

**MINUTES OF THE 2011 NZARRA Inc 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BRENTWOOD HOTEL,
SATURDAY 21st MAY 2011**

Welcome

The Annual General Meeting opened at 10 am with a welcome from the NZ President, Dianne Halstead.

The NZ Executive Committee was introduced:

Jan Morgan	Vice President
Brenda Neill	Secretary
Shane Taurima	Head Judge
Yolanda Van Dorrestein	Treasurer

The President moved that the voting procedure be as follows. Tauranga seconded

Voting for Notice of Motions 2/3 of those present (16) Voting for remits on a show of hands, 12 of those present. Majority of 51%

Election of Officers: Secret Ballot for all positions. Carried

Apologies

Memphis Rockers
Hutt Valley

Surf City moved the apologies be accepted, Tauranga seconded Carried

Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting

The President moved the Minutes be accepted. Wanganui seconded

Voting: For 22, Abstained 1 Carried

Matters Arising

River City - Scrutineers Sheets and an X being noted

The Treasurer agreed that an X would be noted on scrutineers sheets, but it hasn't been needed in the last 2 competitions

President's Report

The President's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Were there any queries? No

The President moved that the report be accepted. Harbour City seconded. Carried

Head Judge's Report

The Head Judge's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Head Judge spoke about the National judges workshop in February next year, judges were keen and from the different regions, he urged to clubs to assist their judges to travel to the workshop.

Were there any queries? No.

The Head Judge moved that the report be accepted. River City seconded. Carried

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

The list of Inwards and Outwards correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The President asked if there were any matters arising.

Gold Coast - How is correspondence rated for listing?

Secretary – Items which need action or discussion are always listed

The Secretary moved that the Correspondence be accepted. Gold Coast seconded. Passed

Treasurer's Report

The 2010/2011 Financial Report was distributed.

The Treasurer re-presented the 2010 accounts

The Treasurer moved that the accounts and report be accepted. Wanganui seconded. Passed

2011 Accounts

As agreed at the 2010 AGM these were not audited but reviewed by a chartered accountant.

The Association made a net profit of \$4057.

An old unused Fax machine was written off

The reviewer had suggested that the Association deregister from GST, there would have been a \$3500 saving over the last 3 years by not being registered. This will be discussed under General Business

Drifters & Gold Coast – -Can we have a breakdown of the Junior Nationals loss?

The Treasurer – This was mainly travel to the Timaru Junior Nationals

City of Sails: how can there be a profit on the AGM

The Treasurer – All clubs pay \$75 as an AGM Fee, some choose not to attend, and therefore a profit is made.

The Treasurer - Miscellaneous items of income include the return of petty cash, as this is no longer used, and sale of music sets.

The Executive has suggested a revision of the Book B Mileage rate, and this will be a General Business item

Setting of Fees and Levies

The Treasurer moved that all fees remain as they are. Seconded Drifters

The Treasurer moved that the 2011 Financial report be accepted. Harbour City seconded Passed

Nationals Reports

Harbour City 2010 Senior Nationals 22nd – 24th October 2010

Miles Coverdale presented the report on behalf of Harbour City

The Club budgeted for \$6000 profit – made approx double of which \$5000 was grants, \$2860 public seating sales. Sold out both evening sessions – could have had more public seating.

Promotion to media took active legwork, and a bit of luck with not much else happening.

There was limited seating (venue sales) and stadium size was reduced to create atmosphere and enjoyment for participants.

The club felt the supper delivered to the tables was successful.

Little things all added up to enhance the success

Discussion

Gold Coast Public seating – did that include those from the venue going upstairs?

Harbour City This was monitored at door, so there were no checks on who was in the seats

Harbour City moved that the report be accepted. Seconded Gold Coast

Carried Unanimously.

Wellington Junior Nationals 2011 - 22nd – 24th April 2011 Progress Report

Richard Reder presented the report on behalf of Wellington Club.

The estimated profit was \$2600 which included a \$500 grant, and the sales from the raffle.

The club aimed for 600, ticket sales didn't reach that amount, under 400 sold.

Very fortunate to have a paramedic on hand, he was kept very busy.

