



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



MINUTES OF THE 2012 NZARRA Inc 29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BRENTWOOD HOTEL, SATURDAY 19th MAY 2012

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.

Voting for remits on a show of hands, 51% of 23 clubs & Executive present is a majority of 12.

Election of Officers: Secret Ballot for all positions. Seconded by Kapi Mana - Carried Unanimously

Apologies

Kaiapoi, Hutt Valley

The President moved the apologies be accepted, seconded Surf City Carried Unanimously.

Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

The President moved the Minutes be accepted. Harbour City seconded.

21 For 2 Abstentions Carried

There were no matters arising.

President's Report

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

To Delegates and members of the NZARnR Association Inc.

Welcome to our 29th Annual General Meeting.

I hope that you have had another great year of Rock'n'Roll - the months seem to race by and it hardly seems a year since our last AGM. I am continuing to enjoy the administrative and organizational side of the Association and am realizing how much there is to learn.

The Executive committee has had a busy year and my sincere thanks to Jan, Brenda, Yolanda and Shane for their time, effort and support with Executive meetings and their hard work at Nationals.

We have had 7 Executive meetings this year – 3 in Hamilton, 1 in Wellington, 2 prior to each Nationals plus 1 to be held on the Friday before the AGM. The Hamilton meetings were held in Jan and my homes and the Wellington meeting was held at Yolanda's home, and thank you Jan and Yolanda for making your homes available.

NATIONALS

Senior Nationals 2011 hosted by Wanganui went really well. Great atmosphere and the tiered seating was certainly enjoyed by supporters and competitors who had a great view throughout the weekend. Thank you Wanganui for a great Nationals.

Junior Nationals 2012 hosted by Invercargill laid on great weather and the venue was amazing, the dance floor had a large area and the dancers told me it was really good to dance on and plenty of room in the warm up area. The dance floor and seating were in the middle of the Velodrome track and although the venue was very large,

there was a great atmosphere and everyone had a great time and thank you Invercargill for improvising with the different venue. Hopefully the new roof on the venue next door will be ready soon.

Clubs that are looking at holding a Nationals are now looking at the necessity to have suppers.. The expense of having suppers is increasing which in turn puts the price of the weekend tickets up. I understand that this is being raised as a general business item and encourage you to express your club's views.

JUDGES

We are sorry to be see Shane resigning as Head Judge this year. Shane's input into this role has been significant and the Executive have thoroughly enjoyed working with him. Shane's work commitments have increased significantly this year and the Executive understands the amount of work the Head Judge has to do. It has become difficult for Shane to juggle both commitments. However we are really pleased that Shane has agreed to stay on the Executive as Vice President and we look forward to working with him again this year. The Head Judges position is a pivotal part of the Association and it is crucial that we have that position filled with experience and knowledge. The Executive are very grateful and pleased that Jan Morgan has agreed to step up into that position again. Jan's knowledge and expertise will be welcomed and I think everyone will welcome her back as Head Judge

OFFICIALS

I would once again like to thank all officials that have helped at both Senior and Junior Nationals this year. Apart from the Executive and Judges we have MC's, DJ's, runners and scrutineers. These people give their time freely and we could not have a national event without them so I thank you all sincerely for making yourselves available.

IN CONCLUSION

Although this year has been a busy one it has been very rewarding. National events have been run very well. The Same Sex sections are still increasing and the Top Club sections are going well.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this year and I sincerely thank the Executive for their hard work and support.

I am re standing as President this year and can assure you that I will continue to do my best for the association and will always have the good of New Zealand Rock'n'Roll first and foremost.

Finally on behalf of the Executive Committee my thanks to all clubs for your help and support during the past year.

Were there any queries? No

The President moved that the report be accepted. Seconded Tauranga Carried Unanimously

Head Judge's Report

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

Members of the Executive and Club delegates, I hereby present my report for your consideration and move that it be accepted.

Firstly let me thank all judges, clubs, dancers and supporters for their continued support in ensuring that our judging system stays robust, relevant and accountable.

It has been another busy year for us all with two successfully run Nationals in Wanganui and Invercargill, many local and regional competitions, 3 regional workshops and a national judge's workshop.

JUDGING DEVELOPMENTS

Bryan Wales & Jeff Alley were promoted to National Association status and officially judged their first Nationals. William O'Riley has taken leave from judging which leaves us with 31 judges able to officiate at our national competitions and complete assessments. There are a further 5 Association judges who are also able to help with assessments. We have 14 trainee judges including Melina Kelly-Grootjans who is our newest recruit. We welcome back Cori Grootjans from his time overseas as he completes the criteria to be reinstated as a National Association judge.

JUDGING GUIDELINES

I am pleased to report that judges are happy with the current guidelines. In the past year we focused extensively on Variety, following our efforts on Timing and Harmony in the previous year. There will always be an opportunity to work further on the “interpretation” of the guidelines and I welcome more discussion in the future.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP

The national workshop for judges held in Wellington earlier this year was well attended. 33 judges from around the country spent the day together to constructively review and discuss the judging system including guidelines, interpretations, conduct and rules. It was a great day and I cannot emphasise enough the value and importance of bringing judges together to share and discuss issues and ideas. I hope that clubs will continue to help their judges attend these workshops. I also hope that these become a biennial event.

COMPETITORS/COACHES FORUM

I am pleased that the Executive has supported the idea of the Head Judge being able to hold an open forum at the end of the regional judge’s workshops for dancers/coaches to ask questions or seek clarification. This will be a great opportunity for dancers to hear from the Head Judge and other senior judges outside of a competition. The purpose of the one hour forum will be to engage in positive, open and constructive dialogue, with the aim of helping dancers understand the judging guidelines.

CONCLUSION

I am very pleased that Jan Morgan is standing for the position of Head Judge. I am contesting the role of Vice President and in the event that my nomination is successful, I look forward to working with Jan and the other members of the Executive.

I would like to thank the current Executive for their support – Dianne, Jan, Brenda & Yolanda. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to your roles and the association.

