



# Huia Masters Swimming Club Inc.

Minutes of AGM 7pm 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Chaired by President Mike Richards

## **Present:**

Maggie Davies, Martin Davies, Pam Roberts, Michael Hikuroa, Srinivasan Venkatraman, Gavin St. Just, Anton St Just, Lois Frew, Rayna Clinton, Winnie Cleary, Lester Fensom, Mike Richards

## **Apologies:**

Angela Campbell, Jason Hooper, David Creamer, Elaine Vine, Anna Utuie, Issachar Utuie

## **Confirmation of the 2023 AGM Minutes:**

Motion to accept, moved Pam, seconded Winnie

## **Matters Arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes:**

Ratification of Associate Members (youths 12 – 17 years old) and T shirt/cap purchases' - discussed under 'Any Other Business' below

## **Presidents Annual Report:**

2023 was generally a good year for the Club with membership numbers holding up well for the 2023 year. Membership is now dropping in 2024 – refer to Treasurer's report for details.

The year started with the Levin Swim Meet which is always fun and 5 members from Huia Masters participated.

This was followed later by our mid-Winter Dinner at Gear Street Union, Petone, the food was excellent but not all of us were seated at the same table. A different venue will be used this year.

Next was the Masterton Postal meet and following that our own swim meet early in October which was well organised and attendance was good (28 participants from the Lower North Island). Pam, Mike Hikuroa and Martin bore the brunt of the organising – great work team, many thanks from the Club, and thanks to Lester for being the meet MC.

## **Treasurers Financial Report:**

Refer to attached Treasurers Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2023.

Essentially the reports show a healthy balance sheet, but membership has dropped for various reasons – as of 17 March 2024 only 16 members had paid their dues compared to 31 last year. Some members have moved away and others will not renew with the imminent opening of H<sub>2</sub>Oxtream in Upper Hutt (post meeting note – H<sub>2</sub>Oxtreme will not open before the end 2024).

There was general discussion regarding the recent increase in pool fees from \$65/session to \$75 and its effect on income particularly with declining membership.

The Club has the financial resources to carry a deficit for a period of time to see how the membership stabilises. Various options will then be explored if necessary to fund raise. The opening of Naenae Pool at the end of the year and the temporary closure of Huia may also influence decision making.

It was agreed that membership fees will increase from \$125 currently to \$130 from next year.

Motion to accept increase subscriptions – moved by Martin seconded by Pam.

Winnie mentioned that regulations regarding registration for clubs/societies were to change which may result in revisions to our constitution. Whatever changes are required we should, if possible, maintain our 'Huia Incorporated Society' designation.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report – moved by Rayna seconded by Lois

#### **Election of Treasurer:**

Winnie opted to stand down as treasurer after more than a decade in the role. The Club thanked Winnie sincerely for her dedication to the Club, she did an outstanding job – thanks Winnie

Lester volunteered to be the new Treasurer and was voted in un-opposed

#### **Election of Committee Members:**

Incumbent President (Mike Richards) and current committee (Maggie Davies, Dave Creamer, Mike Hikuroa, Graeme Sharman) were re-elected unopposed. Winnie also joins the committee.

#### **Any Other Business:**

- **Ratify Associate Membership (12-17 years of age).** It was agreed that the program started last year should continue on the same basis. That is, Associate Members must be accompanied by a guardian, no voting rights, subscription 50% of full membership. It was confirmed it does not violate any NZ Masters regulations.
- **Huia Swim Meet.** Our meet in October last year was successful and it was agreed to organise another one for this year
- **Tin Man.** Last year the Tin Man was won by Sharon who has since left the club. The trophy is with Winnie and the committee will designate somebody to organise it closer to the time.
- **File Archiving.** Historical file currently with Lester will be stored by Martin in a discrete/secure Archive File on the Huia web site
- **T Shirts/Caps.** Procurement of Club T-shirts and caps to be investigated
- **Levin Meet.** May 3-4<sup>th</sup> entries due by 22 April. Details to be distributed shortly (by President)

Meeting ended at 8.15pm