Very happy with the atmosphere the MC and DJ's created

The DJ's ran a dual system, with Nigel doing the competition side and Karen doing the social side.
24 video passes were sold, and 21 DVD's preordered
Photos – available on the Facebook page: Junior Rock'n'Roll Nationals 2011
The Wellington Club was very supportive, and helped wherever possible
Probably need a bigger venue, the one used was expensive and the council didn't assist in anyway.

Discussion

Harbour City	Re the comment about first aid people, a paramedic is needed.
Wellington	St John's quoted \$410, so fortunate to have a paramedic in the club
HB Junior Rockers	Our quote from St John's for \$2010
Wellington	The close atmosphere possibly caused some of the health problems, but we couldn't open doors because of bylaws.
Drifters	thanks to Wellington club, they were very friendly and welcoming

Wellington moved that their report be accepted. Seconded Tauranga Carried Unanimously

The President thanked both Clubs for hosting successful Nationals.

Wanganui Senior Nationals 21st – 23rd October 2011 –Progress Report

Donna Burns presented the report on behalf of Wanganui
Motels are listed on the website
The venue is the War Memorial Hall, Watt Street
Tiered seating, along with some tables, hope to have prices out by June.
There will be no T Shirt sales
Catering being considered
DJ is Nigel Fisher, Jim Broom from Rotorocker Productions is producing the DVD's

Wanganui moved that the report be accepted. Seconded Harbour City Carried Unanimously.

Invercargill Junior Nationals 6th – 8th April 2012 – Progress report

Monique Morton presented the report

*"The Invercargill RNR Club is looking forward to welcoming competitors, their families and visitors planning to attend the 2012 Junior Nationals in April next year.
Hopefully many will remember Invercargill hosting the very successful 1998 Junior Nationals at Hargest College. We were proud to see a parent sporting our 1998 tee-shirt in Wellington this Easter just passed! Next year we promise a "bigger and better return to the future" hosted in our new multi-million dollar Stadium Southland. We are ecstatic to announce that our event will be the first official public use of our new premises and we are looking forward to even larger door sales as many Invercargill people take the opportunity to see our new Stadium!
Invercargill has many attractions including Stewart Island which given Easter is during the school holidays any on-stayers to our city may take the opportunity to visit and of course Queenstown and Dunedin are only two hours' drive either way.
Our Nationals Committee is working hard to ensure everything is perfect for you. We have secured all the essentials to make an excellent event and thank (most recently) Wellington and Timaru for their awesome efforts which have assisted us in ensuring the weekend is perfect!
Both tiered seating and tables are available and as mentioned earlier due to the significance of this being the first public event in our much missed Stadium we expect large door sales for public viewing – all in all it should be a fantastic advertisement for the growing RNR culture.
There is a lot of accommodation right on the doorstep of the Stadium however enquiries pre AGM have assured me that this is filling and early bookings would be advised.
A light supper will be provided on both Saturday and Sunday and we are working towards hopefully being able to have lunch/snack packs available for purchase.
We are finalising our logo and ticket information and will have this to all clubs in the very near future.
As in the past we will utilise the experienced RotoRockers for DVD's and Shaun Birchall as our DJ, the kids thoroughly enjoyed his efforts in Timaru.
The theme for the weekend will mirror our 1998 Nationals "Back to the Future" and will also encompass "Southland Spirit of a Nation".
We would very much appreciate an expression of interest from all clubs so will be emailing you all very soon, we request this as an indication only as we are keen to do our very best in keeping ticket prices to a minimum.
Our website (www.rocknroll.net.nz) is in the process of being updated with a Nationals section and we intend to provide monthly updates via email to all club addresses ASAP.*

I have supplied some brief information packs for each club to take away; these outline accommodation, a map of Invercargill and some indicative details of Stadium Southland. I've also included some dining options and would like to acknowledge the support received from the Kelvin Hotel (they offer both fabulous dining and accommodation).

As always we will hold a celebration dance each evening and very much look forward to seeing you all there to enjoy it with us in our fabulous new Stadium Southland."

