

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS SWIMMING (INC.)

47TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 using ZOOM

MINUTES

Meeting Commenced at 7pm

PRESENT

President: John Fisher (WK1)

Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Bodger (WH2)

Northern Region: Rodrigo Sigwalt (SC1)

District Region: Matheus Ferro Ribeiro (KT2)

Capital Region and Swimming Officer: Marco Cecioni (RM4)

National Recorder: Paulette Tasker (WK1),

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.

APOLOGIES

Andrew Gabites (Webmaster), Liesl Ploos Van Amstel (Masterscrawl Editor), Steve Clarke (DN5)

THE MINUTES of the 46th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 22th November 2019 were presented to the meeting and then accepted as a true and correct record.

Future Annual General Meetings will be conducted using ZOOM.

Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Marco Cecioni that the minutes of AGM2019 be accepted.

FINANCIAL AND SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2019 Mike Bodger

The financial review for 2019 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 \$23,213.

No sanction fees or medal costs were invoiced to clubs hosting sanctioned meetings in 2019 (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 2019 has been placed on the Charities website, but it is not necessary for the review to be placed on the Incorporated Societies website.

I have resigned from the secretary's position.

Moved by Rodrigo Sigwalt and seconded by Paulette Tasker, that the secretary's report be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2020

The present membership fee is \$60 and will remain at \$60 until 30 June 2021. For administration of the database Swimming NZ charges NZ Masters Swimming an affiliation fee of \$10 per swimmer and from 1st July 2019 the fee has risen to \$10.20 per swimmer. Following the 2020 lockdown period and the start of the new financial year, 1st July 2020 the affiliation fee was reduced to \$8.50.

The membership fee will increase to \$65 from 1st July 2021.

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)
Webmaster	\$3000
Swim Officer	\$1500
Masterscrawl Editor	\$1000

The online system has reduced the volume of the secretary's job and therefore the honorarium for the new appointee is to be set at \$10,000 per annum. Also, additional income will come from the re-introduction of medal sales to hosting clubs. Also, there will no further AGM fees with the introduction of ZOOM.

Moved by Mike Bodger and seconded Liz Davidson that the honoraria payments remain unchanged (except for the secretary's role) for 2020/2021.

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 2020.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT John Fisher

We ran our usual sanctioned meets in 2019; the South Island Short Course Champs in Christchurch and hosted by Jasi Masters; the North Island Short Course Champs in Whakatane and hosted by Whakatane Masters and the National Long Course Champs at Westwave in Auckland and hosted by Waitakere Masters. However, COVID and lockdown saw the cancellation of the Auckland Short Course Championships in May 2020. The only meeting of 2020 was the South Island Short Course Championships in Ashburton and hosted by Ashburton Masters.

Moved by Paulette Tasker and seconded by Marco Cecioni 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.

There has been good engagement by the larger clubs of the online system. It has been 3 years since we adopted the present database and it's continuation as a viable option is under review

Moved by Rodrigo Sigwalt and seconded by Matt Ribeiro 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. The meeting appreciates the professionalism of the report.

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. However the roles of the Webmaster and Editor are to be reviewed.

Moved by Paulette Tasker and seconded by Liz Davidson to accept Liesl's report.

SWIMMING OFFICER'S REPORT Marco Cecioni

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

Four sanctioned meetings and one partially sanctioned meeting occurred in 2019. The committee had decided to resurrect the 800m/1500m and the one-hour postal events in 2020 but COVID prevented these taking place.

NZMS will continue to sanction the swimming events at the NZ Masters Games but that decision must be made by Christmas of the previous year.

Moved by Mike Bodger, seconded by Liz Davidson to accept Marco's report

OPEN WATER SWIMMING REPORT Mike Bodger

There was no open-water swimming event for NZ Masters Swimmers in 2019. Masters swimmers continue to flock to the oceanswim series around New Zealand. The secretary will investigate the possibility of NZ Masters swimmers joining Swimming NZ at the Epic Swim Event in Taupo.

NATIONAL RECORDER REPORT Paulette Tasker

The report from Paulette was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. If required for future reference, official pool length survey certificates are held by town councils.

Moved by Mike Bodger and seconded by Rod Sigwalt to accept and Paulette's report.

TROPHIES OFFICER REPORT Lesley Parkin

A report was not requested from Lesley.

The Barry Young Medal for the oldest NZMS swimming record broken in 2019 was awarded to Joan Bidwell (NS1)

Swimmer of the Year 2019 was awarded to Mark Saunders (NS1).

APPOINTMENTS

The current officers' positions were endorsed.

President – John Fisher

National Secretary/Treasurer - vacant

Webmaster - Andrew Gabites

Swimming Officer – Marco Cecioni

National Recorder – Paulette Tasker

Computer/IT Officer – Liz Davidson

Masterscrawl Editor – Liesl Ploos Van Amstel

Matt Ribeiro has resigned as Vice President.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A Life Membership was awarded to Lesley Parkin of the Levin Masters Swimming Club.

The meeting closed at 9pm.