Present: John Fisher (President), Mike Bodger (Secretary)

**NZMS History Publication:** Uniprint Ltd, Dunedin is printing 200 copies although date of printing is still unknown. Meanwhile, email orders are being sent to the National Secretary and buyers are being informed that the publication is undergoing printing and the cost is \$25 plus \$4-5 postage per copy. Announcement of sales will appear in the monthly newsletter and the Masterscrawl and NZMS websites.

**Websites:** John to have a meeting with Liz Davidson (IT officer) and to arrange a Skype meeting with the executive/Andrew Gabites/Liz Davidson/Liesl Ploos Van Amstel to discuss website requirements and how the websites can be improved for overall reach to swimmers. Masterscrawl is seen as a site for upcoming events and recent results while the NZMS website, as well as upcoming events and results, contains the archival items, club information and joining NZMS. Facebook is popular with 3 new followers a week and a total of 317 followers, many more than original Masterscrawl readers. The log in has been problematic and is not entirely secure given the nature of the log on and password. Names and addresses of members must remain secure but NZMS AGM meeting reports, Information Manual and Executive meeting minutes need not be.

**North Island Short Course Championships 2014:** Lesley Parkin is in negotiations with Masterton Masters about hosting this meeting. A club meeting is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**South Island Short Course Championships 2014:** As this meeting will take place after 1<sup>st</sup> October any new swimmer signing with NZMS for this event will have financial membership until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Foveaux Masters Club will be informed of this to encourage new swimmers to join NZMS. Warren Gilbertson will be responsible for approaching South Island club to host the 2015 event.

**Finances:** A major expenditure for 2015 is the costs to publish and print "A History of New Zealand Masters Swimming 1982-2013. To date \$3537.39 had been paid to ITS Uniprint of University of Otago for design and publication.

**Life Membership:** Before 2009, the number of life memberships at any one time was restricted to 5 recipients. At the 2009 AGM a remit was passed to allow the committee to recommend more members. The criteria for life membership are strict and it is important to retain the prestige of such awards. Confidentiality is to be strictly observed and a rewording of the criteria (NZMS Information Manual 2012, Section 10.4) is proposed with the additions is bold.

- Exceptional service **performed in a largely voluntary capacity** to Masters Swimming over a lengthy period, usually ten years or more.
- Clubs or individuals making nominations for life membership are instructed to keep this
  confidential, especially from the person being nominated, to avoid disappointment.
   Nominations not made in confidence will not be considered.

A remit to restrict the number of life memberships will be considered at AGM 2015.