Comments

An alternative venue is the Veladrome next door

Invercargill is hoping to have lunch and snack packs available.

The Venue is licensed, so no BYO drinks, but here are full bar facilities

Theme for the weekend is "Back to the Future"

Invercargill will be emailing clubs seeking a contact person and approximate numbers attending

The information will soon be on the club website www.rocknroll.net.nz

Invercargill moved report be accepted, Dunedin seconded Carried

HB Junior Rockers Senior Nationals 19th - 21st October 2012 - Progress report

Julie Cowan presented the report for HB Junior Rockers

"HB Junior Rockers are really excited about hosting the Senior Nationals 2012 and our Team 2012 committee is already well underway with preparations for a great weekend. Unlike the previous Nationals held in the bay we have chosen the new Pettigrew Green Arena for this event. Pettigrew Green Arena is in Taradale (half way between Napier and Hastings) so no matter where clubs decide to stay travel is only 10-15 minutes away at the most. The Arena will have tiered seating down one side as well as tables & chairs in front of the tiered seating and around the edges of the dance floor. The venue has a gym & squash courts on site, ample parking & subway is within the same building. As with past years venues, they also have a strict "no heels" policy for footwear to protect the floor.

We have decided to go with a 50s diner theme hence our logo of "Boogie Bay Diner". As well as our venue, we currently have our caterer, DJ, & hireage items already booked and we have received confirmation of our first form of sponsorship towards this event.

Inside your presentation folders we have enclosed an information sheet, club contact form, motel list, vehicle hire contacts, a map as well as some booklets regarding tourist spots. Please ensure that the club contact form is completed and returned to our club in the freepost envelope provided so we know who to send the information to on a regular basis.

For your information - we are planning to have a mobile coffee cart at the venue as well as our caterer providing a wide range of food for sale during Saturday & Sunday. Our coloured logo will be used in correspondence and on our badges but our clothing will be black shirts with a silver logo. We will have a public gallery that will not have access to the dance floor. We are considering having a separate video pass area upstairs, and possibly power. We have ample room in the practice area for clubs to set up their clothing racks.

Lastly, if we can provide the same level of friendly and efficient service that Wellington's crew did over Easter, then it will be a great weekend."

Discussion

River City	Video passes – can we also use videos from table?
HB Junior Rockers	We hope to get videos upstairs with tripods and power. Clubs need to support the host club by purchasing video passes, even when they are using them from the tables.
River City	Agree
Wellington	There is no total ban on hand held video cameras? Can we ban them?
HB Junior Rockers	No don't want to do that
Gold Coast	phone cameras could be an issue
HB Junior Rockers	We hope that the powered area would be an incentive to use cameras and tripods.
River City	What cost do you have to pay to have a Video company there?
HB Junior Rockers	We pay travel accommodation and food. They keep any profit from sales.
Gold Coast	Are you looking at any other companies
HB Junior Rockers	We are looking at that

Wellington Rotorockers is very good to deal with, and know what they are doing

HB Junior Rockers moved that the report be accepted. Seconded River City Passed

Allocation of 2013 Junior and Senior Nationals

Junior Nationals - 29th - 31st March 2013
Christchurch & Gold Coast are taking back to clubs

Senior Nationals- 25th – 27th October 2013
City of Sail – there is a Committee mandate, but will need to be confirmed at the AGM next month

11.10 Short Break
11.20 Reconvened

Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion 1 – Executive /City of Sails

To alter the financial year as below

2 - Interpretation

“Year” means the financial year running from 1st January to 31st December

Reason – to align the financial year with the calendar year, , so there is only ever one Junior and one Senior Nationals held in a financial year, allowing for better comparison of accounts over time. . Currently with Easter being a moveable holiday, we may have two Juniors in one financial year, and none the next, etc.

The Treasurer spoke to the remit.

More consistency in the accounts each year is the only impact

Drifters	Why not to May to coincide with the AGM
The Treasurer	That would create difficulties in getting reports in time
Gold Coast	End of April?
The Treasurer	Again couldn't get reports in time for the AGM
Tauranga	The proposed date won't impact on any fees – we still have a January to December year
The Treasurer	There is no financial impact on clubs at all.

