



NEW ZEALAND MASTERS SWIMMING

50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Sunday 7th April 2024 via ZOOM

MINUTES

Meeting Commenced at 4:05pm

PRESENT

Northern Region

President: Russell Jones (NS1)

Vice President: Kyla Steenhardt (RK1)

National Secretary/Treasurer: Megan Wilson (NS1)

National Recorder: Paulette Tasker (WK1)

Communications Officer: Renee Rudd (NS1)

Capital Region

Swimming Officer: Marco Cecioni (RM4)

Southern Region

Para Officer: Christoph Bartneck (JP5)

Susanna Gin (JP5) non-financial member

Jenny Cunningham (JP5)

Ali Hill (DN5)

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

Russell Jones welcomed everyone present to the Annual General Meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

APOLOGIES

Liz Davidson, Roger Eagles, Chris Howie, Lesley Parkin.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Paul McStay, Tim Dutton both JASI Masters.

PT: Noted Michael Tunnicliffe

MW: Thanked Paulette and noted. AGM covering 2023 year.

THE MINUTES of the 49th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 20th November 2022 via Zoom were presented to the meeting.

Motion: Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved by Renee Rudd, **seconded by** Paulette Tasker that the minutes of the AGM 2022 be accepted. No Matters arising from presentation of minutes.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Russell Jones

Report was circulated to members prior.

Outlined overview of previous year.

Competitive and social swim events increasing in 2023 and 2024.

Added additional roles on committee.

Our relationship with SNZ is good, working together. More efficient and harnessing resources.

Para swimming-great to get going. Teething issues with rules, record keeping and needs to be written into constitution.

Open Water: Banana Boat Open Water Swim Series -trail event in Taupo 2024. Meeting scheduled with Directors in May to pave way forward with a Masters category.

Realigned back to a calendar financial year 1st Jan -31st December.

Social media- good engagement with members. Positive feedback. High statistics.

Swimmers- outstanding performances overseas from swim community.

No increase in membership fees despite inflationary environment.

NZMS Constitution-rewrite on this. Anomalies, Regional Structure – a lot of work to do on this in realignment for the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. Special General Meeting at some this year to send out to clubs for feedback and prior approval, before presenting to NZMS AGM 2025.

JC: New constitution as well for JASI. Any help or guidance with it?

RJ: New Zealand Companies Office website has– wizard/template/Constitution builder. NZMS new constitution can be used as a template.

PT: Waitakere City Masters needs to do as well.

RJ: Important to think about timing as some of your club members may object to clauses and you will need to rewrite to get approval from your members.

RJ: NZMS Constitution changes. Two changes: clause 2 Objects and Clause 3 Financial circulated. Change to lower NZMS membership to 18 years of age. And realign back to a calendar financial year 1st January -31st December.

All other changes to a Constitutional major rewrite for a Special General Meeting (SGM). Draft sent out to clubs, version 2 another 30 days later, SPG August 2024 sometime.

President: called a vote by way of a show of hands to Constitutional changes presented:

All in favour of changes of clause 2 Objects and Clause 3 Financial to be accepted in NZMS Constitution.
Against: Nil.

PT: 18-24 age group

RJ: Bridge for younger swimmers

CB: Competition rules. New bracket 18-20 age group. Constitution doesn't need to deal with competition rules. Constitution how to operate the society. Competition rules – secondary rules and obligation to World Aquatics. Age bracketing a change perhaps 18-24 a bigger bracket. 18-19, 18-20 additional bracket or maybe 20-24 a bigger bracket. Different options.

PT: Separate competition rules and constitution. Discussion points.

Motion: President's report be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved by: Kyla Steenhart, **Seconded by** Megan Wilson

NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: Megan Wilson

Report was circulated to members prior.

Two financial reports circulated covering 18-months ending 31st December 2023, due to process of realigning back to a calendar financial year.

