



51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Sunday 6^h April 2025 via ZOOM

MINUTES

Meeting Commenced at 4:06pm

PRESENT

Russell Jones, Kyla Steenhardt, Megan Wilson, Ilonka Buwalda, Liz Davidson, Chris Howie, Roger Eagles.

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

Russell Jones welcomed everyone present to the Annual General Meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Massive thanks to committee for all the work you do. Russell addressing the lack of a regional quorum, leading to a unanimous decision to proceed with the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Noted from Marco Cecioni, Renee Rudd.

DECEASED MEMBERS 2024

- Glenn Abel -Napier Masters
- Michael Tunnicliffe-Makino Masters
- Jan Fulton- Roskill Masters and National Secretary/Treasurer 1994-2005
- Helen Argyle-Ashburton Masters

THE MINUTES

The minutes from the 50th AGM held on April 7, 2024, were circulated and accepted as a true record without any matters arising.

Moved by Kyla Steenhardt seconded by Ilonka Buwalda as a true and correct record.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Russell Jones

The report was circulated to members prior to AGM.

Thanked NZMS committee members. More events and participation planned.

2025 Nationals to run alongside SNZ Open.

Positive feedback on January's Epic event at Lake Taupo; collaboration with Dan and Banana Boat team will continue.

Clarify para rules.

Thanks to Chris and Megan for early-bird membership incentive.

Notable swimmer achievements globally.

Focus areas: ongoing collaboration with SNZ.

Ilonka commented that a lot of swimmers were not happy about Nationals being hosted in Auckland again. Are the Nationals in the South Island on the horizon? Is it the costing that we are running it with SNZ.

Russell touched on the expense of hosting championships and lack of 50m pools in the South Island. New Christchurch pool opening in 2026.

Moved by Megan Wilson Seconded by Roger Eagles.

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT: Megan Wilson

The report was circulated to members prior to AGM.

The annual accounts indicate a surplus for the second consecutive year, along with an increase in national membership, totalling 54 new members.

Expenses have risen due to honorariums claimed by all officers. NZMS remains in good financial shape.

The exposure of open water and SNZ marketing initiative have resulted in increased brand awareness, attracting more younger swimmers to our events.

Accounts were prepared by SBA Accounting Milford.

Moved by Roger Eagles and seconded by Kyla Steenhart, that the National Secretary and Treasurers report be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2026

Annual Membership fees have remained \$65 for the past five years and propose to remain at \$65.00 per annum, despite inflationary pressures.

NZMS committee to decide early-bird pricing and when to make it active, 1st December 2025 for 2026 year and valid to 31st December 2026?

Chris spoke to the \$62.50 and \$73 membership fees, have we broken agreement from last year's AGM fee proposed? Liz advised that Gameday takes fee out of \$73. What are the incentive numbers? How does it work out?

NZMS committee to continue discussion of how much and when to apply fees for 2026.

All present agreed to incentive initiatives.

APPOINTMENTS:

Vacancy for Secretary/Treasurer. Megan Wilson retiring to focus on family.

Vacancy in the position of Para Officer occurred between AGM's and the vacancy was filled by resolution of the committee in February. Such appointment to be ratified at this AGM.

Ilonka Buwalda welcomed as the new Para Officer.

Special note of thanks to Christoph Bartneck for the Stirling work he has done for Masters Para swimmers in NZ. Bringing para swimmers to have a platform to compete, swim and meet other athletes.

APPROVAL OF ALLOWANCES AND HONORARIA:

The honorarium payment is strictly seen as an acknowledgement of services and is not a salary. The following payments are made annually to recipients. Taxed at 33%.

2026 Honorariums

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

Moved by Megan Wilson and seconded by Roger Eagles that honoraria payments be accepted.

SWIMMING OFFICER'S REPORT: Marco Cecioni

The report was circulated to members prior to AGM.

Well attended swim meets. Good to see a younger membership attending competitions. Many swimmers attending events overseas, for example Pan Pacific Games.

Moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Ilonka Buwalda to accept Swim Officers report.

COMMUNICATIONS/ NATIONAL RECORDER REPORT: Renee Rudd

The report was circulated to members prior to AGM.

Russell commented on doing a good job on upping the frequency of Masterscrawl. Readership % numbers are up.

Liz Davidson noted that a committee member taking on multiple roles within the committee structure does not align with good governance practices.

Liz mentioned the lack of fresh content on the NZMS website. The committee discussed the challenges we all face with Gameday and agreed that Renee can receive additional training from Gameday support for regular updates and website management.

Moved by Kyla Steenhart and seconded by Chris Howie to approve the communications/National Recorder report.

IT OFFICER'S REPORT: Chris Howie

The report was circulated to members prior to AGM.

Gameday event registration page plus membership=membership validated at point of entry. Mailchimp integration as well.

3 new clubs.

Data exported from Gameday and exported to Meet Manager is challenging.

Liz mentioned new feature of Gameday "Member Portal" can this be advertised for members to use?

Challenged by Gameday.

Noted by committee that having Gameday as our event entry platform is an excellent job done by IT Chris.

The motion to accept the IT Officer report was moved by Ilonka Buwalda and seconded by Roger Eagles.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION:

Russell highlighted that constitution builder was used on the Incorporated Societies website. The draft Constitution was shared with members before the AGM for feedback. Roger Eagles noted that it requires further consideration by the NZMS committee, as it lacks a Table of Contents, page numbers, clauses, and sub-clauses. Also, objects, reference to NZ records and database. Requires more thought, plus our affiliation to World Aquatics.

Terms of service discussed. One year and no more than ten years to serve was the preference. All officers can be re-elected at the AGM. We are not inundated with offers to join the committee. Need to consider our governance.

Roger kindly offered to review and provide his comments in the upcoming weeks.

TO APPROVE RE-REGISTRATION UNDER THE INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT 2022

One option is dissolution. A unanimous vote decided to re-register.

The motion was moved by Liz Davidson and seconded by Chris Howie.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing received.

Chris – commented on open water events. Why are we supporting this. It is not in the World Aquatics list of events so why are we supporting. Do we have authority to do this.

Walt Reid – World Aquatics National Recorder advised Liz some years back, prescribed what they want from you, but they don't prevent you from running these events.

CLOSING: Russell Jones

Many thanks to Roger Eagles who has offered to review the new NZMS Constitution.

A SGM will have to be held mid-year to adopt the new constitution and re-register under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Thanks to attendees and NZMS committee for your dedication and support. The AGM 2026 date will be announced later.

Meeting closed at 5:10 pm.