Voting on Notice of Motion - Carried unanimously

Notice of Motion 2 – Executive / City of sails

9 (a) The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting once a year not later than five (5) months after the end of the financial year.

Reason – to enable the AGM to continue to be held in May; this will be withdrawn if Notice of Motion 1 is not passed

Gold Coast Why May

The Treasurer This is the best time as it is away from both nationals

Voting on Notice of Motion - Carried unanimously

End of Notices of Motion

Remits

Remit 1 – Executive/City of Sails

Alter Rule 10.1 Financial year. The Association financial year is 1st January to 31 December inclusive.

Reason – subject to Notices of Motion being carried, this change needs to be reflected in the Rule Book. This will be withdrawn if Notice of Motion 1 is not passed.

The Treasurer – This Rule Change is to support the Notices of Motions that have already been passed

Voting on Remit - Carried unanimously

Remit 2 – Executive/Whangarei

Add new rule 3.2 (d)

Competitors being assessed must be financial members of an affiliated club.

Reason: to align with the fact that only financial members can compete at Nationals

The Head Judge spoke to the Remit –

This further enforces the current rule that to dance at Nationals, competitors must be financial members of a club and should also be at time of assessment.

HB Junior Rockers	Does this affect the age, section, how policed?
The Head Judge	We do rely on the honesty of clubs
The Treasurer	There was no rule, but an understanding that dancers need to be financial members of a club
River City	If they assess for one club and dance for another, we would not be happy
Harbour City	This happens now with members changing of clubs
The Head Judge	We want to clarify that changing clubs is a different issue
Tauranga	This is just stating they need to be an affiliated member to be assessed, nothing more.

Voting on Remit - Carried unanimously

Remit 3- Executive/Harbour City

New Rule 3.11 (a)

If a dancing partnership has passed assessment in any of triples sections 7 or 8 that partnership or any individual may seek further assessment in either of those sections, invalidating any previous assessment.

Reason: Triples were accidentally excluded when the change to Rule 3.11 was introduced last year.

The Head Judge	A new rule was created at the last AGM for couples to invalidate an assessment which was replaced by another assessment. This new rule means that also applies to triples
HB Junior Rockers	Why not just include in the current rule?
Gold Coast	The way it is written invalidates previous assessments in couples also.

Amendment to Remit Executive/Gold Coast

Add “in those sections” to the end of the sentence

Voting on Amendment - For 21 Against 2 Carried.

Amended remit reads

New Rule 3.11 (a)

If a dancing partnership has passed assessment in any of triples sections 7 or 8 that partnership or any individual may seek further assessment in either of those sections, invalidating any previous assessment in those sections.

Voting on amended remit For 22 Abstained 1 Carried

New Remit Executive/Drifters

3.11 add "in those sections" to the end of the sentence.

Voting on Remit Carried Unanimously

Remit 4 – Executive/Kapi Mana

3.12 currently states: *All Association Judges invited to judge club championships where assessments are being held must be utilised on the assessment. Officiating Judges do not need to be made aware of whom they are assessing.*

Delete Rule 3.12 and replace with:

All National Association and Association Judges invited to officially judge club championships where assessments are being held must be utilised on the assessment. National Association and Association Judges that armchair the club championships will not be utilised on the assessment. Officiating Judges do not need to be made aware of whom they are assessing.

Reason: To clarify the situation where National Association and Association Judges are used as armchair judges at club championships, confirming that their marks are not included in assessments. The current rule does not cover this.

The Head Judge	The purpose is to clarify when National Association and Association Judges are arm-chairing, as happens now to fulfil criteria, their points do not count towards assessments
HB Junior Rockers & Gold Coast Wellington	It is not clear on who is used for assessments.
The Head Judge	If Judges are there to armchair their points are not used.
The Head Judge	Only the points of those National Association and Association Judges invited to by the organisers to officially judge will be used in an assessment.

Voting on Remit - Carried unanimously

Remit 5 – Executive/Tauranga

Delete Rule 8.9 (d). Renumber Subsequent Rules

Reason: Currently a judge must attend a workshop before they can start their training. This is unnecessary and can disadvantage a judge. There are only 2 workshops per year – which means trainee judges can sometimes have to wait up to 6 or more months before they can start training.

