

NZ Masters Swimming Executive Meeting, 27th January 2015

Present: John Fisher (President), Warren Gilbertson (Vice President), Mike Bodger (Secretary)

Life membership: The updated criteria for life membership award have been added to the NZMS Information Manual, Chapter 10, #4. Individual clubs can bestow club life membership on a swimmer without the approval of NZMS. In this case a club follows their own constitution. Unlike service award applications which can be submitted to the executive for approval at any time of the year, life membership applications are only considered once a year at the AGM and need to be submitted by 31st December of the previous year.

AGM2015: To be held in Auckland on Friday 27th March prior to the National Long Course Swimming Champs. Officer's reports will be distributed to regional delegates and to regional meetings when available before the AGM. The reports will be available on the NZMS website after the AGM. The financial report for 2014 is being prepared.

Swim Meetings: The executive was disappointed with the cancellation of the annual Cambridge Masters Long Course meeting to be held on 14th February. A recommendation was made that in future when clubs apply to host meetings they must confirm with NZMS that officials are in place and that the pool is booked. A further discussion on this issue will be on the agenda at AGM2015. Planning for the 2015 National Long Course Champs (27th-28th March), the Roskill Masters club hosted Auckland Short Course Champs (9th May), and the North Island Short Course Champs hosted by Levin Masters is on schedule. Selection of the 2014 NZ Masters Swimmer of the year and 2014 Top Team are being considered.

Open Water Championships 2015: Geoff Carter of Auckland Central Masters will managed this swim in conjugation with their club's Chelsea Swim on 8th February.

South Island Short Course Champs 2015: Warren has contacted Jasi Masters Club in Christchurch but the club is not prepared to host the meeting this year but would help and support. John has contacted Warren Dwyer of North Canterbury club. The club does not have previous experience in running a meeting and Mike has since found out that neither the Rangiora nor Kaiapoi 25m pools have been officially measured to FINA standards. John will contact Steve Prescott, the manager of the new Ashburton Aquatic Centre, about hosting the meeting.