



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



MINUTES OF THE 2013 NZARRA Inc 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BRENTWOOD HOTEL, SATURDAY 18th MAY 2013

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	Head Judge
Brenda Neill	Secretary
Yolanda Van Dorrestein	Treasurer

The President moved that the voting procedure be as follows.

Voting for remits on a show of hands, 51% of 21 clubs & Executive present is a majority of 11
Election of Officers: Secret Ballot for all positions. Seconded by the Treasurer - Carried Unanimously

Clubs in attendance at start of AGM was 19, so majority will be 10, Gracelands and City of Sails delayed at the airport.

Apologies

Kaiapoi, Sun City, Hawkes Bay, Shane Taurima (Vice President)

Shane reiterated to the Head Judge that he is fully committed to the Association and was unavoidably detained this weekend.

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

Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting

The President moved the Minutes be accepted. Kapi Mana seconded. Carried Unanimously

There were no matters arising.

President's Report

Dianne Halstead presented the President's report as below and as circulated prior to the meeting.

To Delegates and members of the NZARnR Association Inc.

Welcome to our 30th Annual General Meeting.

I hope that you have had another great year of Rock'n'Roll. The Executive committee have had fairly quiet year this year and it seems that clubs are happy with the way the association is trucking along. My sincere thanks go 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 Auckland, 1 in Hamilton, 2 prior to each Nationals plus 1 to be held on the Friday before the AGM. The Hamilton meeting was held in Jan's home, and the Auckland ones (for convenience) were one at the Airport conference room and one at conference facilities at a motel. The Executive are debating whether we need to have a November meeting which would bring the meetings down to six a year. We feel that there is very little to discuss at this meeting and this one could be done via conference call or email. This would be a cost saving for the association.

NATIONALS

Senior Nationals 2012 hosted by Hawkes Bay Junior Rockers was excellent, there was plenty of room and the atmosphere was great. Thank you Hawkes Bay Rockers for a great Nationals and for looking after us.

Junior Nationals 2013 hosted by The Christchurch Rock n Roll club was held in Lincoln.

What a great venue, the facilities were amazing, with lots of room for marshalling and for competitors to warm up. Christchurch did a great job hosting this nationals so thank you all for looking after the officials so well.

JUDGES

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. I would like to thank Jan Morgan for doing an excellent job again this year especially with the new trainee judges coming through the system.

OFFICIALS

I would once again like to thank all officials that have given their time at Senior National last year 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

As mentioned in my last report we have now replaced several trophies this year and thank you to those clubs that originally donated them and were willing to pay for the new ones.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Executive over the past 4 years and I sincerely once again thank the Executive for their hard work and support. I would also like to thank the clubs that have supported me over the past 4 years. I have really enjoyed meeting new people and my time as President.

I am not standing for re election as President this year and feel it is time to stand down and hopefully get "new blood" on the team. I feel that this is a good time to be looking to get someone new on to the Executive as the Association is running smoothly and with both Jan and Shane doing such a great job in their Head Judge roles the judging system is continuing to run well.

I wish the Executive the best of luck for the future and I am sure I will still see you all at future nationals.

Were there any queries? No

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

Gracelands and City of Sails arrived, the majority is now 11.

Head Judge's Report

Jan Morgan presented the Head Judge's report as below and circulated prior to the meeting.

I hereby present my report for your consideration.

Judges:

We currently have 29 National Association Judges, 5 Association Judges and 15 Trainees.

This year has seen the retirement of Colleen Tapara and we thank her for her many years of service to the Association.

We congratulate Ashley Feck and Stacy Grootjans who were promoted to Association status having passed their exam, and at the time of writing this Stephen Blasé is about to take his exam.

We welcome to the fold Karen Birch, Donna Carey, Haley Small, and Robin Sutton as trainees, and all have hit the ground running with armchair assignments.

Judging Guidelines:

No changes were made to the guidelines this year and the workshops held in Tauranga, Wellington and Christchurch, focused on Teams, Tempo, and Same Sex Harmony and Variety. It was pleasing that the Trainees who attended the workshops felt comfortable to have good input into the discussions. Interpretation of our guidelines is something that we will always be working on as the dancers test the boundaries with new and creative dancing.

Workshops:

While regional attendance was down this year, it is still felt amongst the majority of Judges that a Combined Regions Workshop bi-annually is a preferred way to have constructive debate about interpretation and understanding our guidelines and is a good way for everyone to get to know each other. Insight and experience from Judges from other regions is invaluable, especially to the trainees. Cost to the Judges seems to be the only deterrent. This has prompted the Executive to put forward a general business item for discussion by the

Council today as a starting point. We would welcome any other ideas that may assist the Judges and Association in achieving this goal.

A competitors/coaches forum has held at the first workshops and it was very interesting to answer questions from dancers about the guidelines and to hear what they thought in return. Harmony is something they would like more information on, and I shall pass this forward for further discussion by the Judges. There were also procedure questions in relation to music selections and assessments. All workshops have been reported on the website.

Nationals:

Another two great Nationals were held and each year I think, it can't get any better than this, but there is always something that surprises you.

At Seniors the standard of dancing was high and very closely contested in all finals. At Juniors it was great to see the Novice and Intermediate dancers producing good standards of dance and the creativity throughout all the sections was beyond expectations. With the early release of the Team songs I look forward to a few more Senior Team and Top Club contenders this year. These are great club building sections and always a highlight at Nationals.