The Head Judge	The current rule puts armchair judges at a disadvantage. It delays their training for up to 6 months or even longer. The Application process is robust, making this requirement unnecessary
Gold Coast	A wait would provide indication of dedication
The Head Judge	Club champs are usually held outside the workshop periods, in effect disadvantaged for up to a year.
The Secretary	There are limited opportunities to armchair, especially in the regions, the South Island
The Head Judge Tauranga	The application form gives details and fair indication of a person.
Gold Coast	We are for the Remit - training starts before the first workshop attended
The Head Judge	Can workshops be moved?
The Head Judge	They are planned around nationals, which is why they are held that time of year
Whangarei	Feel trainees need to go to a workshop first
The Head Judge	There is a conversation about what training entails, expectations are explained before the process begin. An application form, sent, returned, discussed with the Executive, voted on, a pack is sent out, the trainee then approaches clubs to start armchairing. The process is long, robust and can take a minimum of 3 years.
Wellington	How is "Suitability" assessed?
The Head Judge	Through the application process it can be clear who meet expectations.
City of Sails	Do you contact trainees after the pack goes out?

The Head Judge There is constant communication, and is ongoing. It is also suggested trainees seek a mentor in their area. Part of the role of the Head Judge is to be available to the Judges.

Harbour City What rule is there to ensure a Head Judge does this?

Secretary There is a comprehensive Job Description

Whangarei It is our responsibility as the AGM Council to make sure right person is in the job

Voting on Remit - Carried unanimously

Remit 6 – Christchurch/Surf City

10.6 (b)

Alter to read:

A Same Sex couple is defined as 2 male or 2 female dancers, one of whom has not entered another section of the current competition excluding sections 5, 6, 9 and 15 (Top Club, Novelty, Cheerleaders and Senior Teams).
Reason: To prevent competitors, competing in a couples section 2 days in a row. The same sex section should be for competitors who have not already competed in the Saturday competition.

Christchurch spoke to the remit

Options to dance two sections on Saturday were removed some time ago

The Same Sex was originally brought in for ladies without male partners, and changed by the Council to Same Sex.

10 couples in the Same Sex also danced in either couples on Saturday or triples on Sunday.

Discussion

River City Against - by saying people can't dance again eliminates people from the competition.

Wellington Against – Encourage children to dance, same sex is a growth section of junior nationals

Gold Coast Against – this is the start to penalizing dancers for their ability

HB Juniors Against - some girls prefer to dance same sex, and would choose that over the couples section, excluding boys from the competition.

Drifters Against - Ratios of girls and boys in clubs far loaded to girls, limit entries and we knock a very successful section

The Head Judge On behalf of Judges, they were all against this remit – over 5 heats last Juniors, this remit would keep half the section out.

Hawke's Bay The Remit states "one of whom has danced" – so wouldn't exclude some

The Treasurer it is saying if you danced same sex then you couldn't dance triples

Hawkes Bay Correct, and that excludes a boy from dancing

Whangarei For - would have been good that one of those girls can bring in a newer dancer

Surf City Agree some newer dancers won't dance against experienced dancers. If you have more experienced dancer with new dancer, it would bring that person on.

Dunedin This would encourage experienced dancers to bring in new dancers.

Drifters Against - It is a National competition, dancers go there to win. Bring new people along through club champs, local and regional competitions – Same Sex is an excellent section, leave it alone.

Harbour City The point of national competition is to match excellent dancers – if this scared people it is how they think about competition.

Tauranga Against - it is Nationals, we have no right to say you can't dance because you are too good. We need more people not fewer.

Surf City, Sun City Could there be a Novice same sex??

The Head Judge The section was brought in to put more juniors on the floor, it is a roaring success. Newer dancers, gives them something to strive, challenge for them.

HB Juniors Floor time is great experience

Gold Coast We should not bring down level of competition.