NZMS made small profit **\$3,722.**

77 new swimmers

328 members

3 new clubs

62 NZMS clubs. Good financial shape. Financial accounts filed with IRD and Charities Services
A lot of work for a very small member base.

PT: Thanked Megan as a lot of work for a very small member base.

Motion: Secretary/Treasurer report be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved by: Kyla Steenhart, **Seconded by** Paulette Tasker

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025

MW: Annual Membership has been \$65.00 for three years despite inflationary pressures.

Propose 2025 membership fees remain at \$65.

All at meeting agreed by way of a show of hands.

Against: Nil.

APPOINTMENTS:

RJ: National Recorder, Paulette Taster Retiring.

PT: Keep on chugging along until someone appointed. I've retired as Secretary Waitakere City Masters.

MW: Thanks, on behalf of all NZ Masters swimmers for all your methodical work in record keeping and astute guidance plus advice in NZMS rules and regulations.

APPROVAL OF ALLOWANCES AND HONORARIA

MW: The honorarium payment is strictly seen as an acknowledgement of services and is not a salary. Set up many years ago as a reflection of respect to Officers. The following payments are made annually to recipients. Taxed at 33%.

2025 Honorariums

Secretary/Treasurer	\$10,000
IT Manager	\$5,000
National Recorder	\$3,000
Communications Officer	\$2,000
Swim Officer	\$65 annual membership to be paid in lieu of Honorarium.

MW: Propose Honorariums remain as presented for 2025.

All at meeting agreed by show of hands.

Against: Nil.

TROPHIES OFFICERS REPORT

MW: Report not received. If one received later, it will be circulated to members. Lesley has been trying to step away and retire from Trophy and Archives Officer for many years. Lesley thanked for all the advice and support she gives to the NZMS committee.

SWIMMING OFFICER'S REPORT Marco Cecioni

Report circulated prior to members.

MC: Brief outline of report. Audio very poor.

MW: Thanks for supporting hosting clubs

Motion: Swimming Officers report be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved by: Megan Wilson, **Seconded by** Paulette Tasker

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT: Renee Rudd

Report was circulated to members prior.

RR: Main focus on new website. Masterscrawl 65-70% readability. Like to get out monthly. Well, received.

RJ: High % of reads and getting message out.

JC: How is it all going to work.

RR: Pull thru to new website when you have the link and or google search. Change over mid-year 2024.

JC: Will it have all the events on?

Motion: Communication Officers report be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved by: Kyla Steenhart, **Seconded by** Megan Wilson

IT OFFICER'S REPORT: Chris Howie

Report was circulated to members prior.

RJ: Early vote of thanks for Liz Davidson for 10 years of IT service to NZMS.

MW: Move to Race Roster new global event entry platform superseding Register Now. High level of IT knowledge required. Chris and Megan underwent training. Chris getting familiar with Gameday membership system.

Motion: IT Officers report be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved by: Renee Rudd, **Seconded by** Paulette Tasker

PARA REPORT: Christoph Bartneck

Report was circulated to members prior.

Christoph talked up through his report.

CB: Minutes of 2022 AGM looking at rules and first competition with Para. Running 2-3 years making stuff up on the spot. Inconsistent, need to work out. Provided information. No action taken. Frustrating, don't understand what is holding us back. Para to be more inclusive.

What is holding us back? The rule changes for Para have been sent thru. Where are we stuck and what can be done to overcome it. Don't want to wait another year.

RJ: Tick that we have Para swimming included in Masters Swimming. Level of understanding so that we can move on. Focus session on it, so we can understand. Be consistent with SNZ and World Aquatics. Like to get changes into new constitution.

CB: How changes to our policy be approved or made. Can we agree on today this is the way policy changes are approved.

MW: I don't understand the rules. Why a para swimmer can enter abled or Para. Also, the point system, you have provided an excel template, but I don't understand it. Give template to hosting club.

CB: I can waste everyone's time and talk about it in length. A knowledge gap. No one else is doing it, so we have to create it ourselves. Takes 10 minutes to approve after circulating word doc.