Conclusion:

I took up the role last year knowing that if 'it's not broken don't fix it', hence my aim was to keep the communication lines open and to support the Judges and dancers alike.

I am very pleased that Shane has decided to re-stand as Head Judge this year and regardless of whether my nomination for President is successful or not, I offer my assistance to him and the Executive on any level when and where needed.

I wish to thank the Executive Committee, fellow Judges, Clubs and Host clubs for nationals and workshops, for their continued support, hospitality and dedication to our organisation.

All the best, Jan Morgan

The Head Judge added a special thanks to workshop Host clubs. Kapi Mana had hosted a workshop and had sent Jan a letter of thanks which was shared with the Council. For Jan it made the year extra special.

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. Tauranga seconded. Carried Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Yolanda van Dorrestein presented the Treasurers as previously distributed:

*Treasurer's Report
AGM: 18 May 2013*

The 2012 accounts have been prepared, and reviewed by Helen Reeves, Chartered Accountant. A summary of income and expenditure and comparison to previous years, and the full set of accounts, is attached to this report.

In summary, our balance of funds as at 31 Dec 2012 was \$24,834, and the Association had a net loss for the last financial year of \$4,891. This compares to a net profit of \$6,291 for the nine months prior (1 Apr 2011- 31 Dec 2012).

The loss is attributable mainly to lower income for both Junior and Senior Nationals, an increase in expenses for the Juniors (travel expenses to Invercargill and medals/trophies), and an increase in Judges Workshop expenses which for the year included a national combined workshop (Brentwood hire and meals).

Comparing income to expenditure for specific events over the last financial year, we can see:

- the AGM ran at a loss to the Association of \$699
- the Junior Nationals ran at a loss to the Association of \$7,719
- the Senior Nationals ran at a loss to the Association of \$2,787

These losses are offset within the accounts by affiliation and membership fees - income that is expected to cover shortfalls such as these, as well as expenses that have no directly-related income.

Affiliation and membership income show an artificial increase when compared to the 9 months prior, but a decrease when comparing to other full 12 month years. There were no clubs added or removed from the Affiliation list this year. A comparison of memberships based on levies received over the last eight years is shown below:

Reporting Period	Seniors	Juniors
2012 (Jan-Dec)	2150	464
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 new assets purchased during the reporting period, and all existing assets have no book value so there was no depreciation.

Given our current bank balance, there is no intention within this report to suggest an increase in Association affiliation fee or membership levies.

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

Yolanda van Dorrestein, NZARRA Treasurer

Setting of Fees and Levies

The Treasurer moved that all fees remain unchanged for the 2013/14 year. Seconded Whangarei

City of Sails – will this be affected by any decisions made later?

Treasurer – no, at this time this motion is correct

The motion was carried unanimously

Yolanda included in her report the a summary as below

Summary of Income and Expenditure

	2012	2011	2010/11	2009/10	2008/9	2007/8	2006/7
	9 mths						
Income							
Affiliation and membership	13,226	10,723	13,055	12,322	12,207	12,792	13,402
National Champs	18,683	22,026	22,119	18,454	9,418	24,278	14,024
AGM	3,225	3,078	3,334	3,067	3,267	3,267	5,075
Judging workshops	820	1,652	1,439	587	1,049	622	1,280
Other Income incl Interest	760	1,232	1,544	740	1,119	2,815	747
	36,714	38,709	41,491	35,170	27,060	43,774	34,528
Expenses							
Audit Fees	0	0	850	575	625	600	1,050

AGM Expenses	3,924	3,060	2,687	2920	4,302	4,627	4,354
Printing, Copying etc	438	323	464	407	877	898	1,356
Postage	529	211	705	768	1,340	1,153	1,392
Telephone and Tolls	31	27	73	228	205	103	158
Exec Expenses	3,543	3,450	4232	3,912	4,420	4,475	3,284
Judges Expenses	3,442	1,197	1765	1,209	781	2,703	1,012
Exec Admin	0	243	320	222	244	244	267
National Champs	28,649	22,981	25,667	24,638	13,261	28,046	17,134
Depreciation	0	0	13	6	10	15	1,161
Misc	568	928	806	612	721	2,178	1,071
	41,605	32,420	37582	35,497	26,786	45,042	32,239
Profit/ -Loss	-4,891	6,291	4,057	-202	274	-1,268	2,289

Misc includes CD production, bank fees, website hosting, antivirus software, etc

The Treasurer moved that the 2012 Financial Report be accepted. Harbour City seconded Carried Unanimously

Nationals Reports

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

Julie Cowan presented the report for HB Junior Rockers

2012 Senior Nationals was a blast & a real credit to the small committee of 4 & the crew over the weekend.

In brief – we had an amazing weekend. Our ticket price of \$75 for a full weekend was very reasonable and we had 637 attend on Saturday and 647 on Sunday. We had 530 adults & 63 juniors visit the public gallery. In addition to this we donated 200 tickets to local schools and 79 tickets to our local sponsors. We received approx \$20,000 in all forms of sponsorship which significantly helped with our budget or enabled us to provide things that we wouldn't have been able to without the sponsorship.

The venue was great, nice dance floor, plenty of public seating and plenty of space around the clubs tables for easy access to the dance floor. Spacious car parking also meant the campervans out back were easily catered for.

Our merchandise sold well with all the badges selling out early Saturday morning & all the Men's shirts sold & we only had 3 ladies shirts left over. Our pens & hand towels were a great quality too. The stall holders in the foyer seemed very happy with sales over the weekend.

