st 2017. And the Savings Plus account balance was \$41,144.84 at January 1st 2016 and on January 1st 2017 the balance was \$42,365.24. 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. Clubs pay membership fees by cheque or by direct credit.

As usual, the financial review will be placed on the Charities website but it is not necessary for the review to be placed on the Incorporated Societies website. Of 200 copies of the History of NZ Masters Swimming purchased in 2014, 94 remain unsold. Only two copies were sold in 2016. John Trubnick proposed that NZMS look at depreciating the value of the publication in line with the publication date.

For 2016, NZMS had 43 "active" clubs (1 or more financial swimmer) and 707 financial swimmers. The Northern Region, Northland and Auckland, account for 56% of the membership. The increase in membership

for 2016 was partly due the very successful National Masters Championship hosted by North Shore in Auckland.

One change to the monthly newsletter has been its circulation to all registered Masters swimmers using Mail Chimp for bulk emails.

It was moved by John Fisher and seconded by Jan Fulton to not audit the financial review for 2016.

Moved by Jan O'Donnell and seconded by Liesl Ploos Van Amstel, that the secretary's report be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2017

The present membership fee is \$60 and given our healthy financial position the meeting saw no reason to change or increase the fee. It was moved by Jan Fulton and seconded by Eleanor Pinfold that the membership fee remain at \$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 \$2000

Webmaster \$3000

Swim Officer \$1500

Masterscrawl Editor \$1000

These were approved by the meeting and will remain unchanged for 2017. NZ Masters Swimming can continue to afford these payments. The resignation of Jan O'Donnell from the National Recorder's post is seen as a test case for the level of remuneration for the next appointee.

Moved by Jan Fulton, seconded by Eleanor Pinfold that the honoraria payments remain unchanged for 2017. Carried.

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 2017.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT John Fisher

The report from John was circulated to councillors at the meeting.

"By any measure, 2016 was a successful year for NZMS"

We had increased membership and increased attendance at sanctioned meetings. Region 5 (South Island) membership was down but Ashburton Masters hosted the South Island Short Course Championship for the second consecutive year and will host again in 2017. The executive is committed to encouraging other South Island Masters Clubs to host these championship.

Taupo Masters was congratulated for hosting a very successful North Island Short Course Championships and the National Championships hosted by North Shore Masters Club was exceptional.

The organisation remains in a very strong financial position and our challenge for 2017 is retain membership and keep swimmers engaged through the websites and Facebook.

Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Eleanor Pinfold to accept John's report.

COMPUTER OFFICER'S REPORT Liz Davidson

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

During 2016 Liz established an account with Mail Chimp and set up a NZMS Membership mailing list. This has been extremely useful for sending out swimming information and travel permits to swimmers and is now used by myself to send out the monthly newsletter as well.

The Top Ten and Top Club has been published on the NZMS website and can be downloaded by swimmers as a 'zip' file.

Since October 2016 John Fisher and Liz have been in discussions with Swimming NZ about using Swimming NZ's centralised database for Masters swimmers. Their system represents real time membership and even use of credits cards for renewing yearly memberships. John and Liz will continue to work with Swimming NZ but a proposal was made to take up the offer from Swimming NZ for perhaps a three-year term. John Trubnick said that Masters Swimming would require a migration (exit) strategy from Swimming NZ if this does not work to Masters Swimming advantage.

Moved by Jan O'Donnell and seconded by Liesl Ploos Van Amstel 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.

Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Liesl Ploos Van Amstel to accept Andrew's report

MASTERSCRAWL EDITOR'S REPORT Liesl Ploos Van Amstel

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

Article contributions from members to Masterscrawl have improved but soliciting these is still problematic and time consuming. National and international adventures by swimmers are always welcome.

A NZ Masters Accommodation page has been created on Facebook and we hope that more swimmers will join the group advertising or wanting accommodation at swim meetings. A disclaimer is to be added that removes responsibility from NZ Masters Swimming from accommodation problems.

Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded Eleanor Pinfold to accept Liesl's report.

SWIMMING OFFICER'S REPORT Lesley Parkin

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

Six sanctioned meetings occurred in 2016 and it was pleasing to see the Hamilton Mid-Winter meeting back again. Several disqualifications occurred at the Auckland Short Course event hosted by Roskill Masters. Although the meeting was run under FINA rules there was no dispute procedures but it must be conveyed to swimmers that a challenge to a disqualification may incur a fee. Several of the disqualifications were for incorrect backstroke turns. John Fisher attended this meeting and said that concerns were addressed adequately and that no leniency was shown to swimmers.

One rule that was discussed was Masters swimmer's butterfly. In the FINA Handbook, Technical Rules MSW 3.8 "A breaststroke kicking movement is permitted for butterfly"

Ashburton Masters Club would like to host a sanctioned meeting each year irrespective of it being the South Island Championships or not.

The NZM Masters Games swimming is “partially sanctioned.” The interpretation being that only current financial swimmers can set NZ Masters records. And the Games organisers must seek NZ Masters Swimming approval to sanction the swim meeting.

Moved by Eleanor Pinfold, seconded by Liz Davidson to accept Lesley’s report

OPEN WATER SWIMMING REPORT Mike Bodger

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

NZ Masters Swimmers continue to support the many open-water event through New Zealand but our own open-water championship is relatively poorly supported due to it being a non-wetsuit event. In the past four years our event has run concurrently with an Auckland Central Masters open-water event and we are grateful to their continued support.

Moved by Jan Fulton and seconded by Eleanor Pinfold to accept Mike’s report.

NATIONAL RECORDER REPORT Jan O’Donnell

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

The meeting congratulated Jan on her continued service to NZ Masters Swimming and her dedication to accuracy.

Moved John Fisher and seconded by Eleanor Pinfold to accept Jan’s report.

TROPHIES OFFICER REPORT Lesley Parkin

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

The inaugural “Barry Young Medal of Excellence for 2015” (awarded for the oldest NZ record broken) was awarded to Eleanor Pinfold from Hamilton Masters.

One correction: The Canterbury Trophy (Top Club points at NISC) was won by North Shore and not South City Masters.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The current officer’s positions were endorsed.

National Secretary/Treasurer – Mike Bodger

Webmaster - Andrew Gabites

Swimming Officer – Lesley Parkin

National Recorder – vacant

Computer/IT Officer – Liz Davidson

Masterscrawl Editor – Liesl Ploos Van Amstel

Openwater Swimming Officer – Mike Bodger

Jan O’Donnell has resigned from the National Recorder’s position but will remain with NZ Masters Swimming until results and records set at the World Masters Games 2017 are ratified. We will examine the job description and advertise for the position and prepare an article on Jan for Masterscrawl.

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR 2016

Swimmer of the Year: Jolie Fenwick (HM2) who swims in the female 35-39 years age group.

NZMS CHAMPIONSHIPS: HOSTING 2017

South Island Short Course 2017 – Ashburton

North Island Short Course 2016 – Waitakere

As a financial incentive, the meeting voted to waive sanction fees for host clubs to NZMS for the next two years.

OTHER BUSINESS

Liz Davidson proposed changes to the NZMS Information Manual – Section 9: Competition Rules, Regulations and Information. Clause 5 and 6. Relating to National Records.

Items such as eligibility, resident status, club affiliation to NZMS will be updated.

The meeting closed at 5pm.