I would like to thank competitors, supporters, coaches and clubs. Thank you for your help in organising the workshops. Thank you for making our national, regional and local competitions the success they are.

Finally let me thank my judging colleagues for their time, expertise and commitment. I am proud at what we have achieved over the past two years. I am pleased that competitors and supporters feel more connected to our judging system and while there will always be room for improvement there is more open and free-flowing dialogue – which has to be a good thing.

All the very best, Shane Taurima

The Head Judge added a personal “thank you” to all clubs for supporting the judges during the year, hosting workshops, organizing dances, inviting judges, and asked that they pass his thanks on to their clubs.

Discussion

HB Juniors Will the open forum at the end judges workshops be minuted and reported on?

Head Judge Yes, it will be included in the report that is released after each judges workshop

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

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

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

There were no matters arising.

The Secretary moved that the Correspondence be accepted. Christchurch seconded. Carried Unanimously

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer spoke to her report below as previously distributed:

The 2011 accounts have been prepared, and reviewed by Helen Reeves, Chartered Accountant. A summary of income and expenditure is included in this report, and the full set of accounts is attached.

The accounts are for the nine months from 1 April 2011 – 31 Dec 2011, as a result of the remit passed at last year's AGM to move to a calendar-based accounting period. This should be taken into account when comparing figures from this year with previous years.

In summary, the Association had a net profit for the nine months of \$6,291. This compares to a net profit of \$4,057 last year. Our balance of funds at 31 December 2011 was \$29,726. Given the move to a calendar year, figures for this year exclude a number of expenses related to Junior Nationals that would otherwise have been included.

Comparing income to expenditure for specific events over the nine months to 31 Dec 2011 we can see:

The AGM ran at a profit to the Association of \$18.58

The Junior Nationals ran at a loss to the Association of \$74.13

The Senior Nationals ran at a loss to the Association of \$879.89

Affiliation and membership income showed a decrease although 2011 figures exclude 5 clubs whose levies are received in the first 3 months of the year (Christchurch, City of Sails, Ramblers, River City, Timaru). Avon City, Kaipara Rockers, Rotorua, Solid Gold and Westside clubs were removed from the list, and Central Otago and Rock n Roll Live Northland were added. A comparison of memberships based on levies received over the last seven years is shown below:

Reporting Period	Seniors	Juniors
2011 (April-Dec)	1769	280
2010/11	2361	508
2009/10	2605	337
2008/09	2370	
2007/08	2631	
2006/07	2900	
2005/06	2700	

There were no unusual expenditure or income items this year. There were no new assets purchased during the reporting period, and all existing assets have no book value so there was no depreciation.

I'd like to record my thanks to the club treasurers and secretaries who continue to ensure that levies and invoices are paid on time.

Key points – 9 month set of accounts due to the move of the financial year to end December.

Net profit just under \$6,300, some expenses hadn't been incurred within the shorter reporting period.

The losses at Nationals are the Association expenses, not the host club.

Setting of Fees and Levies

The Treasurer moved that all fees remain unchanged for the 2012 financial year. Seconded Harbour City
22 For 1 Abstention Carried

The Treasurer moved that the 2011 Financial Report be accepted. Drifters seconded Carried Unanimously

Nationals Reports

Wanganui Senior Nationals 21st – 23rd October 2011

Donna Burns presented the report on behalf of Wanganui

Thank you to the Association for allowing Wanganui Club to host.

Communication with the Association was helpful

Local dancers assisted and helped up to and during the event

The Food trolley in hall and the serving of supper in the hall were both well received

The event ran to budget

Seating – there was a conflict with the council over permits, though the club thought they had allocated enough seating for the tickets sold. Club seating was a problem and there were some complaints

The early ending on Sunday disappointed the club with the rush to leave the hall, and people leaving during presentations was disruptive.

Unfortunately we couldn't arrange to show the World Cup Final on a big due to licensing constraints

The profit of Approx \$20,000 was good considering corners weren't cut.

Wanganui moved that the report be accepted. Top of the South Seconded Carried Unanimously

Discussion

Top of the South We agree it was appalling that everyone left on Sunday

Wellington	We found that the Van Hire caused problems, it was a tricky situation with different drivers, obtaining licenses etc.
Wanganui	This wasn't a problem for us
The Secretary	Some companies don't accept photocopied licenses
Christchurch	Feedback on seating – some other clubs took seats that weren't allocated to them, there should always be allocated seats for tickets sold.
Head Judge	The World cup caused some difficult decisions – if such a situation occurred again, what would the councils feeling be on how to handle it.
City Of Sails Surf City	Could the day start earlier? We are there for Rock'n'Roll
Wanganui	Could some events be held on Friday?
Wellington	Best dressed Male & Female parades perhaps on Friday?
Head Judge	The clear view is we are there for Rock'n'Roll.
Harbour City	Disagree, most people left – people voted with their feet.
Wellington	A big screen there if at all possible
Top of the South	We felt deflated with the ending, it was flat.
HB Juniors	We had to leave, tables were being taken down and we couldn't hear the thank you speeches
Wanganui	Plan to have no tea break
Head Judge	That is a hard decision to make as officials need a break to do the job properly. After the previous Senior Nationals with a huge programme judges were exhausted, so a good break for them was a priority.

The President thanked Wanganui for the report.

Invercargill Junior Nationals 6th – 8th April 2012

Karl Herman presented the report for Invercargill

The Invercargill RNR Club was proud to host the 2012 Junior Nationals, we caught the bug two years earlier following Timaru's fantastic 2010 event!

Following Timaru's awesome result of selling 895 tickets over their weekend we could see nothing but success! We were hyped up from the amazing DJ and MC and we were all hooked. We then attended a fabulous event in Wellington the following year and this was when we realised what we had committed ourselves too, it was unreal – next it was us who needed to host a wonderful and hopefully unforgettable event! What a year the planning year was.