We tried a few things differently like the photographs being free & including subway coupons which could be used all weekend. 988 subway coupons were presented over the weekend.

The crew was amazing all weekend and the feedback that we received was fantastic.

Unfortunately there were a few things that put a bit of a damper on the event for us:

1 - was that the ATM machine broke down Friday night & although the arena staff were very helpful the ATM machine providers were not.

2 – DVDs – despite our very informative guide to our Videographer we did not get quite what we asked for & then we had problems with Disc 5 anyway and had to replace them. As we were using them for the first time we did reduce the price of the DVD sets which was appealing as we sold 63 sets. While we thought they did a great job with the names of the dancers and the songs we were disappointed with the problems experienced and the time that was involved in replacing the DVDs.

3 – Lots of members were turning up uninformed. It was very obvious that the club secretaries or the club contact person was not handing our newsletters on. We fielded a few complaints about things that people were

unaware of like no heels & no BYO. We also received complaints about not having enough badges for sale as we had sold out. Anyone who has held Nationals knows that clubs usually end up with excess stock and we made it very clear to use the order form to pre-purchase the badges & shirts as we would be using these numbers to base our orders on plus a few extras.

4 - Aggressive members – Our crew or committee had to deal with dancers being aggressive on the door because they shouldn't have to stand at the door and wait like everyone else & we had very aggressive people that had public gallery tickets that had got down into the club area and would not leave the clubs tables when asked. What was sadder was that other members at the tables, who had paid full price, would not support us & allowed them at the table in the first place and did not help us when we asked them to leave. We also fielded aggression from those that missed parts because the program was running so smoothly that it ended up running ahead of time.

Although the ATM and the DVDs were out of our control we did what we could to fix the issues but to ensure that clubs keep putting their hand up to host Nationals, attending clubs need to take a more active approach with keeping their members informed & ensuring that they follow the rules & that they are aware what responsibilities are the host clubs and what is the Executive's responsibilities so feedback can be given appropriately.

All in all our team had an amazing relaxed weekend that ran on rails. Thank you to everyone that passed on their thanks and compliments to our crew as they left or via email after the event.

Julie – HBJR President

Hawkes Bay Junior Rockers moved that the report be accepted. Seconded Wanganui Carried Unanimously

Discussion

Wellington	Sympathies with the alcohol difficulties, agree it is a dance competition, not a "booze up" Aggression from members is not acceptable and clubs need to be supportive of the host club.
HB Junior Rockers	Newsletters need to get to all those attending, clubs need to keep members informed.
Wanganui	Did you make a profit?
HB Junior Rockers	Yes \$17,000 profit, assisted by sponsorship and use of the Barter card system.
Secretary	We have taken on board that we need to be consistent with start times.
HB Junior Rockers	A list of the team managers would be helpful to the host club.
Wellington	Are instructions out there for team managers?
Head Judge	Yes, generic instructions are in Book B. We could get the names of team managers from clubs; that would be helpful to the Executive and the host club.

Christchurch Junior Nationals 29th 31st March 2013

Robin Sutton presented the report for Christchurch

At the outset our intention was to host a simple, no frills Junior Nationals. We believe that we succeeded in this aim, while still hosting a memorable event.

Venue

Our first choice, Hornby WMC, did us a huge favour by cancelled on us one year out from Nationals, leading to a city wide search for a new venue.

We were very fortunate to obtain the new Lincoln Event Centre.

This venue was perfect for the event, providing room for an onsite café, changing rooms, warm up and marshalling areas, a built in video platform, and separate rooms for administration and judges.

A huge advantage was that all the staging and seating was available from the venue, the only outside equipment we had to hire was the sound system.

Transport

The drive from the Riccarton/Sockburn/Hornby areas of the city was easy, however in spite of specifically directing clubs to these areas for accommodation, some chose to stay much further away. Clubs need to take note of the advice of host clubs when they book accommodation, and get in early with deposits paid to confirm. Otherwise they could be spending some time on the road.

Catering

The decision not to provide suppers saved considerable time, money and energy. We firmly believe that they are not needed when tea breaks are programmed into each day. The onsite café was at the vendor's risk, and we believe it was successful for them. Mobile coffee vendors appear to be an essential part of any Nationals! This was well used!

Programme

Friday night we opened early and closed early, which works well for juniors, and Saturday the venue cleared out immediately after presentations, allowing an early clean up.

Venue restrictions meant we had to close at 11 pm on Sunday to get cleared up and out by midnight. This limited the time to dance and celebrate after presentations, which was the only thing we had any negative comments on.

People

We were very pleased with the DJ, Shaun Birchall, and would not hesitate to recommend him to host clubs. Rotorock Productions filmed an impressive DVD of the event, which was dispatched to clubs in record time, why use anyone else – these people know what they are doing!

The photographer, John Foster, was amazing and took several thousand shots, with some really good action shots. We hope that those attending have looked at his website and purchased some downloads – photographers of that caliber need all the encouragement they can get!

Money

When we set the ticket prices our aim was to make a modest \$5,000.00 profit, and we estimated approximately 250 full weekend tickets would be sold. In the end we sold 301 Saturday tickets and 283 Sunday tickets. Public seating we sold on an "All Day" Basis, and while the demand was not major, it did provide some extra income.

We did not charge for video passes. Technology today means just about any smart phone or I pad can take videos, and it was not worth the effort of policing it. It did not affect DVD sales

What we did not figure on was the tremendous support of the local Lincoln community and the Selwyn District Council.

