

,NEW ZEALAND MASTERS SWIMMING (INC.)

46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Friday 22th 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:

THE MINUTES of the 45th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2017 were presented to the meeting and then accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved by Jan Fulton and seconded by Jan O'Donnell that the minutes of AGM2017 be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2017 MINUTES: NZ Masters Swimming will no longer sanction the swimming events at the NZ Masters Games held in Whanganui but will continue to sanction the swimming events when held in Dunedin. Roskill Masters would like to host more events but pool time at the Cameron Pool is limited. NZMS swimmers are eligible to set NZ Masters Swimming records after residing in New Zealand for six months.

FINANCIAL AND SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2018 Mike Bodger

The financial review for 2017 was completed by EBA Ltd Rotorua and circulated to the executive, officers and delegates prior to the AGM. Accounting fees totalled \$650. The net surplus stood at \$3095.

The balance stood at \$73,700, up from \$70,605 in 2017. The cheque account balance was \$27,276.44 at January 1st 2017 and \$23,396.29 at January 1st 2018. The Fast Saver account balance was \$676.40 at January 1st 2017 and \$677.23 at January 1st 2018. And the Savings Plus account balance was \$42,365.24 at January 1st 2017 and on January 1st 2018 the

balance was \$43,380.31. 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.

Swimmers have enjoyed six months of free membership in 2018 as we change to a financial year ending 30th June and bringing us inline with Swimming NZ. The cheque account would normally show a higher balance at the 1st January 2018 due to the payment of Subs in Advance for the following year. No sanction fees or medal costs were invoiced to clubs hosting sanctioned meetings in 2017 (Ashburton, Waitakere and Whakatane masters clubs).

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, 93 remain unsold. I am happy to store the unsold publications.

For 2017, NZMS had 43 “active” clubs (1 or more financial swimmer) and 673 financial swimmers. The Northern Region, Northland and Auckland, account for 61% of the membership. With free membership until 30th June 2018, the total number of swimmers has increased to 793 to date.

It was moved by John Fisher and seconded by Jan Fulton to not audit the financial review for 2017.

Moved by Steve Clarke and seconded by Liz Davidson, 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. From 1st July 2018 \$50 of each membership will go to NZ Masters Swimming and \$10 will go to Swimming NZ for administration of the database.

It was moved by Jan Fulton and seconded by Liz Davidson 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 \$3000

Webmaster \$3000

Swim Officer \$1500

Masterscrawl Editor \$1000

These were approved by the meeting and the only change was for the Computer Officer with an increase from \$2000 to \$3000.

Moved by Jan O’Donnell, seconded by Jan Fulton that the honoraria payments, with the exception of the Computer Officer, remain unchanged for 2018.

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 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT John Fisher

With the World Masters Games being held in Auckland, 2017 was always going to be a great year for Masters Swimming in NZ. The games themselves were exceptionally well run, and the swimming events were well attended and exciting. Since the games, interest in Masters Swimming has been sustained – membership and participation at meets continues to be strong.

The organisation remains in a strong financial position. Last year our focus was on moving the membership onto the Swimming NZ database. In 2018 we will be concentrating on fully implementing the new system and further exploring the potential it offers in improved member experience and reduced administration for club secretaries.

NZMS is very lucky to have the continued support of these dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. NZ Masters Swimming remains healthy largely due to the skills and hard work of these volunteers. We desperately require more volunteers; it's disappointing that not all regions are represented by a delegate at the AGM. It was proposed by Jan Fulton and seconded by Liz Davidson that the executive nominate a region, or a person from a region, for a skype meeting every 3 months.

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, and I will only highlight the information.

After several years of stalled progress, this year has seen significant development with the move to implement the Swimming NZ membership system. NZMS is set up as a "zone" within the Swimming NZ implementation of the system. NZMS administrators have access to all NZMS members, clubs and swim meets, but not full system administrator access. Swimmers are now able to enter NZMS events online and pay by credit card online. A swimmer can only enter an event once they are financial, no further checks against the NZMS database are required.

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 Mike Bodger 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.

At the moment, some of the content (such as calendar of events and list of club secretaries) can be uploaded on to the NZMS website only by Andrew. The general feeling of the meeting was that this role has become expensive now that we are involved with Swimming NZ and their database. The meeting requested that the President investigate whether other options (such as Sporty or a page on the Swimming NZ website) could meet our needs at a lower price. The President will contact Andrew to discuss the webmaster's role.

Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Matheus Ferro Ribeiro 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.
John Fisher read the report.

Moved by Steve Clarke and seconded by Jan Fulton to accept Liesl's report.

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 2017. There was some concern for swimmer's entering "No Time" (NT) for events. Nearly all swimmers have times accessible in the Swimming NZ database and those that don't can have their times manually entered into Meet Manager.

The World Masters Games - hosted at the Owen Glen Pool in Auckland in April 2017 - were a highlight for our swimmers both NZMS members and others.

Matheus will prepare two standard swimming programmes for future meetings. These will be ready for South Island Short Course and North Island Short Course Championships for 2018.

Entry fees to meetings are credited to NZMS by Swimming NZ. NZMS then credit the host clubs. In the future hosting clubs will receive a receipt for each payment credited to their bank account.

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

OPEN WATER SWIMMING REPORT Mike Bodger

There was no 2017 Open-water championships. The Lake Rotoma Open-water event on 6th February 2019 will be the venue of the next open-water championships.

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. To acknowledge record breakers, their efforts will be posted on Facebook.

Moved Jan Fulton and seconded by Steve Clarke to accept Jan's report.

TROPHIES OFFICER REPORT Lesley Parkin

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

The "Barry Young Medal of Excellence for 2017" (awarded for the oldest NZ record broken) was awarded to Avy Judelson from South City Masters.

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

APPOINTMENTS

John Fisher was re-elected as President of NZMS and Warren Gilbertson was re-elected Vice President.

The current officers' positions were endorsed.

National Secretary/Treasurer – Mike Bodger

Webmaster - Andrew Gabites

Swimming Officer – Lesley Parkin

National Recorder – Jan O'Donnell

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.

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR 2016

Swimmer of the Year: Julie Gunthorp (NS1) who swims in the female 70-74 years age group.

NZMS CHAMPIONSHIPS: HOSTING 2018

South Island Short Course 2018 – Ashburton

North Island Short Course 2018 – Whakatane

OTHER BUSINESS

Postal Swims. These are poorly supported and Masterton Masters Club would like to administer them. The meeting agreed to this proposal.

Constitution: The contents of the document were discussed, and changes have been made regarding the new calendar year. The amended document will be added to the Information Manual.

The meeting closed at 4pm.