Whilst we believe we hosted an event equal to or better (laughing) than the previous years we were disappointed at numbers being considerably reduced over the weekend's event. We fully appreciate these circumstances to a large degree are beyond anyone's control but of course for a small non-profit club the fixed costs associated with hosting a Nationals don't reduce necessarily just because the numbers are less, ie: venue costs are there regardless of numbers.

We had been advised to base our budget on 350 weekend pass ticket sales, so conservatively decided to sensitise this figure lower – finally agreeing on 300. Our total ticket sales for the weekend equated to 251 Saturday passes and 233 Sunday passes. A bit short! Never fare with a lot of hard work from a determined committee we sought funding from our local ILT as well as many others, we fundraised our fingers to the bone! Our venue whilst ready to cater for large numbers coped well with a smaller turnout, ensuring everyone had plenty of room to make themselves at home and whilst we are discussing this a massive thanks must go to our sound guy (Strawberry Sound – Gordon) for ensuring the sound was perfect all weekend.

Certainly hosting a National's in the middle of a Velodrome, we believe, is a "first".

The Velodrome partied all weekend long – special thanks to the lovely chap from Drifters, we all imagine he would have been sore the following week!

One thing that was disappointing, however, was that no matter how many times you advise "no heels" on the dance floor we still have judges who wear heels and also on the Saturday Best Dressed one pair of heels appeared. Rules need to be lead from the top down – this comment has been passed to us by our Venue owners.

All in all Invercargill thoroughly enjoyed hosting the Junior Nationals and we hope those who attended also enjoyed the event, we would like however to comment that our belief in ensuring the longevity of Nationals lies around some flexibility in coming years for the hosting clubs to be able to come to some agreement with the Association to ensure it is a win/win for both.

Our final accounts are not yet complete (and still subject to auditing) however dependant on our largest account (venue hire) an indicative breakdown is as follows:

<i>Income Weekend Passes (levied)</i>	<i>\$20,537.39 GST excl</i>
<i>Income Day Ticket Sales (not levied)</i>	<i>\$ 6655.22 GST excl</i>
<i>Funding/Sponsorship</i>	<i>\$11,300.00 GST excl</i>
<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>\$ 4089.06 GST excl</i>
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	<i>\$42,581.67</i>
<i>Less:</i>	
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>\$37,246.00 GST excl</i>
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<i>Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	<i>\$ 5,335.67</i>

As you can see had we not had the support of the Invercargill Licensing Trust (along with others) the Invercargill RNR Club could be facing a serious loss (\$6,000)!

This is why we truly believe some changes need to be considered for future events. There may be better ways to progress in the future. Clearly this would be a discussion point that we as a hosting club would be happy to discuss with the Association going forward.

Invercargill moved report be accepted, Seconded Wanganui Carried Unanimously

Discussion

- River City Congratulations on the sound system, it was excellent, a standard that should be followed.
- The President Please explain "flexibility" in regards to The Association, as mentioned your report
- Invercargill It was the expenses the host club carries with transport, partners meals, venue tickets for officials, and competitors badges.
- Whangarei Our club had issues around seating – 17 tickets 16 seats. We did however find outstanding hospitality and friendliness from the host club.
- The Treasurer The way we would cover the costs mentioned by Invercargill would be by increasing the levy, so would still need to be covered by ticket income
- City of Sails Increase the entry fees which have been the same for several years
- Wellington Seniors appear more cost effective for clubs
- HB Juniors It is mainly Venue costs, we would not consider running juniors as the venue is too expensive
- River City Costs for officials should be factored in, venue tickets are cheap, compared with other types of weekends and entertainment
- Wanganui Our club is lucky to be accessible and central, plus being a small rural town, venue costs are less. Also far flung Nationals always struggle to get the numbers.
- The President Query public seating – is this the day passes in your report?
- Invercargill \$30 for a whole day, lots of senior dancers from our club used these seats

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

Julie Cowan presented the report for HB Junior Rockers

Team 2012 committee has been working really hard & we are confident that it will be another great Nationals like all those before us. Our 1st Newsletter has gone out to all clubs and here is a recap of our information so far:

Venue: *Pettigrew Green Arena is in Taradale (half way between Napier and Hastings) so travel is only 10-15 minutes away to the main shopping areas. Taradale shops are only 2 minutes down the road. The Arena will*

have tiered seating down as well as tables & chairs in front of the tiered seating and around the edges of the dance floor. Campervans are allowed onsite during the event, however there is to be no waste dumped during this time. As with past years venues, they also have a "no heels" policy for footwear to protect the floor. Any Novelty props must not have sharp edges that could damage the floor. Mats will be available for Novelty Props if required. An ATM machine is at the venue.

HB Anniversary Day: Friday 19th October is HB Anniversary Day so it is a public holiday for us.

Merchandise: we will have official merchandise of shirts, badges, pens & hand towels and other stall holders selling dancewear, shoes, badges & frames.

Website: Our website has a current copy of the newsletter, accommodation list and transport list.

Assessments: We have a hall & music available for assessments on Monday 22nd October between 10-1pm so we would appreciate being notified if anyone wishes to use this for assessments otherwise we will cancel the booking.

Win a Shirt Promotion: We did this promotion to ensure that as many members attending Nationals could sign up to receive our newsletters so everyone had the relevant information. This has been well received with 13 clubs promoting it & having members sign up. If you haven't heard about it then please ask your club why the information isn't getting out to members.

Videos: For those that prefer to use a tripod for videoing the event, we will have a viewing area upstairs which will have power supply so you can set up and run from the mains. Tripods will only be allowed up here. You will need a Video pass to use a camera either upstairs or in the stadium.

Supper & Food: We will be having a café upstairs serving a large variety of hot & cold snacks, Heavens Coffee Cart will be in the Foyer & Subway is on site. After last years AGM discussion on supper & considering the cost involved & the time of the evening supper we have chosen to have no supper. However... we will be providing a free 6inch subway sub with every day ticket sold. This will allow competitors & spectators to redeem these at a suitable time during the weekend.

Tickets: Our ticket price will reflect the removal of the supper & we hope to announce the final ticket price soon, we are just awaiting on a few grant application decisions first.