The former donated raffle prizes which we used over 2 days to bring in a significant profit.

The latter, much to our surprise and delight, discounted the venue hire significantly.

The combination of all the above netted a profit of just over \$9000.00, far beyond our expectations.

General

We thank everyone who assisted, all the officials, competitors and supporters, the volunteers, club members, the "locals" and whoever provided us with the warmest Easter weekend on record!

In closing, the Club made a decision not to mention earthquakes – but we were all touched by Rob's accolade, it was very much appreciated.

Christchurch moved that the report be accepted, Top of the South seconded. Carried Unanimously

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

Annette Jenkins presented the report for City of Sails

Things are progressing really well with the preparations for the Senior Nationals this year.

You should all have a copy of Newsletter No.3 and if we have up-to-date contact info you will receive all our updates no problem.

Our Venue the AMI Netball stadium is very large with on-site caterers who also hold the liquor license. Please ask your club members to respect the fact that the Venue is licensed, as are most Venues in Auckland now. If they are caught sneaking alcohol in, as someone told me their club was going to do, they will be banned for the weekend.

This is a dance competition not a booze up, please wait till you get back to your motel and drink it there.

The Venue & surrounding courts are non- smoking and we will have an area set aside for smokers outside the fence of the courts.

Accommodation is very spread out and travel times can be awful, we have asked for a longer tea break to allow for this if possible.

Sunday morning there is a market in the car park of the Venue and we will have to work around this, we will provide a drop off area close to the Venue but you may have to park your car quite a way away and move it when the market is over at 1pm.

There is no supper but food can be purchased all weekend at the café and nearby is Lunn Ave with all sorts of fast food available.

You need to fill out a form if you want to bring a campervan as we have limited spaces and also if you would like a sales table.

We will have Eftpos but no cash out.

T-shirt & video order forms will be available soon

We are really looking forward to Hosting the Nationals and please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

Discussion

HB Junior Rockers Where will the sales tables be situated?

City of Sails They will be downstairs, we have invited lots of Vendors, locally and from Australia, to add colour and fill up a big venue.

River City Ticket Pricing? Will little children be charged for?

City of Sails They will be set soon, there will not be any cheaper public seating, all tickets will be the same, adults, children etc.

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

Wanganui Junior Nationals 18th – 20th April 2014 – Progress Report

Donna Burns presented the report for Wanganui

The venue is the War Memorial Hall, Watt Street

We will have information on line soon

Motel Lists are coming, all are close to town

Would you recommend that we don't need suppers? Agreed

The best way with merchandise is a Pre order system and we will look into that.

Camper vans need to book with us as space is limited

There will be food vendors & Coffee Carts outside, plus we will sell food within the venue.

Discussion

Invercargill Will this information be available on line?

Wanganui Yes, after this meeting, with accommodation list

HB Junior Rockers Is it BYO - Yes

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

Invercargill 2014 Senior Nationals 24th – 26th October 2014 – Progress Report

Karl Herman presented the report for Invercargill

The Invercargill Rock'n'Roll Club is looking forward to welcoming competitors, their families and supporters to Invercargill for the 2014 Senior Nationals.

Many of you remember the first time Senior Nationals were held in Invercargill in 1990. Since then we have held two successful junior nationals in 1998 and 2012. We were hoping for both of these events to be held in the newly completed Stadium Southland but it was not to be. We are hoping third time lucky and have our fingers crossed. However if the Stadium is not completed we will be back in the Velodrome where we hosted the 2012 Junior Nationals.

Invercargill has many attractions in the city including being the home of Bert Munro who you may have heard of; it is the home of the Blue River cheese factory, has a huge public park, Queens park, a great swimming facility, to name just a few. We are also within driving distance to Central Otago, Queenstown, the Catlins and the southern scenic route, Te Anau and Milford. Stewart island can be reached by flight or an hour on the ferry. You may wish to take this opportunity to have a good look around and with this in mind we have included some basic information in our packs.

Our National committee is working hard to put together a great weekend. Included in your packs you will find information and contacts for travel arrangements, vehicle hire and accommodation suggestions. We would suggest you book your accommodation early to ensure you get the best options and to be close to the venue.

As we are still 18 months away the finer details are not yet finalized and we will advise these at the next AGM.

There is a link from the National Association website to our website (www.rocknroll.net.nz) which is the process of being updated with a National section and we intend to provide regular newsletters to keep you informed. This will be forwarded to all clubs which have an email address.

We look forward to seeing you all in Invercargill in October 2014.

Discussion

River City Are the Motels close to both venues?
Invercargill Yes, the Velodrome is next to the Stadium.

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

Allocation of 2015 Junior and Senior Nationals

Junior Nationals 3rd – 5th April 2015

Christchurch will take it back to the club, would be subject to Lincoln Event Centre being available, could confirm with two weeks. If Christchurch is unable to host a request to host will be sent to all clubs.

Senior Nationals 23rd – 25th October 2015

Kapi Mana in Porirua

A proposal from Kapi Mana had been sent to clubs, some ideas perhaps need to be discussed?

River City We are concerned about dimming the lighting, you would need to have the floor properly lit.
Kapi Mana The floor will be fully lit, it is just proposed that the edges of the arena be dimmed.
Head Judge The Dance floor needs to be fully lit throughout the competition.
Tauranga Will these proposals affect the price of the tickets?
Kapi Mana No, the prices will not be affected. This is a special year for the Club and Porirua, and we anticipate funding and sponsorship.

