



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



MINUTES OF THE 2015 NZARRA Inc. 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BRENTWOOD HOTEL, SATURDAY 16th MAY 2015

Welcome

The Annual General Meeting opened at 9.30am with a welcome from the NZ President, Brenda Neill.

The NZ Executive Committee present was introduced:

Vice President	Robin Sutton
Secretary	Haley Small
Treasurer	Yolanda Van Dorrestein
Head Judge	Shane Taurima

The President moved that the voting procedure be as follows:

That Voting for Notice of Motion will be on a show of hands, the majority being 67% (two thirds) of clubs and Executive present.

That voting for remits will be on a show of hands, the majority 51% of clubs and Executive present.

Election of Officers — Secret Ballot for all positions.

That observer Barry O'Donnell and a Brentwood Hotel staff member will act as scrutineers for the voting of Executive Officers.

That voting papers will be destroyed at the end of the elections.

Seconded by Tauranga. Carried unanimously.

Clubs in attendance at start of AGM is 15 clubs plus five Executive so majority will be 14 for notices of motion. The majority for remits is 11.

Changes

Observer for Harbor City changed on the day from Glen Houlihan to Danka Drengubiack.

City of Sails delegate to arrive late.

Apologies

Top of the South

Gracelands

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

Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

The President moved the Minutes be accepted. Seconded by River City.

Carried by 17. Three abstentions

There were no matters arising.

President's Report

Brenda Neill presented the President's report as attached and as circulated prior to the meeting.

There were no queries.

The President moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by River City. Carried Unanimously.

Head Judge's Report

Shane Taurima presented the Head Judge's report as attached and circulated prior to the meeting.

The Head Judge moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Hutt Valley. Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

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

The Secretary moved that the Correspondence be accepted. Seconded by Kapi Mana.

Carried Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Yolanda van Dorrestein presented the Treasurers Report as attached and previously distributed:

Discussion:

Invercargill suggested that Executive looks at more than one term deposit each for smaller amounts, e.g. \$5,000.

Setting of Fees and Levies

The Treasurer moved that all fees remain unchanged for the 2015/16 year. Seconded by Wanganui. Carried unanimously.

The Treasurer moved that the Financial Report be accepted. Seconded by Drifters.
Carried Unanimously.

Notice of Motions to Alter the Constitution

Notice of Motion 1 – Executive/Surf City

Intent: To allow the election of Head Judge to be done by all qualified Association and National Association judges rather than at the AGM.

Rationale: The selection of Head Judge requires a very good understanding of the role, its responsibilities, and the personality traits that encourage success within this position. The proposed change recognises that our judges are better-positioned to elect a Head Judge (election by their peers), than the delegates who form the AGM council, who may have varying degrees of this knowledge as not all clubs have judges as members.

This change is strongly supported by the judges as canvassed at the last two workshops, and was also supported in principle at the 2014 AGM, where there were no nominations for Head Judge received and the meeting agreed to defer appointment of the Head Judge to the upcoming Combined Judges Workshop.

Changes required to implement this are as follows:

10. Nominations

Amend first sentence to read

Nominations for Executive Positions excluding Head Judge must be....

Add:

Nominations for Head Judge are submitted by Association and National Association Judges and must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Association no later than 60 days prior to the date of the AGM. 60 days prior to the date of the AGM, the Secretary of the Association will conduct a postal vote for the position of Head Judge. (See 13. Officers and Executive)

13. Officers and Executive

Remove Head Judge from first sentence.

Add new second and third sentences:

The Head Judge is to be elected by a postal vote carried out 60 days prior to the date of the AGM and running for 30 days, such postal vote to be conducted with each Association Judge and National Association Judge having one vote. The outcome of the postal vote will be announced at the AGM.

11. Voting

Amend first sentence of (e). to read

If a member of the Executive Committee other than the Head Judge resigns...

Add new second sentence:

If the Head Judge resigns, the remaining Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement from the National Association Judges current at the time of resignation.

Amend current second sentence (will be third sentence) to read:

If more than one Executive Committee member other than the Head Judge resigns within their 12 month term...

Discussion:

The Head Judge explained proposed process for electing the Head Judge and asked delegates for feedback on the proposal. Feedback from judges is that they want to be part of the process, but also to have an opportunity to meet candidates before a postal vote.

Wellington agreed with judges voting, but suggested that the Executive also had a vote.

Invercargill suggested council and the Executive should be part of process – i.e. they elect three finalists for judges to pick from.

Drifters flagged concern around the announcement being at the AGM, asking if there were three in the running, would all need to attend AGM?