We look forward to a great weekend.

HB Junior Rockers moved that the report be accepted. Seconded Tauranga Carried Unanimously

Discussion

Drifters Are supermarkets Open on Friday?

HB Juniors We will check and let clubs know.

Vice President Protecting the floor – will there be chairs for judges, can they be put on the floor?

HB Juniors Yes, we will have mats, and the chairs will be placed behind the judges stands.

The President Is it a BYO venue?

HB Juniors We are not sure yet, we are having discussions with the venue, it probably will not be BYO, but licensed.

Christchurch Junior Nationals 29th 31st March 2013 – Progress Report

Karyn Thomson presented the report for Christchurch

The Christchurch Rock n Roll Club organising committee would like to extend an invitation to all Rock n Rollers & supporters to come to the Junior Nationals 2013 in Christchurch.

You can be guaranteed a great weekend of fun, good music and fantastic dancing.

We offer you a great atmosphere in a great venue (Lincoln Event Centre - Lincoln). This centre is only 18months old and is fantastic.

We have included a motel list for you to book your accommodation early.

Book your flights early to take advantage of cheap airfares. Tag on a couple of extra days to tour our new container shopping centre.

Notes:

- *Motels on the list are between 10 – 15 minutes from the venue*
- *You will need to secure rental vans / cars*
- *There will be no suppers served on Saturday or Sunday*
- *We are endeavouring to keep ticket prices at a minimum*
- *Shaun Birchall is confirmed as the DJ*
- *Rotorock Productions has been confirmed to video the competition*
- *Onsite catering will be provided during the day*
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We look forward to seeing you in Christchurch in 2013.

Check out our website for further updates. www.christchurchrocknroll.org.nz

Christchurch moved that the report be accepted, Kapi Mana seconded. Carried Unanimously

There was no discussion

City of Sails Senior Nationals 25th – 27th October 2013 – Progress report

Annette Jenkins presented the report for City of Sails

The City of Sails Rock n Roll Club is looking forward to hosting another Senior Nationals and we are extremely pleased to announce that we have a brand new venue.

The AMI Netball Centre is very large with fantastic moveable, tiered seating, tables and chairs plus an awesome viewing mezzanine floor with a café.

It is in the Mt Wellington area and we have outlined good areas for motels in our flyer. The local area has many food outlets & shops plus Sylvia Park Shopping Centre is very handy as well.

The venue's large café offers a variety of food and as this café is also the on-site caterer we feel that "no supper" is the way to go and people can bring what they would like in the way of refreshments or order from the café and only pay for what they want. This way we will be able to keep ticket prices down.

Eftpos and first aid facilities will be available at the venue. We will email further information to Clubs as it comes to hand. We are hoping to secure a discount deal on vehicle hire again, which proved very popular when we last hosted in 2008.

Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact information and we look forward to hosting a fun-filled Nationals!

City of Sails moved that the report be accepted, Drifters seconded. Carried Unanimously

Discussion

Wanganui

Is it BYO

City of Sails

It should be, we will let clubs know

HB Juniors

Nationals profit – should a good profit be okay? Some time ago it was frowned upon to make a big profit from hosting a nationals

City Of Sails

Clubs should be able to make a profit

Wellington

Profit is hard to get, there is a need to work out the budget different ways, but clubs do carry the risk. Has a Nationals been run at a loss?

Drifters

Yes, Drifters had a big loss when they stepped in to host in 2008

Wellington

We found early presales discounts worked really well, and gave a good indication of numbers.

Head Judge

With reliance on supporters to build numbers there is a risk involved. If a club ends up with a great profit then that is good and encourages future host clubs.

- HB Juniors That is good to hear, because last time Hawkes Bay hosted a good profit was frowned upon.
- President Grants are harder to get now
- The Secretary It is best to prepare budgets with a lower estimate of tickets numbers to cover the fixed costs and promote public seating if there is room
- Drifters Juniors is a little in decline, many have now grown up, and possibly there is greater risk hosting a Juniors.

The President thanked the clubs for hosting, and the council for the informative discussion

Allocation of 2014 Junior and Senior Nationals

Junior Nationals – 18th – 20th April 2014

No attending Clubs offered to host. Wanganui delegates will go back to their club

Senior Nationals – 24th – 26th October 2014

Invercargill Club is Hosting the 2014 Senior Nationals

Remits

REMIT 1

Executive / Wanganui

Introduce a new section in the Senior National Competition, Section 16, Senior Same Sex as follows:

- a) Alter Rule 1.8(b) to add a new Section 16, Senior Same Sex, 40 years and over
- b) Alter Rule 3.8 to include Section 16 under Senior Championship Sections with a National Qualifying Level of 40%
- c) Alter Rule 1.7 to add Section 16 into those sections competing on Sunday
- d) Alter Rule 3.11 to include Section 16 in the sections where reassessment can be sought
- e) Alter Rule 4.12(b) to include Section 16 in sections a Novice can compete in
- f) Alter Rules 5.1(b) and (c) to include Section 16 in the process for determining finalists
- g) Alter Rule 5.4(a) to include Section 16 in the categories that dance to one slow and one fast song in each stage of the competition
- h) Alter Rule 5.5 to include Section 16 in those sections that have an optional best dressed parade on Sunday
- i) Alter Rule 6.4.1 to include Section 16 in the sections that a judge may call for one extra song in
- j) Alter Rule 9.6(a) to include Section 16 in the sections where all place-getters receive a non-returnable trophy
- k) Alter Rule 11.5 to include Section 16 in the sections that this definition of an inappropriate move relates to

Reason – Same Sex is a relatively recent addition to our competition categories, but has quickly become very popular. Offering a Senior Same Sex may encourage more-senior competitors who at the moment are competing against an open field, and brings this category into line with Restricted and Triples sections.

The Treasurer spoke to the remit

The intent is to encourage older dancers, and give them a level playing field.

Discussion

City of Sails We would prefer 35% assessment to bring in line with Masters & Diamonds

The Treasurer 40% is suggested as it is the same as Golden and Senior triples

City of Sails Nothing sits even with the assessment levels. Same sex dancers often do not have an opportunity to dance Novice, so the qualifying level should be easier.