Kapi Mana moved their bid for the 2015 Senior Nationals, Harbour City seconded Carried Unanimously

Remits

Remit 1

Executive/Tauranga

Rule 2.5 b - add to end of the first sentence “

“and for female's shoes, the heel to be no higher than 25mm measured at the back of the shoe.”

Reason: To clarify what is an acceptable heel for females' shoes. This remit is not intended to change the existing height limit, but provides clarification when assessing shoes that do not have an instep. This limitation is specifically for females' shoes, to allow for males' brothel creepers.

The Treasurer spoke to the remit, adding that women's shoes (for example wedges) do not always have an instep and this is simply to clarify the ruling in that case.

Drifters Why are we concerned so much with the height? Surely it is the footprint that is the concern, not the height.
Treasurer The current rule works, all we are saying is if you cannot measure at the instep there is another place to measure.
Harbour City This is just a clarification, why is it important?
Kapi Mana It is surely the difference between the ball of the foot and the heel which is important
River City Brothel creepers are now available for females, why doesn't this rule also cover men, western boots for example?
Treasurer Western boots have heels and an instep.
Drifters Difference for Best Dressed parades, it is the decision of wearer if they can dance in the shoes. Why ban the height when it is the footprint that matters?

Head Judge	It is a safety issue and chunky heels can damage other people. Also when it is a Hall regulation the Executive has to monitor it. This rule change would make it very clear what is acceptable. It makes a level playing field, and we are clear in what we tell people.
Drifters	It is still a level playing field, why take the choice away?
Gracelands	It is a health & safety issue, with twisted ankles etc.
Christchurch	The choice is already limited, the clause wasn't as well drafted at the time, and this is clarifying just what is acceptable.
Treasurer	It is not our intention to alter the intent of the current rule. This is just a clarification, and gives the ability to measure shoes which don't have an instep.

Voting on Remit: For 16 - Against 2 - Abstained 3. Remit Carried

Remit 2
Executive/City of Sails

Alter Rule 3.4B to read:

"Copies of all judging sheets, scrutineers sheets, assessment cover sheet and a copy of the programme where applicable, are to be sent....."

Reason – to assist in the administration required of the Head Judge, an assessment cover sheet should be included with assessments, regardless of whether a programme is provided.

The Head Judge spoke to the Remit

This Rule means all assessments will be presented consistently, enabling clean, clear recording.

Discussion

River City	The current form does not give space for bigger competitions or assessment events.
Head Judge	Send two or more sheets if needed.

Voting on Remit – Carried Unanimously

Remit 3
Executive/Harbour City

Delete Rule 6.6.1

Reason: This Rule is more a job description and not needed. Renumber following rules.

The Treasurer spoke to the Remit – the Rule is an out of date description of what happens, and is already covered in Book B.

HB Junior Rockers	It will not change the current procedure? No
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Voting on Remit – Carried Unanimously

Remit 4
Executive/Kapi Mana

Alter Rule 8.4 to read:

"A Judge, having accepted an invitation to judge at a forthcoming National Competition, must attend a workshop before that National Competition with the exception of special circumstances agreed to by the Head Judge."

Reason: deletes the restriction on dates for workshops and leave the timing of these to the discretion of the Head Judge

The Head Judge spoke to the Remit, stressing that the intention is not to cut out workshops, but just to allow more flexibility in the scheduling.

Amendment to Remit
Drifters/Christchurch

Add the word "then" with clause to read *".....must **then** attend a workshop before that National Competition..."*

- Drifters As the Remit stands, they could have attended a workshop the previous year
City of Sails Against the amendment, it takes away the meaning of flexibility
River City Drifters is saying that after an invitation is extended they must attend a workshop
Tauranga If a workshop is cancelled it could have been 18 months since attending a workshop
Head Judge That would be a discussion between the Head Judge and the Judge concerned
City of Sails The original Remit is to allow flexibility of scheduling workshop. If this amendment is passed the rule may as well not be there.
Treasurer For the amendment, it makes it clear that the expectation is to attend a workshop after being invited to Judge.
Head Judge It is simply a scheduling issue, it is still the intention to have workshops prior to each Nationals
River City Workshops were cancelled prior to Junior nationals, what happened then?
Head Judge I liaised with all Judges personally
Drifters The amendment makes it clear that a workshop must be attended after a Judge has accepted the invitation to judge

Voting on Amendment - 11 For -7 Against - 3 Abstained: Amendment Carried

Amended Remit

Alter Rule 8.4 to read:

"A Judge, having accepted an invitation to judge at a forthcoming National Competition, must then attend a workshop before that National Competition with the exception of special circumstances agreed to by the Head Judge."

Discussion on Amended Remit

- City of Sails Does this alter the flexibility?
Head Judge That is not the intention. Workshops could be any of the four to five months leading up to a national event. Judges are invited earlier now. They could even be the Friday of Nationals if nothing else worked.
Drifters For those judging at nationals a Friday workshop is a great idea.

Voting on amended remit - For 20 - Abstention 1 – Amended Remit Carried

Remit 5

Christchurch/Wellington

Alter Rule 10.6 (c) to add Top Club and Senior Teams to the sections a Novice entrant may have taken part in, new rule to read as follows:

A Novice couple is defined as 1 male and 1 female dancer both of whom have never competed at any National competition, excluding Sections 6 & 9, (Novelty, Cheerleaders, **Top Club and Senior Teams**). Refer Rule 4.12 (d)

Reason: The current rule discourages possible participants in the teams sections as it then takes away the ability to dance as a couple in a novice section in a future year.