Voting for the Remit For 3, Against 16, Abstained 4 Remit Lost

End of Remits

Lunch Break 12.20 pm

AGM Reconvened at 1.15 pm

Election of Officers

The President reminded the council of the voting procedure, by secret ballot, as agreed at the start of the meeting. Yolanda van Dorrestein supervised the elections of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Head Judge, and Jan Morgan supervised the election of the Treasurer, both with hotel staff members.

The President moved that voting papers be destroyed at the close of voting. Seconded by Wellington
Carried Unanimously

Nominations for President

Dianne Halstead Nominated by River City. Seconded by Wanganui

There were no other nominations.

Dianne Halstead was elected by a secret ballot.

Nominations for Vice President

Jan Morgan Nominated by Gracelands. Seconded by City of sails

There were no other nominations.

Jan Morgan was elected by secret ballot.

Nominations for Secretary

Brenda Neill Nominated by Christchurch. Seconded by Wanganui

There were no other nominations.

Brenda Neill was elected by secret ballot.

Nominations for Treasurer

Yolanda van Dorrestein Nominated by Harbour City Seconded by Kapi Mana

There were no other nominations.

Yolanda van Dorrestein was elected by secret ballot.

Nominations for Head Judge

Shane Taurima Nominated by Surf City. Seconded by Tauranga

There were no other nominations.

Shane Taurima was elected by secret ballot.

The Election of Officers was completed

General Business

Item 1 Executive

Rule books – These are expensive to print and send, could they just be available for downloading from the website. How would this affect judges/clubs? Where do clubs go to get information?

Discussion

Gold Coast/Drifters

Website first

Harbour City

Could we request hard copy if required

Wellington

Perforated booklet where Rules were in a format that can be replaced in sections

The Head Judge

Judges prefer the booklet format, they should be free of charge

HB Juniors

Prefer Printed booklet

Summary

Agreed on status quo – One copy supplied to clubs & Judges, any subsequent copies paid for
It is cost effective for clubs to send members to the Association website for information

Item 2 Executive

Programming at Nationals – With tea breaks is supper needed?

Discussion	
HB Junior	Serve supper in tea break?
Drifters	Supper is not needed, drops costs, getting expensive
Surf City	Dancers like suppers
River City	Not interested in supper, perhaps a private contractor to sell food if possible
Wellington	Cost was \$25 per head, Saturday it is not a problem to purchase food outside the venue but Sunday at Easter is a problem.
Gold Coast	This is not just a hop, no supper would allow more time for presentations
The Secretary	Not eating in the tea break – dancers need to eat for energy to dance
Christchurch	Juniors parents look after kids
Drifters	Prefer to dance after presentations, not eat.
The Vice President	There have been many suggestions that Semi Finals be held after the break, which would make programming around supper impossible.
Tauranga	There is a decent tea break now, more than long enough, don't need supper or if provided it should be light
The Head Judge	If suppers are supported it should be optional, Supper must come second to programme. I don't think the Executive should be concerned with supper
River City	We need to decide if it is expected
Harbour City	Options depend on the Venue, some need to use own caterers and restrict food brought in.
Hawkes Bay	It is too late, food is wasted, it is hard to get everyone fed in time, we should be able to look after these concerns ourselves
Wellington	Not having supper would gain dancing time and flexibility
Treasurer	Perhaps make optional, and keep light.
HB Juniors	Food is often part of licensing conditions.

Summary

Suppers are secondary to the programme, it is up to each host club to decide what catering there will be, and should be optional to clubs to purchase supper exclusive Venue tickets,

Item 3 Executive

Rock'n'Roll National Promotion

The President	This is just to look at the viability of perhaps a National promotion, and suggest what clubs can do to promote our sport. Demos, distribute flyers
HB Juniors	Dance sport approved through SPARC would give better visibility
Wellington	Incumbent for main body to get contact and pass through to clubs.
Gold Coast	Surely enough happening to get a TV programme, perhaps following a couple starting out through to dancing National
HB Juniors	Club Contacts on the website need to be kept current
Invercargill	Demonstrations, being active in the community, currently doing the breaks at Basketball/netball
Drifters	Getting out to schools etc to promote, teach, demo, especially aimed at boys
Hawkes Bay	Just getting out and about and dancing in public is great promotion
The Secretary	Be careful with TV promotion, Christchurch was caught in battle as a local TV station tried to charge \$3000 to air a 1 hour programme from Junior Nationals, it was made without agreement as to cost and was never on air.