Amendment
City of Sails / Wellington

Alter assessment level to 35%

Voting on the Amendment: 11 For, 12 Against Amendment lost.

Voting on Remit 1: Carried Unanimously

REMIT 2
Executive / Whangarei

Amend Rule 1.8(b), 3.8(b) and 4.10(b) to rename the existing Senior Championship Section 13 to "Open Same Sex"

Reason – to better distinguish this section from Senior Same Sex.

Amendment

City of Sails / Drifters Remove (b)

Voting on Amendment: Carried Unanimously

Voting on Amended Remit: Carried Unanimously

REMIT 3
Executive / Kapi Mana

Amend Rule 3.8 to increase National Qualifying Levels for Section 13 (Open Same Sex) to 45%

Reason – To recognise the split between Open and Senior Same Sex and to bring assessment levels for Open Same Sex into line with Open Restricted and Open Triples

The Treasurer spoke to the remit, which would differentiate between the two Same Sex sections where assessment levels are concerned.

City of Sails	Same Sex can't dance novice, we think novice dancers will find this level too high
Head Judge	The Senior Same Sex assessment pass rate is 40%, we need that percentage difference.
Harbour City	That rate is not encouraging newer dancers
Head Judge	You could introduce a Novice Same Sex section for new dancers
River City	If a novice same sex was introduced they wouldn't have to be assessed
Whangarei	It is Nationals, a certain level of dancing should be evident, lowering assessment levels takes the prestige away from those competing.

Voting on the Amended Remit: 20 For 2 Against 1 Abstention Remit Carried

REMIT 4
Executive / City of Sails

Introduce a new section in the Junior National Competition, Section 16, Junior Same Sex, as follows:

- a) Alter Rule 1.8(a) to add a new Section 16, Junior Same Sex, 5 years to 13 years
- b) Alter Rule 3.8 to include Section 16 under Junior Championship Sections with a National Qualifying Level of 25%
- c) Alter Rule 1.7 to add Section 16 into those sections competing on the Sunday
- d) Alter Rule 3.11 to include Section 16 in the sections where reassessment can be sought
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- k) Alter Rule 11.5 to include Section 16 in the sections that this definition of an inappropriate move relates to

Reason – to encourage younger age group partnerships in the same sex section.

**Amendment
Executive / City of Sails**

“that the above remit be amended to remove above sections c) to k), as they are already in place”

Voting on Amendment: Carried Unanimously

The Amended Remit now reads

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- b) Alter Rule 3.8 to include Section 16 under Junior Championship Sections with a National Qualifying Level of 25%

Discussion

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| Wellington | Ages 5 – 12 would be more suitable |
| City of Sails | Agree, ages should be up to 12 , which means primary and intermediate ages in one section and high school/college in another |
| Drifters | Qualifying level should be 20% |
| Head Judge | We just want to Clarify that the current Same Sex section in Junior Nationals stays in place, this is a new section |

**Amendment
City of Sails / Wellington**

Alter Rule 1.8(a) to add a new Section 16, Junior Same Sex, 5 years to 12 years

Discussion on the Amendment

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| River City | Equity to Triples |
| City of Sails | Primary and Intermediate kids, then college kids |

Voting on Amendment: 19 For 2 Against 2 Abstentions - Amendment Carried.

Amended Remit now reads

Introduce a new section in the Junior National Competition, Section 16, Junior Same Sex, as follows:

- a) Alter Rule 1.8(a) to add a new Section 16, Junior Same Sex, 5 years to 12 years
- b) Alter Rule 3.8 to include Section 16 under Junior Championship Sections with a National Qualifying Level of 25%

**Amendment
Drifters / City of Sails**

Amendment to (b) reducing qualifying level to 20%

Rename Same Sex to 'Open Same Sex', add 'Senior Same Sex' as number 14, and renumber subsequent sections. Alter all Rules pertaining to Section numbers accordingly.

Reason -To include a Senior Same Sex section. This section has grown in size and is big enough to be split. We feel it is difficult for senior dancers to compete with 18 year old couples.

REMIT 9

Drifters – Remit Withdrawn

Amend 3.8 to rename Same Sex to 'Open Same Sex', and add a new section Senior Same Sex with a National Qualifying Level of 35%.

Reason -To define assessment percentage for the new section, Senior Same Sex

REMIT 10

Invercargill - Remit Withdrawn

Alter Rule 1.8 (b) to add a new section Senior Same Sex - 40 years and over
Alter all Rules pertaining to Section numbers accordingly.

Reason - This will bring the section in line with other sections

Allow dancers over 40 years the chance to compete fairly with their peers

Same sex is the strongest section in many competitions and we need to encourage and keep our senior dancers involved at a level that is safe and with the limits of their age.

REMIT 11

Drifters / City of sails

Alter Rule 5.5 to include new section 'Senior Same Sex', renumber subsequent sections, and include Novice Best Dressed on Saturday.

Amendment

Drifters / City of Sails

Alter remit to read

"Alter Rule 5.5 to include Novice Best Dressed on Saturday".

Voting on amendment: Carried Unanimously

Reason - Novice is held on a Saturday. The rule indicated that Novice would be held on Sunday.

Discussion

Secretary When this section was introduced, it was not clear where it would fit in the programme, however, as it is now entrenched in Saturday it follows that this rule change is needed.

Voting on Amended Remit: Carried Unanimously

REMIT 12

Drifters / City of sails

Section 2. Dress Code:

Amend 2.4(b) to include Collar Tips in the items which may be removed before dancing.

"Competitors must be dressed as they intend to appear on the floor for the dance competition, apart from jackets, boleros, shawls, capes, ties, collar tips and neck scarves, which are optional and may be removed before dancing."

Reason - To include collar tips as a removable item for safety reasons. On numerous occasions we have seen clumps of hair being pulled out because they have got caught in the tips. We have also seen cuts and major scratches to ladies arms when exiting aerals. Removing collar tips doesn't lessen or enhance ones dancing ability. It is purely for safety reasons that they should be allowed to be removed.