Christchurch spoke to the Remit

We want to encourage people to dance, new dancers may not dance in teams because they could not then dance Novice in a following year; this may prevent some clubs from entering a team.

Discussion

- Kapi Mana Against – team dancers are not Novices
River City Against, a person could do teams for years then dance novice
Drifters In teams there is the potential to win a medal, and then they are not a novice.
Dunedin Being roped into a team event is encouragement for new dancers
Drifters/City of Sails We understand the intent of the Remit, just feel it is the wrong way to handle things
Christchurch Dancing Teams is a lot different to dancing in couples

Voting on the Remit - For 4 – Against 16 – Abstention 1 – Remit Lost

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. Dianne Halstead will supervise the elections of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Head Judge, and Treasurer. As all positions are unopposed, all voting will be in a block.

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

Nominations for President

Jan Morgan Nominated by Drifters. Seconded by Christchurch

There were no other nominations.

Jan Morgan was elected by a secret ballot.

Nominations for Vice President

Robin Sutton Nominated by Christchurch. Seconded by Drifters

There were no other nominations.

Robin Sutton was elected by secret ballot.

Nominations for Secretary

Brenda Neill Nominated by Christchurch. Seconded by River City

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 Whangarei

There were no other nominations.

Shane Taurima was elected by secret ballot.

The Election of Officers was completed

General Business

General Business

Item 1
Executive

Association Levy increase to contribute to Judges Combined Regions Workshops

During the past 7 years we have held two one day Combined Regions Judges Workshops, one in Hamilton and one in Wellington (Wellington being the preferred option). The Judges have expressed that these were beneficial, having the opportunity to discuss our guidelines and meet with Judges from other regions. It seems the only deterrent from holding these more often is travel cost to the Judges and the venue/catering (lunch) costs to the Association. When addressing this at the most recent Judges workshop it was suggested that perhaps a levy be collected from clubs as part of their Association Fee to be put aside to contribute to travel and venue costs of a Combined Workshop to be held every two years.

We currently have a total of 49 Judges and estimating that 75% would attend at the time of submitting this, the dearest grab a seat return being \$178.00.

\$178 x 36 Judges \$6,408.00 - biennially = \$3,204.00 x 35 clubs = \$90.00 approx

It certainly is not expected that the clubs meet the full cost, so to be beneficial it could be that clubs have a levy increase of \$50 - 60.00 per year.

The disbursement of these funds could be as a TES scheme with Judges encouraged to book early with Grab a Seat fares, or car pool from closer regions, or simply on a contribution amount to all those attending.

Currently the rules state that workshops are to be held in the three regions twice a year with Judges having to attend one per year. It is envisaged that the combined workshop would replace one of the round of workshops in that year.

Example:

2014 Regional workshops March and Combined June/July
2015 Regional workshops March and August
2016 Combined March and regional August/September

The Head Judge spoke to the General Business item.

Judges recognize it is their choice to judge, workshops are needed for them as well as dancers.

We also recognise that some clubs are not greatly financial, and some do not have judges in their membership, while others may have several.

Regular Combined workshops give a good overview of judging nationwide with valuable feedback to the clubs and dancers.

This is a starting point for discussion, whether the value of combined workshops is recognised, and how we fund them.

Discussion

Wellington Treasurer Would the money be kept as a separate fund?
Yes, earmarked as a separate fund, as in TES for the AGM where we take off travel expenses and distribute the balance to each delegate.

Top of the South Head Judge What are the approximate amounts envisaged for clubs to pay?
There is no fixed figure in mind, but approx \$50 per year for a biennial workshop
Kapi Mana It is okay for bigger clubs, smaller ones could struggle, and we should be putting it onto the Nationals, either increasing the levy or entry fee.

HB Junior Rockers Head Judge The 6 workshops per 2 years, do judges pay anything towards them?
Yes, all judges pay a \$20 workshop fee. A combined one every two years would replace one round of workshops.

Drifters Top of the South River City It is an investment in your judges.
Clubs also use judges for club champs, it is not only Nationals.
Rather than a cost per club, it could be a cost per person – increase the members levy then it is spread more evenly.

Gold Coast Top of the South Head Judge We support the idea, either a membership levy or per capita fee type of scheme.
This is Judges education, have you tried trusts, applying for a grant etc?

HB Junior Rockers Drifters/Wellington Yes, to no avail, we applied for funding for the first combined workshop.
We would prefer to take it back to our club before deciding.
We represent our clubs, and need to make a decision today, or it is another year with nothing done.

City of Sails Dunedin Our preference is for an increase in the Nationals ticket levy.
River City It hits both ways, we pay our competitors tickets, so it comes back to the clubs.
The money isn't coming directly from clubs, comes from members, spread over all members, social and competitors.

Harbour City Social members benefit also as competitors are usually the ones that teach and assist at a club level.

The majority indicated by a show of hands that they are happy to bring something back after the lunch break. Ideas include an increase in members levy, an increase in the Nationals ticket levy or a TES type scheme.

Lunch Break 12.30 pm

AGM Reconvened at 1.15 pm

The Treasurer presented some options as below

It was noted in the minutes that the first combined workshop is to be held in 2014, with a review at the 2015 AGM.

