



## **Huia Masters Swimming Club Inc.**

Minutes of AGM 6pm 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Chaired by President Mike Richards

### **Present:**

Maggie Davies, Martin Davies, Pam Roberts, Michael Hikuroa, Lois Frew, Jason Hooper, Angela Campbell, Graeme Sharman, Bruce Holland, Kaleb Krause, Beth Kreitzer, Paula Charlesworth, Lester Fensom, Mike Richards

### **Apologies:**

David Creamer, Winnie Cleary, Elaine Vine, Anna Utuie, Srinivasan Venkatraman, Kathryn Brown, Amy Pirie, Rayna Clinton, Graham Purvis, Jessy Fenwick

### **Confirmation of the 2024 AGM Minutes:**

Motion to accept, moved Martin, seconded Pam

### **Matters Arising from the 2024 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:**

This is a brief chronological report of events during 2024. We were concerned when membership fell from 30 at the end of 2023 to just 18 at the start of 2024. There were several reasons for this, members moving out of the area, some from Upper Hutt found the commuting tiresome and some members left because they were not making enough use of the pool. However, the club bounced back and by the end of 2024 membership was in the high 20s'. probably because our Club is quite an eclectic group, from general members who just like to swim and socialize, to golden oldies, to triathletes, marathon runners, dragon boaters and speed golfers.

Early in May Levin held their annual swim meet, and I only mention it because it is a very well run meet with 70-80 swimmers participating, regularly some from Huia. For those interested in going to a regional meet this a good one to attend. Detail of this year's meet will be circulated shortly.

In July we held our Mid-Winter dinner at Rajdhani's Indian restaurant in Petone, 17 attended, a very enjoyable evening, very good food, very slow service!

In August we (mainly Pam) prepared for our own swim meet. Because of the uncertainty surrounding the maintenance closure of Huia we thought it best to hold the meet in September – early October. However, every date we tried clashed with other events. We decided not to hold the meet this year.

We held our Tin Man competition and end of year BBQ on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, our last Sunday at Huia. Elaine won the trophy and Mike H organized the beautiful BBQ sausages. Thanks everyone who contributed, especially the sharing plates.

We moved to Ngaengae on the 8<sup>th</sup> December – a great facility, especially the water quality with treatment from filters and ultraviolet light rather than chlorine. One downside though – no hot spa!

Huia renovations, replacing the pool floor and decks, new boilers etc. is scheduled for completion mid-2025. Hutt City have been contacted to emphasize the importance of keeping the existing spa.

Thankyou to all who helped during the year, our committee, Treasurer and the unsung web guru, Martin.

### **Treasurers Financial Report:**

Refer to attached Treasurers Report, and, Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2024.

There was general discussion regarding the documents, particularly the \$784 loss for the year which, for a small club, is unsustainable. Discussion followed regarding ways to increase membership, which is our sole source of income. Bruce suggested having more visibility for the club (perhaps a sign) at our Sunday night sessions and the committee is to look into this and any other options.

It was agreed that discretionary expenditures will be strictly controlled, and membership fees will increase, such that with an assumed membership of 25 the club will have sufficient funds to cover pool hire costs.

This was estimated to be \$160 per member, however, to soften the impact fees will be raised to \$150 in 2026.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report and increased subscriptions – moved by Bruce seconded by Angela.

### **Election of Treasurer:**

The Treasurer, Lester, was voted in un-opposed

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

The incumbent President (Mike Richards) stood down to enable contribution from younger members. Angela Campbell was elected President unopposed. Because of Angela's current commitments, it was agreed Mike Richards will continue as acting President until June 2025. Moved Graeme seconded Martin.

Committee (Maggie Davies, Dave Creamer, Mike Hikuroa, Graeme Sharman, Winnie Cleary) were re-elected unopposed. Winnie and Dave in absentia.

### **Any Other Business:**

- **Ratify Associate Membership (12-17 years of age).** Associate Members must be accompanied by a guardian, no voting rights, subscription 50% of full membership. It was previously confirmed it does not violate any NZ Masters regulations. It was agreed that the program started in 2023 should continue on the same basis and written into the Constitution to become a permanent fixture.  
Moved by Lester seconded by Lois.
- **Re-Registration of Huia Masters as an Incorporated Society.** This is something that comes up periodically, re-registration deadline is April 2026. If we do not re-register: our committee will have no rights to make decisions for the club; club members could be liable for debts and obligations; club can not sign for new contracts in its name; there will be no name protection.  
All agreed to re-new, moved Maggie seconded Jason.
- **Huia Swim Meet.** There was general agreement that Huia Masters should hold a swim meet this year.
- 
- **T Shirts/Caps.** The sourcing of shirts and caps to be looked at further by the Committee.

Meeting ended at 7.30pm