Drifters spoke to the remit: – This is a safety Issue, collar tips do enhance male outfits, but we would like them to be able to be removed as we have seen ladies with cuts and tangled hair.

River City Agree, we have seen this happen

Drifters A number of males do remove collar tips and hope they don't get noticed..

City of Sails We also need to add necklaces to the list of dangerous items to be removed before dancing.

Invercargill Aren't we getting carried away, it is the dancers own risk what they wear

Surf City If it is dangerous don't wear it

HB Juniors The Sunday parades are the place to go all out with accessories.

- River City Disagree, all these items should be able to be worn in best dressed, also bracelets
- Head judge Inclined to agree with everything that has been said. As judges, we have done a lot of work around best dressed and have lifted the standard, wonder why we have a rule – is there a logical reason?
- Tauranga It could make a difference to judging best dressed, but could disadvantage during dancing
- River City Removal of clothing was for an advantage and should be looked at
- Harbour City It should be unrestricted in what you can take off before dancing.
- Vice President It is Best Dressed Competing Couple.

Amendment

City of Sails / Top of the South

“to add jewelry to the list of items to be removed before dancing.”

Discussion on the amendment

- Wellington For, but now, when do you disqualify them if they don't comply
- Head Judge We can only police and monitor the rules in the marshalling area.
- Hawkes Bay So you would need to put everything back on for the best dressed final?
- Whangarei Also, if you need to take it all off, it cuts into the warm up.
- HB Juniors Beads could hit the floor and affect other dancers
- Gracelands Today safety is paramount – if a hazard has been identified, which this has, and we ignore it, we could be hammered if an accident occurred.

Voting on Amendment: 20 For 2 Abstentions - Amendment Carried

Amended Remit now reads

Alter Rule 2.4 to include collar tips and jewelry which may be removed before dancing

Voting on the Amended Remit: 20 For 1 Against 2 Abstentions Amended Remit Carried.

Break for lunch 12.30 pm

AGM Reconvened at 1.00 pm

REMIT 13

Drifters / River City

Amend 2.5(b) to read:

Shoes with heels should have heels no higher than 20mm measured at the instep. The heel prints must have a minimum measurement of 40mm x 40mm. This restriction also applies to the Sunday Best Dressed Female Parade.

Reason - To remove the lack of responsibility / accountability for enforcing the requirement when the venue provider has stipulated no heels to be worn in the hall. At the 2011 Senior Nationals it was stipulated that no heels were to be worn in the hall. This was conveyed by the N.Z.A.R.R.A on Association letterhead and published via their website. It was also reinforced at the Team Managers meeting on the Friday evening. Despite this, ladies were still allowed to continue in the best dressed parade on Sunday wearing high heels.

- Drifters This remit is about getting consistency with heels, whether they can be worn in best dressed parades. If a club says no heels, there needs to be confidence that there will be no heels.
- Wellington In the 50's high heels were worn, a solution could be to lay a carpet for the parade.
- River City Most venues don't want high heels, the rule should apply to everyone.
- Drifters Wouldn't be up to the venue provider, it would be a rule, which gives certainty.

Head Judge	I agree with intent to introduce consistency. This would only apply to the competition so public responsibility is still on host club.
Whangarei	We need to start somewhere.
River City	We don't want venues refusing Rock'n'Roll over this issue
Vice President	If the venue has no heel policy that overrides this rule?
Treasurer	The Intent is in terms of the competition only.
HB Juniors	It needs to get across to everyone who is going,
Whangarei	The measurement, it is still a heel?
Treasurer HB Juniors	We couldn't interpret what "no heels" means, so this is a yard stick. Cannot say "flat shoes", men's shoes have heels and most women's shoes. We have no problem with these measurements, and just want to apply those measurements to the Best Dressed parades

Voting on Remit: 22 For 1 Against - Carried

REMIT 14
Gold Coast / Harbour City

Add the following clauses to Rule 3.1

3.1(a) In recognition of their achievement (The Winning couples/triples teams ((or The Top 3)) of each section are considered to be of the Highest National Standard and as such are automatically considered to have passed assessment for the following year.

3.1(a1) (The winning couples/triples teams ((or The Top 3)) of each section shall be exempt from the assessment for the following year so long as no changes are made to the makeup or configuration of the winning couples/triples team.

3.1 (a2) Any change to the winning couples/triples teams configuration or makeup of the winning couples/triples teams will result in an assessment being required.

3.1 (a3) The winning couples/triples teams ((or The Top 3)) configuration must notify the New Zealand Association and have completed the appropriate forms before completion of the final presentation of the Nationals Championship.

Gold Coast spoke to the Remit

It seems redundant to make dancers get assessed when they are clearly capable. Why not treat their marks gained at nationals as their assessment. Many get assessed the next day anyway.

Discussion

River City	Against, the assessment system is good, most choose to leave assessments until later, only a minority get assessed immediately after a nationals.
Wellington	Judges would miss seeing the higher level of dancing, as the only time would be at Nationals.
Invercargill	Against, we would start getting a tier system, instead of the equal playing field by being assessed
Harbour City	For, this would reward the winning couples, to regard them as already assessed would be an incentive to continue dancing
Head Judge	For clarification, last year only 5 couples were assessed the day after. Couples cannot be assessed during the competition as the points system is different. Judges need experience, and this would penalize them. Negating the need for assessments could further affect clubs holding club champs and assessment nights
Surf City	Is it usually overseas dancers?

- Gold Coast Why not put a limit on when they can be assessed, for example within 3 months of the closing date.
- Treasurer This rule was put in for overseas dancers. Dancers need to be assessed, and not during the national competition.
- Head Judge I have no issue with when they want to be assessed as long as it is after the nationals competition, but not during that competition.

Voting on the Remit: 2 For 20 Against 1 Abstention Remit Lost.