Summary

Clubs need to demo and be active in their areas. The Executive will look at their role.

Item 4 Invercargill

Junior Section - why it is placed late in the programme. It is quite a way through the day, a bit late for little children.

Secretary explained how programme ran, with any heats first, then Semis in the order Novice, Restricted, Junior, Intermediate, Senior.

Gold Coast asked if preliminaries could run concurrently. Not possible

Wellington Executive does a good job of the programme, Junior section is placed in a good place for atmosphere.

Summary – Status Quo

Item 5 Harbour City

Harbour City recommendations

A) That the Association print the programme

Harbour City	This is a job that doesn't need to be passed on. It would mean the same printer each year; a relationship is built up, save double handling. Host clubs could send logo and promotional material to be included. There wouldn't be a set up fee each year as a same format would be used.
Gold Coast	Format is provided by the Executive? PDF File
The Secretary	The programme body is provided to the clubs in Excel format
Tauranga	This is part of the cost of hosting a Nationals and is covered by venue ticket charges.
River City	If there was a basic format it would make sense, but clubs have a choice of how to do it.
Dunedin	You talk of the Executive – that is the five people up there – how much more do you expect them to do?
The Secretary	If this was to be done by the Executive it would be a standard format, no club logos or information except to state the host club name. The cost including the courier, would need to be covered by entry fees, or Affiliation fees, which would increase to cover this.
Tauranga	As it is now the cost is shared among all participants, not just competitors through entry fees or clubs through affiliation fees.

B) Competitors Badges

The Executive should supply Competitors' Badges, not Host Clubs	
Harbour City	Again this is something that the Executive should do, not the Host Club. It is expensive and the club doesn't know how many competitors.
The Treasurer	The Association could only provide a standard badge, there would be no club logo, or difference year to year.
The Secretary	The Association – that is the five of us – organises twice a year, officials, entries, the draw, music, trophies and medals, certificates and the basic running of the competition. A Host Club does their part perhaps once every five years, or less. They also have a whole club to draw from to run around organising this. The Secretary provides competitor numbers as soon as possible after entries close to assist the host club.
Gold Coast	The biggest difference to the badges sold is that it includes "Competitor". If there is a requirement, surely the organisers have a responsibility to supply it.
Tauranga	The Clubs at this Council made these requirements. The host club makes the profit, has always made a profit.
River City	Competitors will pay for it no matter who provides it. Best that it is the Host Club as then badges will be different and unique to a Nationals
The Secretary	The requirement is in Rule Book B and is what Clubs wanted.
Dunedin	Host clubs know what is expected and cover the costs in the venue ticket prices.
Surf City	Competitors like the badges as they are.

C) That the Executive should own and supply Podiums, Trophy tables & Judges Stands

Harbour City	A certain Standard is required, so surely it is up to the Association to provide them for use at all Nationals. Now the Host club has to make them, and what do they do with them after?
The Secretary	At Ballroom Competitions there are no podiums at all, winners just stand on the floor. If the Association provided them, where would we store them, who would maintain them, who would pay for the transport? Clubs which have these pieces of equipment are usually more than happy to lend them, saving the host club, otherwise, let clubs know you have them and lend them out.

Summary of the three recommendations:

These are all Book B Requirements known to Host clubs well in advance and costs that are recovered with venue ticket prices.

Item 6 Drifters

Has the Executive considered sending Judges sheets electronically, and loading on the website? This would be a considerable cost saving.

Surf City Any Profit? – A tiny profit only
Secretary This is good idea, agree this should happen

Item 7 Executive

That the Association de registers from GST

Gold Coast Would it affect clubs?
The Treasurer Only in that any clubs GST registered would no longer be able to claim from any payments made to the Association. The fees in Book A would remain unchanged, that is, they wouldn't be reduced.