RJ: Rules from Para swimming that we can reflect on.

CB: Para swimming has a huge body of rules. Masters need to write down what are we going to do different. Introduce age groups.

RJ: Change constitution.

CB: It's a policy. Competition rules, lessor degree of committee to vote on it.

RJ: We mention all the other rules. Will need to add Para as a relevant set of rules. Call out policy in what we are differentiating. Think that will cover everything we need to do.

CB: Nobody has a better idea of the point system. All clubs are asking for guidance. Standard rule. Ideally a set of rules that can point too, agree on, offer clubs choices and autonomy.

RJ: Who would own policy and how to keep up to date.

CB: NZMS policy. Who is keeping all policies up to date.

RJ: Reflect rules from World Aquatics and SNZ and agree locally.

CB: NZMS 14 sections in manual on website, who manages this?

MC: World Aquatics recently updated. Updating from swimming officers' perspective for clubs as things have changed.

JC: Useful for hosting clubs. A template would be helpful. Currently organising SISC. Registration form and all the detail right. A lot of conversation going on. If there was a template it would be easier.

MW: Template of events? Conditions of meet. Over the top start, 1500/800m for example.

JC: Information that goes with it. We need consistency. NZMS needs a template so each club can use.

MW: Marco has a hosting club pack that can be updated to be clear on terms and conditions on back of entry form.

MC: Been working with Suzy on flyer for SISC.

RJ: Make change to constitution as one of policies. Policy onto new website. Summary of rules and points to include in pack that goes out to clubs.

CB: Just point to the National policy and done.

RJ: Hopefully we can move on this.

CB: IT Officer streamline with Meet Manager, best way to manage. Action to get Chris and Christoph together. Learn more lessons as JASI hosting SISC 2024.

MW: Liz Davidson couldn't find para function in Meet Manager.

PT: Lucky so far. Small numbers and split over gender and age group so far easy to compile data. Need to futureproof.

Motion: Para Officer report be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved by: Christoph Bartneck, **Seconded by** Kyla Steenhart

NATIONAL RECORDER REPORT: Paulette Tasker

Report was circulated to members prior.

PT: Same amount of meets. 4SC 4LC some overseas and SNZ meets 2022 and 2023. SISC introduced para category. A bit more work. Records being established, a lot of work.

World Record broken 3 by Brent Foster.

Issue of oldest NZ record broken. Graeme Leach 2021 also in 2022. Already received medal before, and with his consent given to next in line.

Outstanding performance consistently in Top 10 rankings. Kyla breaking record at World Aquatics.

Doing National Recorder role for 5 years. Situation changed. Nobody stepped up for position. Happy to continue for time being.

RJ: Sell the job

PT: Finding the time, not majorly onerous. Enjoy support from volunteers and Masters community. Easier to administer when I attend the meets.

Motion: Para Officer report be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved by: Megan Wilson, **Seconded by** Marco Cecioni

Any Other Business

Nothing received. Nothing raised.

President Closing

51st AGM by March 2025.

Setup SGM July/Augst/September. Two opportunities for clubs to weigh in on constitutional changes.

CB: Sort out para stuff before Nationals.

MC: Update on Taupo meet sanctioned or unsanctioned.

RJ: Gone back to Taupo on how NZMS can help with funding the meet, what they would like NZMS to underwrite, asked for a working budget and why Taupo Masters have no financial members of NZMS.

PT: Waitakere City Masters may think about hosting NISC 2024. New Secretary will be in touch with NZMS. Need to know by end April 2024.

CB: Medals/ribbons. Makes sense to have a National one. Reused. Stock left over.

JC: Option to have NZMS logo on it. Looking at having JASI logo on ribbons. Generic template.

MW: Until NZMS membership increases on a consistent level Nationally, and members not just paying NZMS annual membership when their club host a sanctioned meet, NZMS is not in the position to fund medals.

Thanks for your attendance.

Meeting closed at 5:10pm.