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Newsletter July 2014.

Greetings members,

I should apologise for the delays in this newsletter coming to you but hopefully the contents will help you understand that your committee has not been sitting idle and that many things have been going on in the background. As I sit to write this the semi finalists of the world cup have been selected, the finalists at Wimbledon are decided and by the end of next weekend the Super rugby teams in the playoffs will be known. The weather through to the end of June has been extremely mild but the chilly blast this week has seen the ski fields opened in both islands.

The ASM AGM was held on Sun 2nd March:

The AGM received and accepted the resignation of John Byrnes from the position of president and the meeting expressed its appreciation for the service John has given the society in a variety of roles over the years. Lis Cottam accepted nomination as our new president and new committee members: Janice Frost, Jim Adams and Bryna Dassler joined those carrying on adding some new and more youthful energy to the team.

Lis Cottam and Janice Frost accepted nomination to attend National conference in Nelson and reports are included later in this newsletter.

A new constitution for ASM was adopted at the AGM and this has now been confirmed by the Register of Incorporated Societies.

Conference March 21-23rd 2014.

The Amputee Society of Nelson/Marlborough are to be congratulated on a very successful and most enjoyable conference and hopefully the experience of this year's ASM delegates will cause others to consider the great time to be had at next year's conference.

Next Member Function:

The next member function will be held Sunday 20th July at 1pm at Hancock Community House 77 King St. Palmerston North.

The committee are very pleased to announce that Rod Haines will address the gathering. Rod was born during WW2 without arms and his achievements are to be marvelled at. He is qualified as a lawyer, was appointed as a judge of the court and

has held senior positions in the health system. He has built his own boat, and set up his own boat building firm and gives his grandchildren a hug with his legs. On reports received we expect his talk to be inspirational and the committee urges all members to not only attend but to invite family and friends. As an end of school holiday event it would be great to see youth and young people hearing this address.

There is great parking and access and members are asked to bring a plate to contribute to afternoon tea.

RSVP by Sunday 13th so that catering can be arranged.

Phone to leave a message for Lis Cottam 06 359 2505 or John Maher 06 354 7023 or by text 027 6877 536.

Subscriptions for 2014 now due:

The subscription as confirmed at the AGM remains at \$5 for both amputee and associate able bodied members. Subscriptions can be posted to the Treasurer Elaine Potbury or transferred by internet banking to the ASM account 02 0719 0142317 000. (Please include your name as the reference.)

Another Member function planned:

With a member function planned for later this month the committee has in mind a member luncheon in late August. With a number of members living in Wanganui the committee is keen to know if there is sufficient interest for them to travel to a luncheon venue somewhere between Palmerston North and the river city. When replying to the invite to the function on the 20th please give your response also to this idea.

Purpose: Please find enclosed with this newsletter the latest copy of "Purpose" the publication provided by the National Federation. As always your feedback, contribution and input is welcome.

Visiting on request: A reminder that on request home or hospital visiting is offered by the society as a way of giving help or support. Contact the Secretary.

National Conference 2015 will be held in Wellington at the Amora Hotel from 17-19th April. Being that much close to the Manawatu and in light of the great reports on conference 2014 hopefully more members might make themselves available next year and attend.