New Remit Executive/Drifters

Delete Rule 1.3

Hawkes Bay Delete completely?
Treasurer Yes, this was suggested by the Chartered Accountant who reviewed the accounts.
Dunedin Good move, we deregistered and it has been good for our club.

Voting on Remit Carried unanimously

Item 8 Executive

Travel reimbursement

The Treasurer We suggest the Book B- Reimbursement rate increase from 45c to the IRD rate of 70c per km
HB Juniors With being able to book flights very cheaply, the difference between flying and driving and claiming mileage, can be vastly different. Also clubs use Book B Rates as a guide to what to reimburse judges for their competitions which would make costs prohibitive for some clubs.
The Head Judge This rate is for Officials at National Competitions only. It is the clubs discretion what they reimburse their officials. The rate has been 45c for a long time, and petrol and other costs have increased considerably in that time.–
Gold Coast Understand HB Junior Rockers point – if some chose to fly and others drive, the difference in costs could be astronomical.
The Treasurer Book B does state, whichever is the lesser, flying or mileage. This is not stated in the Rule book as it applies to TES reimbursements.
Drifters Happy with 70c for officials at Nationals
Wellington Should the rate be linked to the IRD rate
City of Sails The current rate of 45 cents is surely adequate

Summary – Mileage rate to increase as suggested for National competition reimbursement. Look at a Remit for next year to tidy up Rule 1.6(f)

Item 9 Wellington

Novice dancers dancing other sections

Wellington – Novice, suggest that Novice can dance triples and or same Sex after dancing novice. If you are a novice on Saturday you are not a novice on Sunday.

New Remit Wellington/Tauranga

Add sections 7, 8 and 13 to rule 4.12 (b)

The Head Judge This runs in spirit of not discouraging dancers.
Wellington We just want to be clear that assessment is not required for the Novice Section? Correct.

Voting on the Remit Passed Unanimously

Item 10 Wellington

What does one have to do to be recognized as a National DJ? Currently some people want to become National DJ's. Could some sort of criteria be made to cover this and can recognized DJ's be listed on the Association website?

The Head Judge Hiring a DJ is a host club responsibility, after checking suitability with the Executive. The Executive will take the feedback on board.
Gold Coast What music format is used at Nationals?
The Secretary It does vary, some DJ's prefer to have mp3 files and others prefer that CD's are supplied. It doesn't really matter as long as quality is not compromised.

Item 11 Surf City

Surf City queried the apparent disappearance of original Evelyn & Darcy Nepia trophy for Senior Novelty.

The Secretary The trophy has been replaced as part of the trophy upgrade programme. The donating club is normally contacted prior to this happening, but in this case the club no longer exists. . Surf City can provide presenters in the future if they wish.
Summary If the original trophy can be located it could be returned to Surf City.

Item 12 River City

A person or partnership should be able to dance multiple sections on Saturday. This was discontinued because of a couple winning two sections. However, this is the same principle as Same Sex couples dancing other sections, getting more couples on the floor.

City of Sails Is River City suggesting a person dance just two sections or all of them? An older couple/person would have an advantage in being able to dance many sections, as opposed to a younger person who may only have the choice of two. Also there are enough entries in Saturday's programme.
River City Perhaps dance the Restricted Section and an age group category?
The Head Judge Everyone who dances on Saturday faces same rule, Sunday is another choice.

It was suggested that River City submit a remit next year.

Item 13 Kapi Mana

Kapi Mana Our club suffered from an opportunistic theft and we recommended that clubs take security seriously and secure money at the door
Drifters Agree, at hops there have been cars broken into and damaged.

Item 14 - Gold Coast

Re the AGM profit, while understanding how a profit is made, could it be redistributed to clubs?

The Treasurer The AGM is funded by \$75 paid by every club with their Affiliation Fee regardless of whether they attend. It pays for the morning tea, lunch, hire of the room and equipment and related executive expenses.
TES is different as only attending clubs take part, all of this money is distributed.
HB Junior Rockers Dinner used to be supplied also, and isn't now. If there is a constant profit, we should look at reducing the amount.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 3.30 pm

The date for the 2012 AGM is Saturday 19th May at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington.