

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS SWIMMING (INC.)

48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8th December 2021. Venue: ZOOM

MINUTES

Meeting Commenced 7.05pm

PRESENT

President: John Fisher (WK1)
Secretary/Treasurer: Megan Wilson (NS1)
National Recorder: Paulette Tasker (WK1)
IT Officer: Liz Davidson (NS1)
Russell Jones (NS1)
Roger Eagles (FV5)
Robert Van den Berg (MN1)
Andy Simpson (SC1)
Eleanor Pinfold (TW2)
Christoph Bartneck (JP5)
John Stacey (MN1)
Susanna Gin (JP5)
Chris Duffell (MN1)
Sara Kennard (MK3)

APOLOGIES

Andrew Gabites (Webmaster), Marco Cecioni (Swimming Officer), Lesley Parkin (Trophies Officer), Nicola Clement (NS1), Liesl Plools Van Amstel (Masterscrawl Editor).

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

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

THE MINUTES of the 47th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 were presented to the meeting and then accepted as a true and correct record. Typographical error noted by Russell, deficient to be amended to deficit.

Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Paulette Tasker that the minutes of AGM2020 be accepted.

FINANCIAL AND SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2021 Megan Wilson

The financial review for 2021 was completed by SBA Accounting Milford, Auckland and emailed to the Executive, Officers, and members prior to the AGM. Accounting fees totalled \$1,035.00. The **net surplus** stood at \$1,035.

NZMS exited the SNZ Stratum membership platform 30th June 2021.

Members asked that in future reporting, to include number of clubs, financial members, non-financial members in numerical format. This is so members can read the numerical data and draw comparable analysis.

The financial review for 2021 has been placed on the Charities website.

Moved by Paulette Tasker and seconded by Liz Davidson, that the Secretary's report be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2020

The present membership fee is \$65 per swimmer per annum and will remain at \$65 until 30 June 2022.

Liz Davidson explained Gameday, the new membership platform to be up and running early 2022.

APPROVAL OF ALLOWANCES AND HONORARIA

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

Secretary/Treasurer	\$10,000
National Recorder	\$3,000 (of which 33% is expenses)
Webmaster	\$3,000 (of which 33% is expenses) Pay on a pro rata basis
Swim Officer	\$1,500
Masterscrawl Editor	\$1,000 Pay on a pro rata basis

Liz Davidson does not take her honoraria.

A pro rata rate, to be managed according to workload, only pay if criteria is met. No Masterscrawl publications have been published since May 2021.

The Webmaster and Masterscrawl role could effectively be dissolved into one role, a Communications Officer, with the introduction of the Gameday membership platform early 2022. This matter is for the Executive and committee to decide.

Moved by Andy Simpson and seconded Liz Davidson that the honoraria payments remain unchanged, and a pro rata system be used for output for 2021/2022.

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).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT John Fisher

Frustrating year with Lockdowns and cancellations of events. President thanked and acknowledged members and host clubs who worked tirelessly to host swim meets. Thanks to Raumati and Roskill for being able to host successful and well attended events.

NZMS managed to break even despite challenges of past year.

President stepping down from role to focus on health, increasing work commitments and family. President thanked Executive team, Officers, Roger Eagles, members for support, service, dedication, and commitment over the years. Has been a privilege to be your President.

Moved by Megan Wilson and seconded by Paulette Tasker to accept the President's report.

SWIMMING OFFICER'S REPORT Marco Cecioni

The report from Marco was emailed to members prior to the meeting. In the absence of Marco, his report was taken as read. Marco to amend his report to cover swim events 1 July 2020 to 30th June 2021 only.

Moved by Paulette Tasker, seconded by Russell Jones to accept Marco's report

WEBMASTER'S REPORT Andrew Gabites

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

The continuation of the website is seen to be in the best interest of swimmers. However, the website is out of date and difficult to upload documentation and navigate around. It was noted that the event page is not current. Members asked if the Webmaster was third party upload, meaning, was told, and received information from Executive of (events, results, tables, cancellations, stories) to load onto website

The future role and tasks of the Webmaster is to be reviewed with the introduction of Gameday platform early 2022.

Moved by Andy Simpson and seconded by Liz Davidson to accept Andrew's report.

MASTERSCRAWL EDITOR'S REPORT Liesl Ploos van Amstel

No report was received from Liesl prior to the AGM. It was agreed that a report is still required.

Masterscrawl publication has not been received by members since May 2021.

The role of Editor, Masterscrawl, to be reviewed with the introduction of Gameday platform early 2022, possibility a Communications Officer role. The committee to continue discussions.

