



**New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll
Association Inc.**



Newsletter February 2008

Dear Secretary,

This Newsletter contains important information. Please ensure your club members are made aware of the contents. Especially:

- Everyone attending the upcoming Junior Nationals
- Competitors, coaches, team managers & parents
- Club Treasurers
- Club Committees
- Your AGM Delegate/s

2008 AGM

The 2008 AGM is being held at the Tawa Room, Brentwood Hotel, Kemp Street, Wellington on Saturday 24th May 2008.

The AGM will start at 9 am sharp, and it is envisaged that business will be completed before 4 pm. Where it is possible, clubs may wish to book evening flights out of Wellington for their delegates/s, thus saving one night's accommodation.

Delegates requiring a meal Saturday evening must inform the Secretary by Friday 9th May.

Clubs requiring accommodation for their delegate/s can make bookings with the Brentwood by phoning 04 920 0400 and asking for Reservations or emailing reservations@brentwoodhotel.co.nz

TES Payments

TES (Travel Equalisation Scheme) accounts have been sent to Club Treasurers and are due for payment by Tuesday 1st April 2008. If clubs prefer, travel receipts can be sent with the balance of the TES, which is \$225 for the first delegate and \$300 for the second.

Note: only clubs intending to send delegate/s to the AGM need to pay TES.

Please contact the Secretary if you have any questions regarding TES or the AGM.

Executive Nominations

Nomination forms for Executive positions are enclosed with this newsletter. All nominations are to be in the hands of the Secretary by the closing date, Thursday 24th April 2008.

Job Descriptions for Executive Positions can be obtained from the Association Secretary.

New Club

Welcome to newly affiliated club, Hawke's Bay Junior Rockers. Contact details for the club are:

President: Julie Cowan, Ph/Fax 06 844 0977

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Club Email Contacts

The Secretary is compiling a club email address list for Association use. This will be used to send out reminders between newsletters and any other urgent notifications or requests that need to be made from time to time. It would be appreciated if each club could send their preferred email address to The Secretary brendaneill@xtra.co.nz

Combined Judges Workshop

A report for clubs from the combined Judges' Workshop held recently is attached. Please pass this information along to your club members, dancers and coaches.

2008 Junior Nationals

Trophies

Trophies were due for return by 22nd February. If this hasn't been attended to, please send without delay to: **Jan Morgan, Family Law Centre, 32 Killarney Road, Hamilton**

National Dress Code

Please make sure all your dancers, coaches and parents are aware of the Dress Code, which will be strictly adhered to – no exceptions.

The rule states clearly that skirts/dress must be long enough to COVER the crease in the back of the knee, inclusive of petticoats, which should enhance the fullness of the skirt.

This means that dresses that have to be flattened down against the leg to check the length are too short.

Please refer to Section 2 of the Rule Book for details of the Dress Code.

Same Sex Section

The Same Sex section will be on Sunday, as for last year. This is now a recognized section and a trophy and medals will be presented for both best dressed and dancing.

Judges Sheets

Sets of Judges Sheets are to be ordered and paid for at the Team Managers meeting on Friday evening. The cost is \$56.25 for a full set of sheets, and \$22.50 for scrutineers sheets only.

Team managers are to be ready with their club's order and payment on Friday night.

From the Host Club, Drifters

Considerable money has been spent on the floor at the stadium, and therefore NO HIGH HEELS whatsoever will be allowed in the stadium. This includes competitors, spectators and officials. Please ensure that flat soled shoes only are worn throughout the weekend by all attending.

Programme

Below are the programme times for the 2008 Junior Nationals being hosted by the Drifters Rock'n'Roll Club at the Hamilton's Fraser High School Gymnasium, 72 Ellicott Rd.

Please make sure all the attendees from your club are aware of these times.

Friday

7.00 pm	Hall Opens
7.30 pm	Team Manager's Meeting
8.00 pm	Judges & Officials Meeting

Saturday

9.00 am	Hall Opens
9.50 am	Official Opening
10.00 am	Host Club
10.20 am	Cheerleaders

Note: All Heats and Semi Finals will be completed prior to the tea break at 3.30 pm

Saturday Night

6.00 pm	Hall Opens
6.30pm	Warm-up song for all Semi Finalists
7.30pm	Presentations
8.45 pm	Supper
11.00 pm	Closedown

Sunday

11.30 am	Hall Opens
12.15 pm	Best Dressed Female Heat

The Best Dressed Male & Female Parades will be followed by the Same Sex Section, which will be completed (Semi Finals & Final) prior to progression through the Triples, Top Team and Novelty Events. There will be a 30 minute break mid afternoon to allow for the purchase of food etc. Supper is at 8.45 pm on Sunday evening after Presentations.

Please Note

The programme will be run strictly to time or ahead of time where possible. Please, clubs and competitors, ensure you are ready well before the times stated in the programme.

Dancing Draw

The dancing draw is attached to this newsletter. Please check carefully for any errors in the spelling of names, and advise the Association Secretary immediately. This will ensure that the certificates are correct.

Good luck to all competitors.

Yours in Rock



Brenda Neill
Secretary
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