REMIT 15

Executive / Gracelands

New Rule 5.1 (d) Renumber following Rule

Where only one semi final is danced, all competitors in that semi final will proceed to the final.

Reason: The intent of current clause (c) is to allow competitors in sections where numbers allow a straight final, the opportunity to take the floor once prior to that final. This amendment makes it clear that all dancers in this situation will be called back. This has always been the intent, and is how this rule is currently implemented, but to date it has not been specifically spelt out.

The Treasurer spoke to the Remit

One semi final is always danced when there are not enough entries to have heats, and semi finals, this is so dancers aren't just dancing in the final. What is not clear is that when there are five in that Semi, they are all expected to be called back. This Rule is to make this very clear.

Discussion

- City of Sails Against , why shouldn't they all come back, they should be competing.
- Wellington Why not split into 2 Semi Finals
- HB Juniors Is it just a feel good thing to call them all back?
- Head Judge Do you want a competitive intent rather than a rehearsal for a straight final? With a section which only has 5 entries, are you happy for them to dance a semi, and drop one to have 4 in a final? Do we let them dance as a warm up or as a competition.

Amendment

Kapi Mana / River City

Where only one semi final is danced, no more than 4 competitors in that semi final will proceed to the final unless tied.

The Treasurer queried Rule 6.5

- City of Sails Is this needed, it is covered in other rules.
- HB Juniors We already have a rule, don't need the first part of this remit.

Remit 15 withdrawn

New Remit

City of Sails / Kapi Mana
New Rule 5.1 d or e

"No more than 4 couples in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 16 will proceed to the final unless tied.

Voting for new remit: Carried Unanimously

Remit 16

Hawkes Bay / HB juniors

Alter Rule 5.3 (a) to alter the order of presentations to 4th.3rd.2nd.1st

5.3 A. Currently reads

Championship places will be awarded for 4th 3rd 2nd and 1st in the finals except for sections 5.6.7.8.9. which will be awarded for 3rd 2nd and 1st .

They are to be announced in the following order 3rd 2nd 1st 4th

5.3A to read as follows

Championship places will be awarded for 4th 3rd 2nd 1st in the finals except for sections 5, 6.7.8.9. which will be awarded for 3rd 2nd and 1st .

They are to be announced in the following order 4th 3rd 2nd 1st

Reason - When you have 3 finalists the order that the placings are announced are 3rd 2nd 1st. But when there are 4 finalists the order that they are announced is 3rd 2nd 1st and then 4th. It would be better to use the same rule for 4 placings as done for 3 placings.

This will also eliminate the current situation where the 1st 2nd and 3rd place getters are already standing on podiums while the 4th place getters are presented their medals.

Hawkes Bay spoke to the Remit

Triples and teams are announced from 3rd to 1st , why is it different for couples with the 4th placing given last. We want correct recognition given to 4th place getters.

Amendment

City of Sails / Harbour City.

“to add section 15 to 5.3 a”

The Remit as above is incorrect, as it omits section 15.

Voting on Amendment: 21 For 2 abstentions Amendment Passed

Further discussion on Discussion on the amended remit

Invercargill For, 4th should be at start not end.

Kapi Mana For, we need to start at lowest placing.

Wellington Against the remit, there is recognition on podium

Christchurch For, no other sporting does presentations this way, the last placings called should be between 2nd and 1st

The Treasurer & City of Sails - Do finalists get called first?

HB Juniors Finalists should be called in order, lowest to highest.

The Treasurer Any couples coming 5th and 6th are just finalist, these are not championship placings

Amendment

The Treasurer / Top of the South

New Rule 5.3c

Finalists medals will be awarded before the championship placings are awarded for that section.

Voting on Amendment : Carried unanimously

Voting on the Amended Remit: 22 For 1 Abstention Carried.

End of Remits

Election of Officers

The President reminded the council of the voting procedure, by secret ballot, as agreed at the start of the meeting. Jeanette Greaves supervised the elections of the President, Vice President, Secretary Head Judge, and Treasurer with hotel staff members.

As all positions were unopposed, all voting was carried out at the same time.

The President moved that voting papers be destroyed at the close of voting. Seconded by Surf City

Carried Unanimously

Nominations for President

Dianne Halstead Nominated by River City. Seconded by Drifters

There were no other nominations.

Dianne Halstead was elected by a secret ballot.

Nominations for Vice President

Shane Taurima Nominated by Surf City. Seconded by Hawkes Bay

There were no other nominations.

Shane Taurima was elected by secret ballot.

Nominations for Secretary

Brenda Neill Nominated by Christchurch. Seconded by Dunedin

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

Jan Morgan Nominated by Gracelands. Seconded by Kapi Mana

There were no other nominations.

Jan Morgan was elected by secret ballot.

The Election of Officers was completed

General Business

Item 1 Hawkes Bay

Why not have a 4th place podium at both the Junior and Senior Nationals?

These are our N.Z National rock n roll Championships and a fourth placing is worthy enough to stand alongside the other placings on a 4th place podium.

Everyone works and trains for months and it is reasonable to expect that all finalists should be able to stand on podiums ultimately 1st 2nd 3rd or 4th.

Please can we have a fourth place podium for all future nationals?

Discussion

Harbour City Shouldn't the association supply the podiums

River City Freighting and storage would be a major problem

HB Juniors Use a judges stand for 4th Podium, it should be a Host club responsibility

City of Sails 4th place only needs to hold 2 people

TOP of the South Why not just use a mat.

The Council indicated that a fourth place podium should be supplied, Book B will be altered accordingly

Item 2 Christchurch - Withdrawn

Discussion re overselling of venue tickets and lack of allocated seating at National Competitions

Item 3 Executive

Reimbursement for AGM travel

This general business item is based on discussion at the 2011 AGM.

The intent:

1. to limit reimbursement of travel to the AGM to *the lesser* of an appropriate airfare or mileage
2. to include reimbursement of booking fees given the move to online booking, which incurs them
3. to be clear about the type of airfare used in this calculation.