Moved by Paulette Tasker and seconded by Liz Davidson.

IT COMPUTER OFFICER'S REPORT Liz Davidson

The report from Liz was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Liz spoke at length on her data, particularly of the declining financial membership numbers over the past ten years. A spike was seen in 2017 when NZ hosted the World Masters Games.

Liz also offered extensive analytical comment and summary on Stratum (SNZ database platform) and the new membership platform, Gameday.

Moved by Paulette Tasker and seconded by Roger Eagles to accept Liz's report.

10 Minute Dinner Break

OPEN WATER SWIMMING REPORT Vacant Position

Executive and committee to recruit an Open Water Swimming Officer outside the Auckland region.

NATIONAL RECORDER REPORT Paulette Tasker

The report from Paulette was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Paulette addressed declining and aging membership and opened discussion on Para swimming in NZMS.

Moved by Andy Simpson and seconded by Liz Davidson to accept and Paulette's report.

TROPHIES OFFICER REPORT Lesley Parkin

The report from Lesley was emailed to members prior to the meeting. In the absence of Lesley her report was taken as read. It was noted that a cut and paste error was to be amended and report resubmitted to Secretary.

Moved by Paulette Tasker and seconded by John Stacey to accept Lesley's report.

APPOINTMENTS

Nicola Clement (NS1) nominated Russell Jones (NS1) for President. A unanimous vote from members present. An introduction of Russell Jones career, family, interests, and swimming background by Megan Wilson.

John Fisher to step into the role as Vice President for a three-month term to support current President whilst the committee appoint a Vice President outside the Auckland region.

Webmaster and Masterscrawl Editor roles possibility to be integrated into Gameday system.

The current officers' positions were endorsed.

President:	Russell Jones
Vice President:	John Fisher (3 months then walk away)
National Secretary/Treasurer:	Megan Wilson
Webmaster:	Andrew Gabites (To be revised)
Swimming Officer:	Marco Cecioni
National Recorder:	Paulette Tasker
Computer/IT Officer:	Liz Davidson
Masterscrawl Editor:	Liesl Ploos Van Amstel (To be reviewed)
Open Water Swimming Officer:	Vacant

Swimmer of the Year 2020 was awarded to Steve Prescott

NZMS LC and SC 2022

Susanna Gin from JASI expressed interest from JASI Masters to host SISC 6th-7th May 2022.
John Fisher advised to pencil book Waitakere for LC Nationals 2022.
Megan Wilson to check with Roskill on dates of Auckland SC 2022.

Other Business:

1: Chris Duffell from Counties Manukau spoke to letter written and received by NZMS 30 October 2021.

- Driving Open Water swimming for NZMS. In the past been involved in King of The Bays (KOTB), Epic, Rangitoto swims.
- Who wants to drive this?
- NZMS should piggybank on these events.
- Relevance of NZMS to its members. What do members get, what value? NZMS needs to take a strategic look at themselves. Members present agreed to this.
- Committee need to find an Open Water Swimming officer, outside Auckland region.
- NZMS needs to be effective to combat declining membership statistics.
- NZMS needs to make it as easy as possible for its members.
- Roger Eagles spoke of two-tier membership since 1980's. Competitive and non-competitive swimmers.
- Make NZMS more attractive to be a member of the National Body.
- No benefits from Website.
- Sell concepts to members, show value.

Russell Jones highlighted that the letter received confirms what we have been talking about all evening. How do we add value to NZMS? The ball is in NZMS court, in adding value and making it easy for members to pay \$65 membership. Being proud to be a member of the National Body.

Constitutional changes: These changes to be discussed at a Special General Meeting (SGM).

Clubs on a Calendar financial year versus Mid-year Calendar year or other. NZMS Secretary to contact club Secretaries to determine what financial reporting year they are on by first quarter 2022.

2: Christoph Bartneck from JASI addressed Para Swimming.

- NZMS should offer a Para category.
- NZMS to encourage, embrace, and improve inclusion of other groups of swimmers and their needs: Ethnic minorities, Para categories.
- In principal members agreed to Para category.
- Working group to be setup to help, support, research, offer guidance, officials trained in Para categories.
- Specialist role to drive forward. Christoph Bartneck volunteered and thanked to head up Para swimming division in NZMS.

Moved by Russell Jones seconded by Megan Wilson.

3: Strategic Plan

Paulette Tasked raised item that NZMS Strategic Plan from 2012 was out of date and needs reviewing. Committee to address this item at a meeting in 2022.

Meeting closed at 10:35pm.