

# HISTORY of M.S.I.

1983-1993

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## Foreword

by Gary Stutsel

At the Hamilton, New Zealand , meeting of M.S.I. held on and between April 9-13, 1993 it was decided that I would edit a History of MSI 1983-93.

Accordingly I wrote to all the key persons involved with MSI over that period seeking articles from them regarding their participation. That is all but one unfortunate exception our former Vice President Kevin Kelly who was killed in 1992.

The response was anything but rewarding. Whilst I did receive several answers and some of their content has been included in this document, most of those I wrote to have yet to answer.

Of those who did much of the information was of an association or personal nature and not suitable for the intended purpose.

One key figure, Tina Martin, replied but declined to be involved, no doubt due to some bitter memories.

What would I do? Write and ask again. Make do with inefficient information. Fill in the gaps myself? No! Refer to the four filing cabinets and two boxes of MSI documents in my keeping!

This last thought stirred the true historian within me - the being who has had a love of history and an appreciation of how the past can explain the present and hopefully help us to shape a better future. I was further prompted by the fact that each year new people join our ranks and in many cases have difficulty understanding why we are what we are and think and act in the ways that we do.

Therefore I set out to record in one document the mainstream history of MSI which in fact dates back to the late seventies. So that the story can be told without bias or failed memory I have elected to reproduce the Minutes of all our Meetings. These are printed in *italics* and around them I have wrapped words of explanation from letters written both at the time and more recently. The purists amongst you must accept the Minutes, which in every case have been accepted both when distributed and at the next Meeting as true and honest records of those Meetings, although much of the background discussion has been lost. The words in normal print often reflect the ideas of those with very definite opinions and they are not to be taken as fact but only as a means of putting the facts into some perspective.

I trust that this document will achieve the purpose for which it is intended, but I also hope that it will be a living document in that some of you will now be prompted to send me your thoughts and recollections so that before we go to hard cover copy it can be further expanded.

To those who have helped and to all those who have shaped MSI but especially Margaret Samson, Tina Martin, Carol Davis, Kusuo Kitamura, Peter Gillett, Judy Ford, Graeme McDougall, Lyall Mortimer, Kevin Kelly (deceased), and Walt Reid my special thank you.

## The Conception by Gary Stutsel

My involvement in Masters started in March 1974 when I was asked to swim in a meet which had been organised at the Heffron Park Pool in the Sydney suburb of Maroubra to entertain a visiting group of 45 US and Canadian "Masters" swimmers who were holidaying in New Zealand (Matamata) and Australia. Leader of that group was Commander Richard Rahe of the US Navy Medical Corps and one of its members was Margaret George (now Samson) a former South African who had become a US citizen.

Although I only swam the 50 breast and 50 free at that meet the visitors opened my eyes to a new world of swimming. Australian Masters history shows that I joined with a small group of others to go on and found A.U.S.S.I. (the Australian Union of Senior Swimmers International) on the 22nd September, 1975.

After serving as the National Secretary of AUSSI from its formation in 1975 until March 1981 I then, under the auspices of the AUSSI National Executive, set out to conduct an international meet, the first Pan Pacific International Masters Championships (the name being taken from the Boy Scouts movement and preceding the elite Pan Pacific meets). This meet was to be held at the Warringah Aquatic Centre in Sydney from 3rd to 6th September, 1981. Sydney had not been my first choice of venue as I had tried unsuccessfully to have the meet held in Hawaii but had received no response to my letters. I was then urged by the Executive Director of Australian Swimming, Bob Quimby, to hold the meet in Sydney.

To gain an insight into how meets were run in the USA, Bob arranged a flight for me to attend the USMS Short Course Championships. They were being held in the Irvine High School Pool in Orange County, California, not far from Disneyland. At this swim I met Margaret George who had been in Sydney in 1974 although we had not talked at that time.

### Margaret Samson continues the story

I had swum at the 1st Age Group Championship in Toronto Canada, organised by Ted Roach, in 1978. This meet was also attended by a large contingent from West Germany led by Mr and Mrs Tremmell. An open meeting, which was chaired by Baron Drobig, was held during the meet (see following) and the main topic was the holding of regular international meets, at intervals of three years. However nothing appeared to be happening in 1981 so I took a group to the annual Huerth International Meet in Germany in March. The hospitality was ample proof that such meets were good not only from the swimming point of view but also for establishing friendly relations between nations.

In May 1981 I was part of the organising group for the US Short Course Championships. Ingeborg Tremmel brought a large group from West Germany and Gary Stutsel came from Australia. Gary and I spent many long hours together discussing the organisation of meets, and it was during that time that I suggested to him, and several people that I form a committee of one or two people from various nations, with a view to organising regular international meets. That same year Gary organised and directed the 1st Pan Pacific Championships in Sydney, and I and several from the USA and other nations competed there. Two meetings, which were convened and chaired by Gary, were held (see following) and the main topic of conversation was that Masters wanted their own WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. A number of resolutions were passed at the second meeting however nothing concrete could be done as the attendees did not have the authority of their national bodies.

At Irvine I had chosen the title MASTERS SWIMMING-INTERNATIONAL, with the MSI logo, and the aims of promoting friendship and understanding through swimming. In Sydney it was decided that I would start what was to develop into an International Directory and International Calendar.

Another international meeting was held in Portland USA in August 1981 but again this was informal and no resolutions were made (see following).

In 1982 I took another group to swim in the Huerth International Meet. Tina Martin took part and started her interest in travel and international swimming. During 1982 Gary was pre-occupied with a new job and studying nights and weekends for a post graduate business degree. I corresponded with Carol Davis of AUSSI in Sydney and others around the world.  
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I kept asking myself -"If we want World Championships, and we do, how do we get FINA to recognise us?" Well, the first thing to do was to have a Constitution, which I set about assembling with the assistance of Tina who had recently been working on the Championship Rules for the USMS. (United States Masters Swimming)

These rules were circularised to the known Masters swimming groups and comments and recommendations were made by representatives of New Zealand, Australia, and England, and in order to cope with the communications problems, I spent two hours with Wataru Okada and his interpreter from Japan at the 2nd Pan Pacific International Masters Swimming Championships held in Sydney 9th-12th April 1983.

It was here that MASTERS SWIMMING-INTERNATIONAL was born.