To implement 1. and 2.:

Amend Rule Book A 1.5(f) to read

Reimbursements shall be no more than the *Air New Zealand Smart Saver* or equivalent airfare excluding commission/insurance fees, or mileage at the current cents per km rate as listed in Book B, *whichever is the lesser*. Any surplus will be divided equally among attending delegates and returned to their clubs.

To implement 3.:

Add to Book B Section 3.5 (Travel):

For reference, a 2012 Air New Zealand Smartsaver airfare allows checked in baggage but does not allow flexibility in dates of travel.

The Treasurer spoke to the General Business Item

There is an inconsistency in how we reimburse travel to AGM, which has been an issue since increasing the mileage rate. The cheaper that everyone travels to the AGM provides benefits to all clubs attending, as the surplus is split amongst all the delegates.

This makes it clear that reimbursements will whichever is lesser of the appropriate air fare, including online booking fees, and mileage.

Discussion

HB Juniors How do people book, in advance?

Tauranga It is difficult to book in advance with not knowing who is travelling

Vice President Most wait until their AGM to select their delegate/s

New Remit

Executive / Harbour City

Amend Rule Book A 1.5(f) to read:

Reimbursements shall be no more than the *Air New Zealand Smart Saver* or equivalent airfare excluding commission/insurance fees, or mileage at the current cents per km rate as listed in Book B, *whichever is the lesser*. Any surplus will be divided equally among attending delegates and returned to their clubs.

Voting for Remit: Carried Unanimously

Item 4 Wellington

Nationals Profits

With the potential to raise a profit at Seniors Nationals, could a Senior Host club put, for example, 20%, aside to offset any losses of Junior host club if needed?

HB Juniors Are clubs not putting their hand up because they are scared of losses.

Secretary Clubs need to look at being realistic about ticket prices, and covering all their costs

Whangarei It is just not possible in such a far flung centre, we would love to host, but venue, accommodation, the infrastructure just isn't there.

Wanganui We have always met our costs, even with Juniors

President Managing the risk factor is an issue

City of Sails Would this cross subsidy make clubs a bit lazy? Could the Levies be higher at Seniors than Juniors?

Whangarei Should be up to the senior host club to donate if they wish.

HB Juniors The Levy pays for some Association expenses, whether Junior or Senior Nationals.

City of Sails Should clubs take the loss? They are hosting for the Association.

On a show of hands, the Council indicated they are generally against profit sharing.

**Item 5 Harbour City
Team Songs**

Harbour City had a request to pass on, about releasing the team songs much earlier, perhaps as much as a year ahead, that is, immediately after Nationals.

Discussion

- City of Sails Perhaps choose at the Executive meeting at Nationals?
- The President That meeting is taken up with the weekend ahead.
- Vice President The song is chosen at the first meeting after the AGM, and for Juniors at the first meeting after Senior Nationals, however, we will take this on board.

**Item 6 City of Sails
Judges Workshops Travel**

Judges or their clubs are paying to attend workshops and paying to get there, why should these expenses be on the judges or their clubs.

Discussion

- President Workshop fees are \$20 per judge, sometimes clubs pay for their judges.
- City of Sails Why should it be only clubs with judges in their membership pay, can it be spread.
- Tauranga We have 5 judges in our membership and have no qualms about paying for their attendance at workshops. With the recent combined workshop, the Club paid half of the airfare, the judges paid other half.
- HB Juniors Clubs that have judges are very fortunate, the costs to clubs without judges are significant when holding club competitions or even assessments.
- City of Sails Spreading the costs across all clubs would be fairer.
- Top of the South We have no problem with clubs supporting their judges
- Secretary Referees for most sports codes have to pay to be a referee, the workshop fee is our only cost for judges. Question to Christchurch delegate - Do referees get paid? Generally, no.
- Gold Coast Clubs with judges benefit enormously with visibly enhanced dancing ability.
- Head Judge Judges are used by all clubs, can and are contacted all the time, by all clubs. With 2 national competitions, we expect to have good judges and have high expectations of them, requiring them to officiate and attend workshops, be evaluated and reviewed. It is incumbent on all clubs to help our judges. \$20 really only provides lunches at workshops, and is meant to cover any venue expenses, the Head Judge's travel etc. If support includes a slight increase in the levy, would clubs be comfortable with that?
- Christchurch Most sporting codes umpires belong to an association in their own right, and pay the appropriate fee to belong. Our judges through their clubs belong to NZARRA. The only pay \$20 twice a year to gain a significant NZ qualification.
- Whangarei We would not have a problem assisting judges, they help us out.
- Wellington How many attend each workshops,
- Head Judge On average, 30 judges would attend a round of workshops, there are two rounds per year.
- Wellington That would be a one off levy of approximately \$70
- Vice President This is food for thought, which we take to the workshops

**Item 7 City Of Sails
Subsequent Assessments for Same Sex sections**

New Remit

City Of Sails / Harbour City

New Rule 3.11 (b)

If a Dancing Partnership has passed assessment in section 13 or 16 that partnership or any individual may seek assessment in either of these sections, invalidating any previous assessment in those sections.

Voting on Remit: Carried Unanimously

The President thanked all delegates for their valuable input and participation.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 3.30 pm

The date for the 2013 AGM is Saturday 18th May at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington.



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3	Drifters	Michael Feck	
4	Dunedin	Roger King	
5	Gold Coast NZ	Bruce Herdman	
6	Gracelands	Megan Birchall	Irene Tiddy
7	Harbour City	Miles Coverdale	
8	Hawkes Bay	John Harwood	
9	HB Junior Rockers	Julie Cowan	
10	Invercargill	Karl Herman	
11	Kapi Mana	Ron Diack	
12	River City	Trev Halstead	
13	Surf City	Wendy Cossgrove	
14	Tauranga	Rana Mitchell	Robin Symons
15	Top of The South	Margaret Smith	Gerry Wilson
16	Wanganui	Donna Burns	Gil Pirikahu
17	Wellington	Richard Reder	Graham Halliday
18	Whangarei	Heather Taylor	Paul Thornley

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Apologies

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Hutt Valley