It was moved that Association will hold a one day combined judges' workshop biennially using a TES style scheme for the travel and other expenses incurred by this workshop to be funded through

A - \$1 increase in the annual membership levy affective from 30/6/2013 per senior member and junior member

B- \$1 increase in the national Championship ticket levy per Saturday and Sunday ticket

Resulting in the following Rule changes

Amend 1.4 (c) Membership levies - replace \$2.25 with \$3.25, \$1.10 with \$2.10

Amend 1.4(e) ticket levy Replace \$4.50 with \$5.50 (in 2 places)

A New rule is needed in section 8 to define the biennial combined workshop.

Harbour City	This money would be going into a separate fund?
Treasurer	Any extra money would be flagged for this purpose only.
HB Junior Rockers	With a 2014 proposed start, will there be enough funds, why not wait until the following year and then it could be reviewed correctly
Treasurer	The Association would cover any shortfall, and any money there would cover Judges costs first and then the other costs, venue hire etc.
Drifters	Is the One Day workshop too prescribed, preventing it from going longer if needed? We also need something in writing as to how it is to be paid. Also judges will pay the usual registration fee.
Head Judge	It would be one day otherwise we need to add in accommodation costs. Yes judges would pay the usual registration fee.
Treasurer	We suggested a TES style scheme but it does not need to be.
Kapi Mana	The money needs to be earmarked with \$1 of the levy to the judges TES scheme
Treasurer	This will be covered by the new rule. We won't redistribute any surplus, but earmark it for another Workshop. This can be covered in the review.
Gold Coast	Will this be reported on?
Treasurer	This will be included in the treasurers report, with details available for review
Head Judge	It is great how the council has come onboard with this; on behalf of all the judges I thank you.
Treasurer	The TES for the AGM that clubs pay, the delegate's travel costs are covered and the balance is distributed per delegate. The difference with this proposed fund is that we intend carrying any surplus over instead of redistributing it. This will assist in any shortfall in future years.
City of Sails	Any payout should be actual costs, not a "guestimate" on mileage.
Christchurch	The issue is that should we have a scheme to establish the principle, then determine the mechanics.
Gold Coast	We should reduce the junior contribution, otherwise it is a 100% increase.
Executive	Agreed that the junior levy could increase by a smaller percentage.

Remit

Executive/Top of the South

Amend 1.4 (c) Membership Levy - replace \$2.25 with \$3.25, \$1.10 with \$1.60

Amend 1.4 (e) Ticket Levy Replace \$4.50 with \$5.50 (in 2 places)

New rule in section 8 to define the workshop

"The Association will hold a one day combined judges' workshop biennially with Travel reimbursements to be based on a TES style scheme to be funded through \$1 from the annual membership effective from 30/6/2013 levy per senior Members & 50c per junior member and \$1 from the National ticker levy per Saturday and Sunday ticket."

Voting on the remit – carried unanimously

Item 2
River City

New Section - Best Dressed Junior Female –

Junior National Competitions shall be split in ages of 5 – 12 years and 13 – 17.

Reasoning: It's time to consider this split in age for our younger competitors in this heavily competitive section. The younger children may not be in the running alongside the older girls as we observe quite a range of image difference in the portrayal and overall picture of best dressed female in the said era. The need to recognise a very young girl and young woman gives a level playing field and can 'cast the net' a bit wider to include all our eager competitors.

A new name appropriate for this category shall be required.
Ages of competitors shall be aligned with existing ruling 4.3 for age of entrants.

Discussion

Gold Coast	We agree but ages should be 5 – 11, 12 – 17
City of Sails	Against, best dressed is just that, don't think age is relevant
Invercargill	We don't see any need to change it.
Treasurer	I would prefer to see the older age group left as open, so 5 – 12 and 5 – 17
Head Judge	Judges talked about this at the last workshop and don't judge any differently – what happens smaller ones get missed overshadowed, a split will assist the judges and competitors, with judges getting a better look and seeing what is presented.
River City	Do we want a split at all?

Proposal - River City

Indicate if a majority is for the option of a Trial at Junior nationals splitting female best dressed 5 -12, 13 – 17 year, ages as at the end April.

The majority indicated by a show of hands that this was agreed to.

Item 3

Proposal for Best Dressed at Senior Nationals

Suggestion

That the Best Dressed competitions for similar sections of dancing at Senior Nationals be combined. Optionally - that every section competed still be preceded by a parade for just that section, but no judging be done of that parade.

Specifically, combine:

- Senior Restricted and Open Restricted Best Dressed
- Senior Same Sex and Open Same Sex Best Dressed
- Senior Triples and Open Triples Best Dressed
- Senior Team and Top Club Best Dressed

For each of the above, marshalling and the Best Dressed heat would be held immediately prior to the Senior section dancing. Optionally - when the judging has completed, the non-Senior section dancers would be asked to leave the floor and the remainder stay for their (non-judged) parade. The final would be held immediately after the Senior section completes. Optionally - the Top Club and Open competitors in the above sections are also given the opportunity to parade prior to their event but this would not be judged.

Combine

- Diamond, Masters, Golden, Platinum, Open and Novice Best Dressed

Marshalling and the Best Dressed heats would be held immediately prior to the first section being competed on the Saturday. Quarter finals, semi finals and the final could be held between sections throughout the day – times set in advance within the program, but dependent on numbers; or alternatively, quarter-finals, semi finals and the final could be run one after the other (similar to Best Dressed Male and Female on the Sunday). Optionally - all competitors within a session are also given the opportunity to parade prior to their event but this will not be judged.

Reasoning

Competition sections have been defined with different age criteria because there is a perceived difference in dancing ability - for example we don't consider it fair to compare a Diamond couple's dancing with an Open couples dancing, so they compete in their own sections.

This differentiation makes no sense when it comes to Best Dressed for Seniors. Although in Juniors we consider a difference in age may make a difference in how they can carry off certain dress styles, or what might be deemed more appropriate, this does not apply to Seniors. There is no reason why a Diamond couple and an Open couple need to be judged separately when it comes to competition dress. Best Dressed categories have automatically been created over time as new dancing sections have been created, without thinking of the reason for doing so.

There are competitors, judges and spectators who say that Best Dressed plays too big a part of our competitions. This is one way of addressing that balance, without going to the extreme of having no Best Dressed sections at all.

Marshalling will still be done prior to the Best Dressed heats, to ensure that dress standard is checked before outfits are judged, and to allow judges an up close view of outfits.

The option of including a parade prior to each section retains the current format where everyone gets to see the upcoming section's competitors (and some competitors have commented that doing this helps "set the scene" for them), but without requiring time for judging.

Combining Best Dressed sections will:

- Increase the level of competition by increasing numbers in each Best Dressed section.
- Reduce the potential for some competitors to claim medals as they are now in a wider field.
- Require all Saturday competitors to be at the hall prior to the first section (as marshalling and dress standard checking must be done before the first section is competed)
- Reduce the emphasis put on dress and time spent judging it, while still providing for a Best Dressed competition and acknowledging the time and effort that competitors put into their outfits
- Reduce time taken for Best Dressed presentations - based on last year's Senior Nationals, the above would mean 9 less sections, 27 presentations of 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- Reduce the associated cost of medals – based on last year's Seniors, 70 less medals
- Increase effort for judges in the first round of Best Dressed. Based on last year's Seniors, judges would have judged 43 couples in a combined heat. Current and incoming Association Head Judges have indicated that this should not be an issue.

The Treasurer spoke to the General Business Item.

This will provide more focus on best dressed, by condensing and providing more competition not less.

Discussion

President The competition as now is good, there is no compulsion to parade in best dressed

City of Sails This is an important part of dancing, the walk around focuses and settles the competitors.

Harbour City We like the idea of all parades being in a block at the start of the day

The Secretary Marshalling would be a nightmare, and if in a block at the start of the day it is too easy to change from the dress worn and passed at marshalling

The Council was thanked for its consideration.

A "stand up" indicated that the majority was against any change.

Item 4 Invercargill

Medals at Nationals – we suggest finding a way to reduce the costs through sponsorship, or donations from clubs. Medals could be sponsored by a club or business on a section by section basis.

Discussion

River City Ask clubs to sponsor any medals (by section) and provide the opportunity each year.

Christchurch Looking at the trend of costs over 6 – 7 years, the cost of medals doesn't seem to be a major problem.

President Cost of medals is approximately \$10 each with ribbons.

Treasurer We could look at sponsorship.

- Drifters Try both businesses and individuals.
- City of Sails Sections like top club are good ones to be sponsored, with the large number of medals.
- HB Juniors It is money in the bank, clubs could be acknowledged at presentations by the MC .
- The Executive This is a good idea would be worth approaching clubs through the next newsletter.

Item 5
Executive

We are seeking feedback on the current Mileage rate in Book B – currently 70c per km, the government rate is 72c

While it is intended for Nationals reimbursement, Clubs use it as a starting point, which discourages them from inviting out of town judges.

Discussion

Wellington Suggest an amount

President Fifty cents?

Treasurer The government mileage rate includes wear and tear, and other running costs and is not for the type of individual trips to a competition

Gracelands We disagree, it is not just petrol that runs a car

Drifters For a one off trip, it is a small percentage of wear and tear

City Of Sails Expenses are blowing out for nationals, and costs only need to be covered, not wear and tear. If you fly you only get your flight paid for.

The President This is at the discretion of Executive. We want to gauge the feeling of the council. By a show of hands, the majority agreed to a mileage rate of 50c or less than 50c

End of General Business

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

Retiring President Dianne Halstead was presented with a gift, and thanked for her work over the past years

The Annual General Meeting closed at 2. 50 pm

The date for the 2014 AGM is Saturday 17th May at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington.

Delegates Present AGM 18th May 2013

Executive Committee

President	Dianne Halstead
Secretary	Brenda Neill
Treasurer	Yolanda van Dorrestein
Head Judge	Jan Morgan

Minute Secretary

Brenda Neill

Delegates

Christchurch	Robin Sutton	
City of Sails	Annette Jenkins	Jeanette Greaves
Drifters	Tyree Connor	Chloe Kuriger
Dunedin	Roger King	
Gold Coast NZ	Bruce Herdman	
Gracelands	Irene Tiddy	Prue Bryant
Harbour City	Miles Coverdale	
HB Junior Rockers	Julie Cowan	
Invercargill	Karl Herman	
Kapi Mana	Ron Diack	Barry O'Donnell
River City	Trev Halstead	Linda Knight
Surf City	Wendy Cossgrove	
Tauranga	Rana Mitchell	Peter Reid
Top of The South	Wayne Hoffman	Margaret Smith
Wanganui	Donna Burns	John Williams
Wellington	John Rowan	Malcolm Carter
Whangarei	Susan Rogers	

Apologies

Hawkes Bay	
Sun City	
Kaiapoi	
Shane Taurima	Vice President