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*Minutes of Internation Meeting-Toronto, Canada*

*1pm Saturday August 26, 1978*

*retyped from original minutes by Tina Martin, 3/83*

Present:        *Baron Drobig                    Chairman*  
                  *Ted Roach                        Co-Chairman*  
                  *Vi Allen                         Recording Secretary*  
                  *Mike Chapelle                Statistician of preliminary study of questionnaire*  
                  *approximately 60 swimmers whose names are not recorded*

*Meeting opened by Baron Drobig explaining the purpose of meeting was not to assess the success or failure of 1978 Ontario Canada meet, but to prepare the way for another nation to hold a future international meet, learning from this meet.(note unfortunately these notes were not seen by the MSI group until 1983).*

*1. Results of a preliminary study of questionnaire handed out to swimmers at the pool on Thursday August 24th and Friday August 25th. There were 80 questionnaires processed at this time out of 410 possible.*

*2. Discussion of facts obtained from these results. Most comments will be itemized following. A final study will be forthcoming.*

*3. Organization of Internation Meets*

*- all present at meeting were in favour of future international meets; discussion on years between meets- majority felt every two years, but not on Olympic years.*

*- number of age groups. Majority felt that 12 age groups would be sufficient at present time(i.e. to 80plus) with more groups being added as number of older swimmers increased. There should be a retention of the 5 year age span.*

*- officiating at Internation Masters Meets should meet FINA standards. Official decisions must be consistent with means and goals of Masters program. There is an official FINA Masters booklet in the United States(Editor's note: Surely this was an AAU - Amateur Athletics Union- publication as FINA does not get involved in the internal affairs of its members) covering the Masters programme there.*

*How to define unfair advantage, there was a short discussion on the enforcement of rules with the decision made that there should be a consistency enforcement of rules regardless of the age group, but **SWIMMERS SHOULD BE GIVEN BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT**. Protests should be filed properly according to the rules, rather than disturbing the progress of the meet.*

*4. Organization of an Internation Aquatics Body*

*- formed by and composed of the chairman of each sport of each country.*

*- duties: coordinate Masters with FINA and discover the ways and means to work Masters Aquatics into FINA, provincial national and international.*

*- some early problems to be tackled by international body:*

*1. international competition to be permitted by club or individual rather than a national team.*

*2. variations on butterfly kick*

*3. approval of swimmer starting from the water.*

*4. leave the professionals in the Masters programme.*

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-organization will be handled by correspondence and a chairman will be elected from within the International Body of National Chairmen. This election also to take place through correspondence.  
- International record keeping: World Top 5 or World Top 10: Australia, Germany, U.S. and Canada have already expressed interest. It would have to be long course times during a sanctioned meet. These times would be established as of December 31, 1978 and run a calendar year. These times for the Top 10 could be sent to June Krauser of Swim Master by the National Chairman only, and she would publish them.

(Note none of the above occurred and no correspondence was received by Australian Masters)

#### 5. World Publication (Communications)

- there were two suggestions:

1. A subscription to Swim Master, which mails internationally and will publish information.
2. A letter to Bob Helmick regarding news of Masters who may include such information in the FINA Newsletter.

- addresses of clubs who might be interested in future international Masters meets; while difficult to obtain, the only source at the present is the FINA list in the back of their book.

#### 6. Commendation

- the floor wished to thank the present committee of the 1978 games for their combined efforts on putting forth the 1st international meet.

#### 7. Name of Our Swimming Group

- suggestion of Masters Aquatics, Senior Aquatics, Adult Aquatics, Senior Geriatrics.  
- majority of floor decided to leave it as Masters Aquatics as it has been stated by FINA and to use the words purely without attempting to translate them into other languages.

#### 8. Meeting Officially Closed by Baron Drobig

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Minutes of International Meeting - Warringah Aquatic Centre, Sydney, Australia  
5.45pm Thursday September 3rd 1981

#### Countries Present:

United Kingdom, New Zealand, U.S.A., Canada, Australia.  
Chairman Gary Stutsel, Australia

#### Co-ordination of Publication of Swim Meets

The meeting was in agreement that a calendar of events should be set up and publication of various meets available to each country. More communication between countries.

#### World Records:

Updating required regularly.

#### World Championships:

Suggestion brought forward about holding Inaugural World Championships in Sydney to coincide with the 1988 Bi-Centenary.

#### Under 25:

Discussion held for and against under 25. Rules: Masters must be 25. Encouragement should be given to younger age groups (19-24).

#### Countries Relationship to FINA and AMATEUR SWIMMING

General discussion held about FINA and Amateur Swimming Association and their relationship to Masters.

Chairman suggested:

- 1) Form World organisation
- 2) Hold World Championships
- 3) Make provision for younger swimmers

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- 4) *Make a positive approach about where we are going on an International level.*
- 5) *Stress more fun and fitness the importance of fellowship, social activities, competition is of secondary importance.*
- 6) *Representatives from each country to get together in Portland Oregon in 1982.*

Pointscore:

*Discussion held that all competition pointscores to be on club participation not country.*

Agreement of Meeting:

*Gentle pressure be put on FINA for recognition of Masters Swimming as an Association and a World body. Co-operation from FINA*

*Meeting closed 6.45pm*

Minutes of 2nd International Meeting- Warringah Aquatic Centre, Sydney, Australia

*1pm Saturday September 5th, 1981*

Present

*Gary Stutsel - Chairman  
 Australia - Peter Jackson, National President, A.U.S.S.I.  
 Canada - Jill Uhrich  
 New Zealand - Audrey Haynes, National Secretary, N.Z. Masters  
 Denis Clarkson  
 United Kingdom - Vivienne Cherriman  
 U.S.A. - Margaret George (now Samson)*

Address List *attached. Copy sent to each*

Discussion:

Swim Meet Calendar

*It was agreed that Margaret George would establish a calendar of international swim meets. This would be made available to all interested countries to pass on to their Masters Swimmers.*

*Information to be sent to Margaret for inclusion in the calendar would be  
 date venue(full address) pool details(length, indoor or outdoor)  
 full list of events, age groups  
 name address and telex if available of contact person*

Coming Events (to be confirmed)

Pan Pacific

*1983 - Australia  
 1985 - Canada  
 1987 - Japan*

World Swims

*1984 - New Zealand  
 1986 - West Germany  
 1988 - Australia*

*thence every two years*

World Records

*It was agreed that A.U.S.S.I. would establish a register of World Masters Records (long course only). This would be made available in table form to all interested countries together with a list of the conditions required to break/establish the records.*

*It was further agreed that a patch should be established to be awarded to recognised record breakers.*

F.I.N.A.

*It was agreed that written representation should be made by each country represented at the meeting to both its national amateur swimming body and to F.I.N.A. (address attached), pointing out that*

- Masters Swimmers swim for fitness and fun*
- International tourists compete for their club not for their country*
- Masters Swimmers are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses and funding is not provided by any Masters Association.*
- International visits promote goodwill and understanding*

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- Whilst competition is essential for the promotion of the Masters Swimming programme, it will never be as intense as the level of competition in open swimming
- Swimming will gain strength and stature whilst F.I.N.A. encourages the Masters programme, but the present rules are too restrictive.

#### The Masters Programme

Should be able to

- form a world body
- conduct World Swimming Championships starting from 1984.

Discussions should be held between the Masters Body and F.I.N.A. or the national amateur swimming bodies and the respective Masters swimming bodies with regards to encouraging persons aged 18 to 24 who are not interested in international competition to swim regularly, either through an extended Masters programme or a new programme conducted by national amateur swimming bodies for these young adults.

#### Next Meeting

In conclusion the representatives agreed that a follow-up meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. on the day before the U.S. Masters 1982 Long Course Nationals.

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#### International Masters Steering Meeting Portland 1982

##### proposed agenda

1. Recording of attendance and delegates accreditation
2. Minutes of Meeting held at Warringah, Australia September 5 1981
3. Matters arising from that Meeting
  - a. International calendar
  - b. Pan Pacific Swims
  - c. World Records patch for same
  - d. Formation of International Masters Swimming Body.
  - e. Financing of said body
  - f. World Championships
4. General Discussion
5. Date, venue for next meeting - suggest day before 1983 Pan Pacific in Sydney

Official Minutes not on file but following is a report from Margaret Samson dated September 15 1982

#### International Meeting at Long Course Championships Portland, Oregon August 26 1982

Because the USMS did not have an International Committee at this time, the urgent order of business was to establish this, so, with the help of Verne Scott an OPEN International Meeting was held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel on August 26, 1982.

The attendance was affected by the heavy schedule at the meet and relays being swum very late. Because of this the Japanese had to send their apologies.

Countries represented included United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand and about 15-20 from the United States.

Discussion took place regarding the holding of International Championships every year, because in 1978 in Toronto, Canada, this was discussed and every third year was considered often enough. There was discussion about having International Championships every second year. Whereas this might suit some people, particularly the younger age groups, there was no obligation for everybody to go because the main support would obviously come from the host country. It was pointed out that the older age groups were the people who probably had the time and the funds to travel, and they did not have want to have to wait.

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The International calendar stands as set up in Sydney:

Pan Pacific

1983 Australia  
1985 Canada(if they accept)  
1987 Japan

World

1984 New Zealand  
1986 West Germany  
1988 Australia

A.U.S.S.I. has submitted World Records as of July 31, 1982 and these will be circulated together with the Application Forms for New World Records and the conditions required to break/establish World Records.

At the end of the meeting the writer was informed that she was the chairman of the U.S.M.S. International Committee.

## **The Birth - 1983** by Carol Davis

At the conclusion of the Second Pan Pacific Swim the inaugural meeting of Masters Swimming-International as it was then written was held.

The Minutes of that meeting on Tuesday April 12 1983, at the Warringah Aquatic Centre.read:

*Meeting opened at 2.30pm*

### National Representatives:

Australia: Peter Jackson, Carol Davis  
Japan: Wataru Okada  
New Zealand: Ian Butterworth, Cliff Stevenson  
USA Margaret Samson  
By invitation: Mary Connolly and Gary Stutsei(Australia), Mr Okada's interpreter, John Watt(New Zealand), Vivienne Cherriman(England) and Tina Martin(USA).

*The meeting was chaired by Margaret Samson.*

### Item 1 - Order of Business

*Following exchange of ideas and discussion regarding conduct of Masters Swimming in each of the above countries and West Germany, Margaret Samson called the meeting to order.*

### Item 2 - Name of World Body

*It was agreed that the name of the organisation shall be Masters Swimming-International.*

*The aims shall be "to promote friendship and understanding through swimming".*

*A proposed logo was presented and accepted subject to the words MASTER SWIMMING INTERNATIONAL being around the inside of the circle of the logo.  
moved Australia, seconded New Zealand*

*"That the name and logo of the organisation be as thus stated." - carried*

### Item 3 - Constitution of Masters Swimming-International

1. *The name of this organisation shall be Masters Swimming-International hereafter called M.S.I. The aims of M.S.I. shall be to promote friendship and understanding through swimming. The badge of M.S.I. shall be as the attached copy (which has been signed by the President to verify its authenticity).*
2. *Any country \* shall be entitled to membership of M.S.I. (see addendum for terms and explanations).*
3. *Each country shall be entitled to only one membership: one vote.*
4. *Membership shall be granted upon receipt of approved application form (as attached) and stipulated annual membership fee.*
5. *The annual membership fee shall be US\$100 per country. The financial year shall be the Gregorian calendar year from January 1 up to and including December 31. Fees shall fall due on January 1 and are to be paid by February 28.*
6. *The General Meeting of M.S.I. shall be held at the World Masters Swimming Championships on a date to be advised to all member countries four (4) months before the meeting.*
7. *Officers shall be elected at the General Meeting of M.S.I.*
8. *The General Meeting shall elect up to six(6) Vice Presidents, one from each area \* that is: (4) North America; (6) South America; (3) Europe; (2) Asia; (1)Africa; (5) Oceania. (\*see attachment)*
9. *The Vice Presidents shall immediately elect a President from amongst themselves.*
10. *The President shall be responsible for appointing such officers deemed necessary for conducting the affairs of M.S.I., including a Championship Committee Chairperson.*
11. *The Championship Committee shall receive and examine bids for World Masters Championships and then submit all approved bids to the President of M.S.I. in time for them to be submitted to member countries at least four (4) months before the General Meeting of M.S.I. which is to be held four (4) years prior to the proposed date of the said World Championships.*



Masters Swimming International (M.S.I.) was one of those wonderful ideas that with vision and hard work began and grew. Gary, from the beginning worked tirelessly to build a bridge of understanding and co-operation with F.I.N.A. A difficult and thankless job, because F.I.N.A. had previously ignored Masters Swimmers and their needs and seemed to feel that any other organisation other than themselves was unnecessary. It's testimony to Gary's efforts that M.S.I. continues and has grown to its present status on the world scene of swimming. All those who truly care about Masters Swimming applauded when the Australian Government recognised Gary's services to swimming and awarded him the Order of Australia Medal.

For my own part at this time, I was appointed secretary/treasurer, the M.S.I. Office was my kitchen and I had funds of \$300 to administer. I continued in this position until the end of 1984.



## **First World Championships - Christchurch - 1984** introduced by Carol Davis

One of the major decisions taken at the 1983 meeting was that New Zealand would undertake to host the First World Championships in Christchurch in 1984 (Ed note: this was first minuted in the 5 September 1981 meeting). To their credit, the N.Z. Masters with enthusiasm and much hard work achieved this objective. It was unfortunate that F.I.N.A. flexed its collective muscle and put pressure on the major financial sponsor for the event, ARENA, who threatened to pull out if the name of the championships was not changed from "World" to "International". Rather than lose their main sponsor and jeopardise the meet, the N.Z. Masters complied, and so the Christchurch meet became The Arena First International Masters Swimming Championships. However, as Shakespeare says, "What's in a name...". Swimmers from all over the world attended the Christchurch Meet and it was a major success. The numbers and dollars involved meant that F.I.N.A. had to rethink its attitude.

Ed note: It is also recorded that the then F.I.N.A. Honorary Secretary, Bob Helmick, contacted the Meet Organiser, Ian Butterworth, and on the 6 June 1983 wrote to Gary Stutsel asking that the word "World" not be used. Ian and Gary agreed that there was more to be gained long term by not using the word. In his reply dated 25 August, 1983 Gary advised Bob Helmick that "the organisers of the 1984 Masters Swim in New Zealand .. have undertaken to drop the word "World" from the title of the swim."

The Report of the Swim shows the efforts that were made to finance the Meet and to ensure that it was a success. One of the fund raisers was the One-Hour Swim which survives to this day as the Oceania One Hour Swim. It was started by Ian Butterworth. With the help and advice of Sir Ron Scott a government grant of \$(NZ)15,000 plus a guarantee of \$NZ25,000 against loss were obtained. Masters swimmers and clubs throughout New Zealand worked to raise money and then Convention Management Services who were awarded the rights to organise the accommodation printed 2000 booklets publicising the Meet and Air New Zealand provided \$5000 of travel assistance to aid with the promotion. Air New Zealand's Los Angeles office was also very helpful. \$19,000 dollars in sponsorship was raised by "selling" each event including relays for \$500 each.

The results. 1086 swimmers over 60% from outside New Zealand from a total of 16 countries, a threefold increase in membership of NZ Masters as a spin-off of Meet publicity, and a surplus of \$24,133.

On April 28, 1984 a General Meeting of M.S.-I. was held

*Minutes of General Meeting  
Function Room - Christchurch, New Zealand*

*Meeting opened at 8.30am*

### National Representatives:

<i>Australia</i>	<i>Ms. Judy Ford</i>
<i>Canada</i>	<i>Mr Steve Gosse</i>
<i>Chinese-Taipei</i>	<i>Mr Lin Min-Shan</i>
<i>Italy</i>	<i>Mr Brunello Graja</i>
<i>Japan</i>	<i>Mr Kusuo Kitamura</i>
<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Mr Tom Logan</i>
<i>Switzerland</i>	<i>Ms Maya Diei</i>
<i>U.S.A.</i>	<i>Ms Margaret Samson</i>

### Observers

*Messrs Hsu Shin Tai, Morrie Chiang (Chinese-Taipei)*  
*Messrs John Watt, Ian Butterworth (New Zealand)*  
*Messrs Mike Morrow, Mike Torsney, and Ms Beth Whittall (Canada)*  
*Messrs Wataru Okada, Takehiko Ohsaki (Japan) and Sally Sei-Rei Hak (interpreter)*  
*Messrs Sergio Pastore (M.I.N.) Franco Pilleddu (F.I.N.) (Italy) and Lucio Aliotti*  
*(interpreter)*  
*Messrs F. Tillotson, N. Fazzano and Mesdames Dorothy Donnelly and Judy Meyer*  
*(U.S.A.)*  
*Mr. Robin Sweeney (Australia)*

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Chairman: Mr Gary Stutsel (Australia)

Minutes Secretary: June Newdick (New Zealand)

Championship Committee Chairman: Tina Martin (U.S.A.)

Order of Business

Item 1:

Delegates letters of accreditation were tabled and then the delegates and others were welcomed by the Chairman. The Secretary's report was read stressing important steps taken so far. Financial situation has improved since the report. Balance now approximately USD1000.00  
Note: Taiwan to be known as Chinese-Taipei.

Correspondence:

Letters were tabled from:

- (a) Masters Games World Headquarters introducing Michael Torsney, Chairperson of the Swimming for 1985.
- (b) Brunello Graja, President M.I.N.(Italy) re relays.
- (c) M.Stanton, Warringah Masters re relays
- (d) Hermann J. Schluch, D.S.V., West Germany, re M.S.I., F.I.N.A. and D.S.V.

Item 2

Adoption of Report from Championship Chairman, Tina Martin. Championship Meet procedures, sanction documents and entry format were discussed with special mention of the following matters:

- (a) F.I.N.A. rules references to be listed where applicable.
- (b) The start to be suitable for Masters swimmers.
- (c) False start rule to be spelt out.
- (d) Events over 200m to be deck seeded after scratchings notified.
- (e) Maximum individual events a swimmer can enter set at 8.
- (f) 280+ group added to relay.
- (g) Problems of super-clubs being formed to contest relays.
- (h) Relay entry fee set at \$20 per team.
- (i) Gold, silver, bronze medals as for individual events to each of 4 members of relays placed 1, 2, 3 respectively.
- (j) Relays were added to optional events. CARRIED  
Chairman Championship Committee congratulated New Zealand on the running of Meet and noted the difficulty of running a Meet without laid down guidelines.

Item 3

Japan confirmed as venue for the M.S.I. Championships in 1986.

Note: Date and area to be confirmed by December 30, 1984. moved Canada CARRIED  
Japan then retired from Meeting after tabling letter authorising Mr Lin Min-Shan to vote on behalf of Mr Wataru Okada, Director, Asia.

Item 4 - Notices of Motion

- a) MSI Postal Meets conducted by International News to stimulate international competition worldwide may accept times from pools other than 50 Metre, which will then be adjusted by a percentage to reach the metre equivalent.  
Moved M. Samson passed
- b) Sanction fees: a fee of \$US250.00 payable to M.S.I. should accompany a bid for holding the M.S.I. Championships.  
Moved M. Samson passed

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- c) *Participants in M.S.I. Championships shall not be required to pay an additional fee to enter the championship venue after entering the Meet. If there is a charge for non-participants (competitors' friends and relatives) a pass should be made available which is valid for the duration of the Meet.*  
*Moved M. Samson* *passed*

- d) *20-24 Age Group stood over till next meeting. However, recommended that affiliated members promote this age group within their own activities.*  
*agreed*

Item 5. Presentation by Mike Torsney, Canada-

*Promoting Masters Games incorporating swimming events.  
To be held August 8-14, 1985 in Toronto.  
Chairman Championship Committee confirmed full sanction as non M.S.I. Championship Meet.*

Item 6

*Australian delegate tabled their bid for 3rd Masters International Meet, 1988.*

- a) *Warringah, Sydney- confirmed and sanctioned (note to coincide with the Bi-Centennial Celebrations- possibly April).*  
*Moved T. Martin* *passed*
- b) *Recommended a suggested optional programme to be prepared by Chairman Championship Meet Committee for 1986-88*
- c) *Canada indicated interest in 1990; Italy in 1992.*

Item 7 Editor's Report

*11 countries now listed for distribution. Subscriptions welcomed.  
Australia and New Zealand expressed some concern over administration of Newsletter. In thanking the Editor, the President recommended:*

- a) *The title M.S.I. Newsletter to be used.*
- b) *Meet dates not be published unless sufficient time for entry.*
- c) *Politically controversial topics be avoided.*
- d) *Funding of at least \$US100 be provided to support the Newsletter and copies be sent to the President of each affiliated member.*  
*Adoption of Report, moved M. Samson* *passed*

Item 8 Draft Constitution

*Draft sponsored by Gary Stutsel was discussed, amended (as follows)*

- a) *to include "fitness" in clause B;*
- b) *to substitute "Director" for Vice-President  
then adopted as attached copy. Moved New Zealand* *carried*

Item 9 By Laws

*By-Laws sponsored by Gary Stutsel were discussed, amended (as follows)*

- a) *to substitute "Director" for Vice-President;*
- b) *to incorporate 25m pool records;*
- c) *to substitute Publicity Officer for Editor  
then adopted as attached copy. Moved New Zealand* *carried*

Item 10

*Minutes of previous meeting taken as read and confirmed  
moved U.S.A.* *carried*

Matters Arising:

- a) *That a copy of these Minutes be sent to F.I.N.A.  
moved Canada* *carried*



b) *M.S.I. Patches now on sale. Manufactured in California, U.S.A.. Can be ordered through Newsletter-*  
*Margaret Samson*  
*159 South Allen Apt. 106*  
*PASADENA CA91106. U.S.A.*

Item 11 Area Directors:

*Asia Wataru Okada, Japan Europe: Brunello Graja, Italy*  
*Oceania Tom Logan, New Zealand North America Margaret Samson, U.S.A.*  
*Africa, South America vacant*

Item 12 President

*Gary Stutsel*  
*nominated Australia, seconded Italy* *passed*

General Business

- a) *Two letters of protest (Italy/Australia) regarding medals awarded for relays. Noted that this matter corrected in Championship rules.*
- b) *Switzerland and Czechoslovakia have submitted application to join M.S.I. Applications accepted subject to receipt of fees.*
- c) *Patch titled World Record Holder discussed. Funding/Payment difficult. Motion to stay on table till next meeting.*
- d) *Italy complimented New Zealand on their presentation and format of the Swim Meet.*
- e) *Ian Butterworth, New Zealand and Judy Ford, Australia congratulated the President, Mr Stutsel and Secretary, Carol Davis for their tremendous work.*
- f) *Request for M.S.I. News to be sent to F.I.N.A. at M.S.I. expense.*

Item 13

*Date of next meeting- 9am 7 August, 1985, Toronto, Canada.*

*Steve Gosse, Canada to make arrangements. Venue to be advised.*

Meeting closed 4.30pm

Note that the main changes in the Constitution adopted in Christchurch was that Area Directors were only to be nominated by those countries which are in their area  
Any changes to the Constitution were to be first approved by at least 2/3rds of the Vice Presidents.

These changes were intended to block the countries from a single area taking over the organisation.

## Pasadena Agreement - 1985

### Introduction by Gary Stutsel

A great deal of correspondence is on file which traces the events leading up to the Pasadena Agreement of June 22, 1985 which defined the co-operative roles of FINA and MSI in the future development of Masters swimming.

The first letter is dated September 1981 and is to Bob Helmick, then Honorary Secretary of FINA advising of the meeting held in Sydney on September 5 and seeking approval for

1. *the formation of a body to control Masters Swimming world wide, and*
2. *World Championships in Masters Swimming starting from 1984 (New Zealand) and thence every two years.*

This letter was signed by Gary Stutsel.

I wrote again on May 24, 1983 advising of the formation of MSI and enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the April 12 meeting, the Constitution and a Brief History.

A very positive reply to my letter was received from Bob Helmick dated June 6 1983 which offered suggestions which would make MSI more acceptable to the FINA.

I replied to Bob Helmick on August 25, 1983 agreeing that we would change the word "World" to "MSI" in reference to both Championships and Records. and offered some suggestions as to how the FINA General Rules might be changed to better accommodate Masters.

I wrote to Bob again on November 16, 1983 enclosing a copy of the draft Constitution to be submitted to the 1984 Meeting of MSI and asking for advise as to any suggested changes.

Following that meeting on April 28, 1984 and the adoption of a new Constitution and Rules I arranged to have a large number printed in A5 format as what was to become known as the 1984 MSI Blue book because of the colour of its cover. A number of these were sent to Tina Martin who had been selected by United States Swimming (USS) to be manager of the FINA Complex and Swimming's Liaison to the FINA at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Tina was able to speak to most members of the FINA Bureau about Masters Swimming and to give them copies of the Blue book.

On August 13, 1984 I received a letter signed by Tina Martin, Chairman, Masters Commission, FINA advising that at the FINA Bureau meeting held in Los Angeles a Masters Commission (MC) had been established with Tina as Chairman. World Championships for Masters Swimming were to be held and Japan 1986 had been designated as the site of the first meet.

Tina also advised that Bob Helmick was now President of the FINA and that the distinction between "professionals and amateurs" with regards to Masters Swimming had been deleted. Tina wrote "*The continued existence of MSI is of no concern to FINA which shall proceed as stated above. My appointments to the MC will be made with an eye to Federations which will support this move by FINA.*"

*I will very much appreciate a prompt reply from you with your reactions. I have not copied this letter to anyone else. By the way, the large number of Rule Books and the obvious careful preparation by MSI could not have failed to impress the FINA."*

Subsequent events showed that Tina did not understand the role that the Masters Commission was intended to take and perhaps the tone of her writings irritated others as well because when the Commission did meet Gunnar Werner who is now Honorary Secretary of FINA was the Chairman, much to Tina's dismay, and she had not appointed any of the members of the Commission.

My reply was as a personal note as I said I could not speak for MSI's members on "*a matter of such gravity until I had consulted them*" I expressed regret that these steps had been taken without consultation when then Secretary Helmick had had no trouble contacting me when he wanted the word "World" dropped from the name of the Christchurch meet. I also mentioned the fact that so many of FINA's members did not possess even one olympic class pool let alone have any knowledge of Masters and that we in Masters were determined to avoid the political pitfalls which had affected the Olympic Games in Moscow and Los Angeles. I said "*Without the knowledge of how your Masters Committee is to be controlled from above and to what extent it will be allowed to control Masters without interference, I cannot properly advise the members of MSI*"

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What prophetic words. Their wisdom was not demonstrated until some three years later but we then saw the Bureau over rule the Masters Committee to without consultation change the venue for the 1992 World Championships from Montreal to Indianapolis. The reasons for this change were never divulged. Perhaps some one who knows would like to offer them now.

I then copied both Tina's letter and my reply to the members of MSI.

Tina replied to my letter on September 3 1984 stating that she *was initially very distressed at the anger expressed by my letter* but that she realized that I must have felt betrayed probably by her when in fact she was as much surprised by the events as I was. She had been defensive of MSI especially since she had had so much input into its development. She suggested that *"MSI could take on the role of promoting and providing officials and meet promoting."* Tina stated that she intended to press for adoption of the rules which she had introduced to MSI and that we should all be pleased that FINA had chosen an active officer of MSI to lead the MC not a rank outsider with no knowledge of Masters ( it seems that they waited till the present Masters Committee to really get involved in that scenario). In fairness Tina's position was positive, forward looking, and in line with our stated objectives.

My reply of September 20, 1984 acknowledged my anger but stated that it was directed not at her but at the apparent complete disregard by FINA as to what had been done by MSI to that date. I expressed a willingness to cooperate with her and FINA to avoid wastage of both physical and financial resources.

On October 28, 1984 I wrote to Bob Helmick congratulating him on his appointment as President of FINA and seeking a meeting between FINA and MSI in Toronto, Canada immediately prior to the Masters Games, and asking *what discussion took place regarding Masters at the August meeting of the Bureau.*

As my letter was not answered I made several attempts to determine the answer to this question but without success. I then wrote to the new FINA Secretary Allan Harvey on March 9, 1985 posing the same question. An answer came dated April 26, 1985 but signed by Gunnar Werner, FINA Masters Commission. Gunnar explained that the correspondence had been discussed at the Bureau meeting in Indianapolis in April 1985 and that the Bureau had decided to invite three members from MSI to join the Masters Commission thus forming a joint body for mutual discussions in order to *establish rules for the cooperation between FINA and its members and MSI and organisations belonging thereto. It was strongly pointed out by the FINA Bureau that FINA has no desire to overrule MSI, only to try to find ways to continue with the world Masters swimming in the successful manner, as it has come to be, without any further confusion among federations, clubs and swimmers from both organisations.*

*It is therefore now my pleasure to ask you to consider the FINA Bureau invitation and thus nominate three members from the MSI to join the commission. I hope, that you, as president of the MSI would be one of the members of the commission. The Bureau has found it desirable to come to an agreement as soon as possible and in any case before the Masters Games in Toronto in August this year.*

*As chairman of the commission from the FINA side I now invite three members of the MSI to a meeting in Los Angeles, which seems to be the centerpoint for the members of the commission, any time between June 12 and July 10th 1985, preferably the last week of June or the first week of July. Tina Martin as secretary of the commission has promised to take care of all arrangements regarding accommodation, meeting place etc..*

*I will very much appreciate a prompt reaction from you in this matter in order to, which is my sincere hope, make it possible to come together and friendly discuss and set aside any obstacles thinkable for the future development of Masters swimming in the world.*

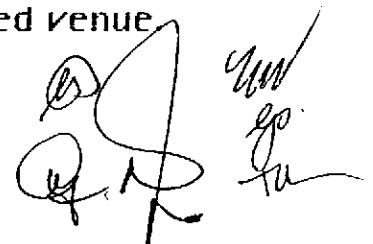
*With best regards  
Gunnar Werner.*

The meeting in fact took place on June 21-22, 1985 in the historic Athenaeum, the gracious faculty club of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena (Caltech). Margaret Samson was responsible for obtaining the venue as she had connections at the University and the then FINA Executive of Bob Helmick, Allan Harvey and Klaas van de Pol are to be thanked for finding a way of funding the airfares of the three MSI representatives. Without this help the meeting would not have been held. This meeting produced what has become to be known as the Pasadena Agreement thanks to my sense of histrionics in coining the name.

# AGREEMENT

The FINA Masters Commission, established in April of 1985 at Indianapolis by the FINA Bureau, met on June 21 and 22, 1985 at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, USA. Members present were: Gunnar Werner (Sweden), Chairman, Artie Shaw (New Zealand), Tina Martin (United States), Gary Stutsel (Australia), Brunello Graja (Italy), Kusuo Kitamura (Japan). The following items were agreed upon:

1. To recognize Masters Swimming-International (MSI) as the only organization outside FINA representing Masters Swimming.
2. To recommend that MSI be recognized by the Swimming Federation in each country.
3. To recommend to the FINA Bureau that Masters be regarded as the fifth discipline under the Constitution and Rules of the FINA.
4. To recommend to the FINA Bureau that a Masters Technical Committee be established forthwith.
5. To propose an addition to C 16.2 at the end of the first sentence which shall read: " except for the Technical Masters Committee." To propose an amendment to C 16.2 which shall read: " Members of the Technical Masters Committee must be or have been Masters swimmers."
6. To recommend to the FINA Bureau that a fifth Technical Congress be established for Masters.
7. To inform the FINA Bureau that the Masters Commission will work on mutual Masters Rules based on the existing MSI and FINA Rules; and to propose to the FINA Bureau to integrate these new Masters Rules in a separate section of the FINA Rule Book, subject to approval by the Congress.
8. To arrange a World Masters Swimming Championships under the name: "First FINA/MSI World Masters Swimming Championships" to be held in Tokyo, Japan on July 11-16, 1986.
9. To organize a World Masters Championships every second year thereafter; and to honor the award of the Second FINA/MSI World Masters Swimming Championships to Australia in 1988, subject to approval of the suggested venue.

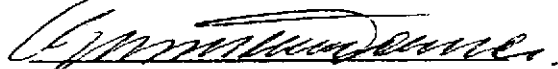
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10. That the first member of the Technical Masters Committee is Mrs. Tina Martin (United States), who was appointed to the Masters Commission by the FINA Bureau.

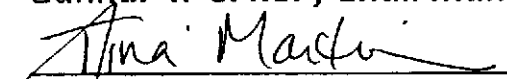
11. To guarantee to MSI the right to appoint 6 (six) members of the new Technical Masters Committee. The names of the appointees are as follows: Mr. Steve Gosse (Canada), Mr. Kusuo Kitamura (Japan), Mr. Morrie Chiang (Chinese-Taipei), Mr. Gary Stutsel (Australia), Mr. Brunello Graja (Italy) and Mr. Tom Logan (New Zealand). In addition, MSI may nominate candidates for the remaining 5 (five) chairs. Nominations must reach the FINA Secretariat no later than 30 September 1985.

12. To request that the FINA Secretariat call for nominations for the Technical Masters Committee to be considered at the FINA Bureau meeting in Madrid in November 1985. These applications of nominees must reach the FINA Secretariat no later than 30 September 1985.

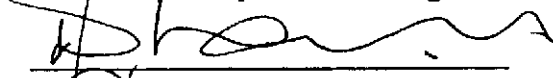
Signed:



Gunnar Werner, Chairman



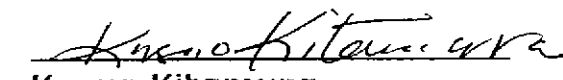
Tina Martin, Secretary



Artie Shaw



Gary Stutsel



Kusuo Kitamura



Brunello Graja

*FINA Masters Commission- Meeting of 21-22 June 1985  
Caltech Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, USA*

**Minutes**

*Members Present: Gunnar Werner (Sweden) Chairman, Artie Shaw (New Zealand), Tina Martin (United States), Kusuo Kitamura (Japan), Brunello Graja (Italy), Gary Stutsel (Australia).*

*Guests: Margaret Samson (United States) as recorder of the minutes; Lucio Aliotti (Italy) as interpreter.*

*1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Werner. Members of the Commission were introduced. The Chairman presented the purpose and goals of the Commission. A written agreement will be issued at the conclusion of the meeting which will state the recommendations and proposals arising out of the discussions.*

*2. Mrs Tina Martin was appointed Secretary of the Commission. Mrs Margaret Samson was appointed recorder of the minutes.*

*3. Business of the Commission.*

*A. Discussion of relationship between MSI and FINA.*

*B. Agreement that MSI will be the only outside Masters organisation which will be recognized by the FINA.*

*C. Discussion of Masters as the fifth discipline under the FINA; discussion of role of diving synchronized swimming and water polo, as possible members of "Masters".*

*D. Discussion of relationship between MSI organisations and federations. (GR 5)*

*E. Discussion of "amateur" as relates to Masters competitors and Committee members.*

*F. Various other items discussed:*

*1. "Unattached" swimmers.*

*2. Advertising on costumes. (GR 8).*

*G. Agreement to recommend establishment of a FINA Technical Masters Committee and Technical Congress for Masters; discussion as to who shall be members and how they shall be selected.*

*H. World Masters Championships.*

*1. Agreement on preliminary information to be circulated for Japan Meet. Exact name of meet chosen: "First FINA/MSI World Masters Swimming Championships"; event schedule and dates selected rules for conduct of meet will be worked on by Commission members and agreed upon prior to July 31, 1985; basic rules will come from the FINA and MSI Rules. Mr Kitamura was advised that FINA rules require guarantee of VISA availability for all competitors.*

*2. Discussion on whether to have 800 metre freestyle vs 1500 metre freestyle at World Masters Championships; agreement to allow organizing committee to select event. As it was decided to restrict the number of events to 5 (five) for each competitor, Japan will hold the 1500 metre freestyle event.*

*3. Medals to be FINA Championship Medal for first eight places for both individual and relay events.*

*4. "Agreement" drafted and amended; to be circulated immediately following this meeting (see attached).*

*5. The meeting was closed in a good spirit.*

*Respectfully Submitted*

*signed*

*Tina Martin, Secretary*

*signed*

*Gunnar Werner, Chairman*

Meeting opened at 9.15am

Attendance:

Guests: Bob Helmick (FINA President), Tina Martin (FINA Masters Commission Secretary)  
MSI Directors: Gary Stutsel (President), Margaret Samson (the Americas), Wataru Okada (Asia),  
Brunello Graja (Europe), Tom Logan (Oceania).

MSI Delegates:

Australia: Peg Wilson	Canada: Steve Gosse	Chinese Taipei: Lin Min Shan
Italy: Brunello Graja	Japan: Kusuo Kitamura	New Zealand: Tom Logan
Switzerland: Maya Claire Diezi		USA: Margaret Samson

Visitors:

Margaret Cooper and Carmal King (Australia), Maurice Foster (Barbados), Sylvio and Ligia Kelly dos Santos, Maria Lenk (Brazil), Brian Croker, Paul Savage CASA, Beth Whittall, Michael Stroud (Canada) Morrie Chiang, Chang Shih-Liang (Chinese Taipei), Lucio Aliotti, Sergio Pastore (Italy), Funiko Minakawa, Yutaka Shinozaki, Ikuko Ikeuchi (Japan), Rene Diezi (Switzerland), Hermann Schluch (West Germany).

Chairman: Gary Stutsel

Minutes Secretary: Beth Whittall

1. Welcome to Delegates and Guests

The Chairman welcomed MSI Directors, delegates, visitors and guests Bob Helmick and Tina Martin.

2. M.S.I.-F.I.N.A. and MASTERS SWIMMING

a. Bob Helmick explained that FINA is governed by a Congress of delegates from each of its member Sports Countries (Federations) which has the power to alter the FINA Constitution, elect the Officers and an Executive Committee (the 17 man Bureau).

The Bureau then appoints Technical Committees of 12 persons representing the four aquatic disciplines swimming, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo) plus a medical committee, which deal with the details of their respective areas.

b. Tina Martin then described the history of MSI from its inception in Sydney (Australia) in 1983 and its constitution in Christchurch (New Zealand) in April 1984, where by-laws and competition rules were adopted.

Tina then explained that when Bob Helmick was elected President at the FINA meeting in Los Angeles in 1984, he appointed an ad hoc committee known as the FINA Masters Commission, which subsequently met in Pasadena (USA) in June 1985. This committee was composed of Gunnar Werner (Chairman), Tina Martin (Secretary), and Artie Shaw all representing FINA, and Gary Stutsel, Kusuo Kitamura and Brunello Graja representing MSI. An agreement was reached regarding the recognition of MSI's role, the establishment of rules to govern Masters swimming which will be included in the next FINA Handbook, and the establishment of Masters as the 5th discipline with its own committee.

c. The Chairman then called for questions regarding the Agreement, copies of which had been distributed.

i) Sylvio Kelly dos Santos presented a bid to conduct the 1988 World Masters swim in Brazil. When told this meet had been awarded to Australia, he read a letter from FINA requesting bids for 1988..

Tina Martin explained that this was discussed at the Pasadena Meeting in June and it was determined that the Agreement made by MSI in 1984 to award the 1988 Swim to Australia must be honoured.

The Chairman suggested that Brazil bid in 1986 for the 1990 World Championships.

Steve Gosse then requested a more detailed explanation of the structure of FINA, particularly in relation to Masters.

This was sketched and described by Bob Helmick.

ii) Lucio Aliotti then asked Bob Helmick what power FINA had over its member Federations, in view of the problems that his association which is affiliated with MSI is having with its Amateur Federation. Bob Helmick explained that FINA can make recommendations to its members but cannot enforce those recommendations at an internal level.

iii) Paul Savage of CASA asked Bob Helmick and Gary Stutsel how Masters organisations were to relate to MSI, through their Federations or directly?

They explained that this would vary from country to country, giving examples, depending on how the National Masters organisation related to its National Swimming Federation or National Aquatics Association.

iv) Steve Gosse then requested details of Affiliation and Sanction Fees to both MSI and FINA? Gary Stutsel replied MSI membership is \$US100, sanction fee \$US250. Bob Helmick said FINA membership is \$300 per Federation and sanction fee about \$2500. Rene Diezi asked who finances travel to MSI/FINA meetings? Bob Helmick explained that whilst the host country helped with accommodation and meeting arrangement, travel costs fall on the individual Federations.

### 3. FIRST FINA/MSI WORLD MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tokyo, July 12-16, 1986

Mr Kitamura distributed sheets on the competition and the list of events which had been approved by Tina Martin as they varied slightly from the MSI Rules. This was because 2 to 3000 competitors were expected to enter. July is holiday time in Japan so Mr Kitamura urged that early bookings for accommodation be made. Swimmers 25 and over who are members of Masters associations affiliated with MSI or who are affiliated to FINA members would be eligible.

### 4. SWIM MEET SANCTION FEES

Gary Stutsel distributed a Statement of Incomes and Expenditures for 1983-4-5. He stated that in his opinion MSI is only in a position to demand sanction fees for its own meets. As the Masters Games sanction fee promised by Mike Torsney has not been paid it is to be assumed that it won't be. Czechoslovakia's and the USA's fees have been paid privately.

### 5. PROMOTION of MSI

Margaret Samson explained that the MSI Newsletter is presently subscribed to by 400 plus individuals from 13 countries. Its purpose is to keep swimmers informed of events and MSI news.

#### **THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Pins and patches with the MSI logo are available from Margaret.

### 6. 25 METRE RECORDS

Tom Logan distributed papers explaining the MSI Oceania Short Course Postal Meet and how part of the purpose was to accumulate times to add to those already received from Canada, Japan and Italy so that a Worlds best list of 25m course times could be compiled.

25m Recorder is Judy Ford, 10 Jindivik Place, Scullin, ACT, Australia, 2614.

### 7. RECOGNITION for WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

a. Steve Gosse distributed copies of a sample record certificate that he had designed.

Discussion followed as to whether a patch or certificate should be awarded.

It was decided that certificates would be better but that we could not proceed due to lack of finance.

Steve also presented his preliminary suggestions regarding budgeting for the coming season, highlighting the need for increased revenue.

### 8. DATE and VENUE for 1986 MEETINGS

After consultation with Tina Martin the Chairman advised that they would be

a) MSI- July 11 1986, 9am Tokyo

b) FINA Technical Committee- July 10, 1986 Tokyo

MEETING CLOSED AT 1.30pm

It was at this meeting that Bob Helmick made the Freudian slip of calling Tina Martin "FINA" Martin.





## Tokyo - First FINA/MSI Championships - 1986

### Introduction by Kusuo Kitamura

The first Masters swimming meet in Japan was in Tokyo in June 1977 at the suggestion of a group of US Masters swimmers who indicated their desire to visit Japan. Although the visit did not eventuate the meet was held with 350 swimmers. The unexpected success of the meet led to regular meets in the successive years.

20 Japanese swimmers participated in the August 1982 US Long Course Masters Championships in Gresham, Oregon. As a result, Mr Wataru Okada who had led the 1982 group, was sent to the 1983 Sydney meeting of MSI as an observer by the Japan Swimming Clubs Association (JSCA). He advised the meeting that Japan would apply for membership of MSI in 1984 and would apply to host the 2nd International Masters Swimming Championships in Japan in 1986.

Mr Okada reported the decisions of the MSI Meeting to the JSCA and the Japan Amateur Swimming Federation (JASF). The JSCA and the JASF agreed to start a new organisation the Japan Masters Swimming Association (JMSA). This was established in March 1984 with myself, Kusuo Kitamura, as President. The three bodies then co-operated to organise the Second International Masters Championships in Tokyo from July 12 thru 16, 1986.

Early in 1985 it came to our attention that the FINA had decided to commence holding world Masters swimming championships. Accordingly on April 15, 1985, Mr Hironshin Furuhashi, President JASF and I, Kusuo Kitamura, President JMSA, wrote a joint letter to Mr R.H.Helmick, President of the FINA advising of our desire to host the World Masters Swimming Championships in July 1986 in Tokyo. This was subject to agreement being reached between FINA and MSI. Correspondence indicates that FINA was prepared to conduct these Championships without involving MSI.

However as you have read in the chapter on the Pasadena Agreement in 1985 which I had attended as a representative of MSI an agreement was reached for the meet to be held as the  
1st FINA/MSI World Masters Swimming Championships.

The meet attracted 3540 swimmers from 427 clubs in 19 countries and was a great success. At the time of the meet both the FINA Masters Commission (see Pasadena Agreement) and MSI meetings were held. The Minutes of the MSI Meeting follow.

*Minutes of General Meeting  
Yoyogi Olympic Pool, Tokyo, Japan*

*July 11 1986*

*Meeting opened at 9.50am*

*Attendance:*

<i>Officers:</i>	<i>President Gary Stutsel</i>	<i>Recorder Judy Ford</i>	
	<i>Publicity Margaret Samson</i>	<i>Championship Committee Chairman Tina Martin</i>	
<i>Directors:</i>	<i>Asia Kusuo Kitamura</i>	<i>Europe Brunello Graja</i>	
	<i>Nth America Steve Gosse</i>	<i>Oceania Tom Logan</i>	
	<i>Sth America Marlene Mendes</i>		
<i>Delegates:</i>	<i>Australia Glenys McDonald</i>	<i>Brazil Sylvio Kelly dos Santos</i>	
	<i>Canada Steve Gosse</i>	<i>Chinese Taipei Jerome S.N.Hu</i>	
	<i>Italy Lucio Aliotti</i>	<i>Japan Wataru Okada</i>	
	<i>Mexico Jorge Urreta</i>	<i>New Zealand John Watt</i>	
	<i>Scotland Ken McKay</i>	<i>USA Margaret Samson</i>	
<i>F.I.N.A.</i>	<i>Artie Shaw Gunnar Werner</i>		
<i>Visitors</i>	<i>Australia: Ivan Wingate, John Townend</i>		
	<i>Brazil Maria Lenk</i>		
	<i>Canada Mae Gray, Gordon Knowles</i>		
	<i>Chinese Taipei Lin Min-Shan, Morrie Chiang</i>		
	<i>Scotland Gordon Colman</i>		
	<i>USA Tom Boak, Kevin Kelly, Judy Meyer (Masters Aquatic Coaches)</i>		
<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Gary Stutsel</i>	<i>Minutes Secretary Elinor Mackenzie</i>	

*It was resolved that proxy votes not be accepted*

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a. President's Report

This was tabled and much discussion followed.

moved Australia seconded USA

"That MSI apply to FINA to be affiliated as an independent body" carried 9-0

It was suggested and adopted that a resolution be sent to FINA. see Appendix I

moved USA seconded Canada

"That the resolution on applying to FINA is to include Pasadena Agreement principles in FINA's rules." carried

The position of South Africa was discussed

moved USA seconded Canada

"That a decision will be left until after consideration of constitutional changes." carried

Financial statements(attached to the President' Report) were discussed.

The President proposed that Steve Gosse be appointed Treasurer and should open a Bank account in \$US.

moved President seconded USA

carried

That the President's Report be accepted

carried

Declaration of Newly Appointed Directors

- (i) Africa vacant
- (ii) Asia Kusuo Kitamura
- (iii) Europe Brunello Graja
- (iv) Nth America Steve Gosse
- (v) Oceania Tom Logan
- (vi) Sth America Marlene Mendes

b. Minutes of the General Meeting - Christchurch, New Zealand, 1984

The following points were raised: 20-24 year age group  
: patches for world record holders  
These points were again left in abeyance.

Correction: page 4, item 10 (b) Patches were made in Taiwan and not California.

moved: USA seconded: Australia

"That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record." carried

The Minutes from the unofficial meeting at Toronto in 1985 were also approved.

c. Bids for Conduct of the 1990 MSI Championships.

Bids were presented by USA, Scotland and Brazil.  
A secret ballot was held and Brazil was successful.

d. Events to be Conducted at the 1988 MSI Championships.

The Championship Committee Chairman drew up three programs. See appendix II. There was much discussion.

moved Canada seconded Italy

"That the host nation may choose from the three programs, including a choice between the 800m and 15000m." carried

e. Motions - Proposed Alterations to Constitution and By-Laws

Refer to the existing MSI Constitution and By-Laws as printed in the 1984 booklet.

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1. Constitution

Clause G: moved USA seconded Australia

"That the General Meeting of MSI shall be held in the city of the MSI Championships on the day prior to the first day of competition at a time and place to be advised to all affiliated members not less than thirty(30) days prior to the meeting." carried

2. By-Laws

Clause 1: moved President seconded Italy

"Country: shall mean

a) The Christchurch affiliated members of MSI

b) any other nation or "sports country" affiliated with the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur(FINA) carried

moved USA seconded Canada

c) any member of a geographical territory or region, though not recognised as a country, having certain aspects of self-government at least to the extent of being in control of the sport of Masters Swimming carried

Clause 2: moved Canada seconded Australia

A member may have two delegates plus an interpreter. Members must provide their own interpreter carried

This is to be added to the end of the existing Clause 2.

Clause 12: Insert "FINA/MSI " wherever "MSI" occurs. This was referred to the Constitution Revision committee.

Clause 15: moved Canada seconded USA

Any swimmer of 25 and over who is a registered member of a Masters Swimming organisation which is a member of either MSI or FINA is eligible to enter the MSI Championships carried.

Clause 16: moved Australia seconded New Zealand

A swimmer shall represent his/her club and shall not represent his/her country nor a group of clubs. carried.

Clause 16 is a new clause inserted after number 15. The existing Clause 16 now become 17, 17 becomes 18. etc.

f) Statement of Membership Development by Area Directors.

Statements were received from all Area Directors. See Appendix III

g) Report from Championship Committee Chairman

This included proposed alterations to Championship Meet Procedures See Appendix to follow

h) Report from World Records Recorder

A verbal report was given.

World Records will be published twice per year on 1st June and 1st December. The cut-off dates will be 1st May and 1st November respectively.

World Record application forms will not be necessary for world records broken at world championships.

1st December 1986 will be the date of the first published Short Course Masters World Records. Certificates/patches for World Record holders have been left in abeyance due to lack of finance.

i) Report from Publicity Officer

moved Publicity Officer seconded Italy  
That the Report be received see Appendix IV

carried

j) Election of President

Gary Stutsel was elected unopposed for another term as President.

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k) General Business

i) A report of the progress on the 1988 FINA/MSI Championships was given by the Australian delegater

ii)

moved Canada seconded Australia

"That a Constitutional Committee be formed by Kevin Kelly and that Kevin Kelly act as Legal Counsel. carried.

iii) A Championship Committee was appointed:

Chairman Tina Martin

Tom Boak, Kusuo Kitamura, Tom Logan, plus an ex-officio member-to be the Meet Director from the next World Championships.

The meeting closed at 18.25