The Head Judge answered: The result will be announced at AGM but candidates do not need to attend and would be informed prior to the announcement at AGM.

Harbour City asked who would run the nomination process during the workshops?

The Head Judge answered that if the current Head Judge was applying for the role, they'd step aside and allow a senior judge to run the process. It would be a transparent process.

Wellington suggest that the Executive should be able to put forward a nomination and vote.

Amendment – Wellington/Kapi Mana

Under Rule 10. Nominations add '*and National Association Executive Committee Members*'.

Under Rule 13. Officers and Executive add '*and National Association Executive Committee Member having one vote*'.

Discussion on the amendment: clarifying that each member can nominate/vote

River City raised that Executive members can be judges and does this mean they get two votes?

The President Replied – Executive Committee Members having one vote is included in original wording.

City of Sails arrived 10am, Majority remains unchanged.

Voting on the amendment
20 for. One Abstained. Amendment is carried.

Voting on the amended Notice of Motion: 20 For. One Abstained. Carried

Notice of Motion 2 – Executive/ Kapi Mana

Rationale: If an Executive Committee member resigns, it may not always be possible to find a willing replacement within the delegates and observers to the previous AGM. In this case, without this constitution change, the position would have to remain vacant as no other possibilities are covered.

Amend 11. Voting e. first sentence to read:

...the remaining Executive Committee shall in the first instance approach the delegates and observers to that AGM to identify and appoint a replacement. If they are unable to, the remaining Executive Committee may approach other suitable candidates who must each belong to at least one affiliated club.

Discussion:

The President explained to delegates that this rule change means the Executive can call on clubs outside of those at the AGM. This motion means Executive will look to attendees first, then to a wider group of people.

River City suggested amending the motion that Executive isn't part of the election process where a Head Judge resigns. Wants it to go back to the judges for a vote. Wellington agreed.

Wellington suggested that the Executive appoints a temporary Head Judge and opens voting.

Head Judge explains proposed process is going to take a lot of time. For stability you want to be able to quickly appoint a Head Judge if there is a resignation in their term.

Invercargill asked what happens if a Head Judge is overseas?

The Head Judge replied that the expectation is they're available at Nationals. No replacement process is in place.

City of Sails suggested that if we've done a postal vote to elect a Head Judge and we've got two or more, if the elected Head Judge stands down, next in line is automatically appointed.

The Treasurer replied that just because someone was nominated doesn't mean they're a good option.

Harbour City suggested the appointment of a Deputy Head Judge.

The Treasurer replied that the expense of bringing them along to meetings etc. hasn't been justified in past.

Amendment – River City/Wellington

Rule 11. to replace: 'the remaining Executive Committee shall' with 'a postal vote as per item 13 will be held to appoint a replacement'.

2 for. 27 against. 2 abstained. Amendment lost.

Drifters requested permission for observer to speak (Jan Morgan). Granted by show of hands.

Drifters observer said that the elected executive must be trusted to do what is best.

*Voting on the Notice of Motion
. 19 for. 1 against. 1 abstention. Motion carried.*

Notice of Motion 3 – Executive/Kapi Mana

Grammatical correction/tidy-up

Amend 11. Voting (f). to remove the first word "That"

Voting on Notice of Motion. Carried unanimously.

End of Notices of Motion.

The President asked for permission to change to Agenda if needed (due to time constraints) to bring forward the vote for the Executive Committee. Moved by majority.

Remits - Alterations To The Rule Book

Remit 1 – Executive/Christchurch

Add to Rule 2.5 (c) "and for medication or any other substance (excluding inhalers) required by competitors between the two songs."

Reason: It has been made apparent that some medical conditions may require the use of water or medication between songs, this is to make sure the need is genuine and prescribed.

Discussion:

The Treasurer explains that in past it's been in good faith that water or other medication was needed so the call has been made by the Floor Managers to allow it. However, it can look unfair to other competitors. This rule provides clear guidance to floor manager.

Invercargill suggests if competitors are too sick to dance, they're too sick to compete.

River City is in favour of this rule change and suggests going one step further to request that a medical certificate needs to say what the condition is.

Surf City in agreement with River City about medical certificate.

Drifters agree with competitors producing a medical certificate that says what the condition is.

Voting: 24 for. 1 against. Remit passed.

Remit 2 Executive/River City

Rule 7.9 Properties

Delete the second sentence.

Add to the end of the first sentenceexcept Section 6 (Novelty).

Add new sentence at end:

At Junior Nationals, everything on the floor during the duration of the Novelty is done by Juniors.

Reason – a tidy up and to clarify who can participate.

The President stated that the second sentence in the current Rule, was confusing and not needed. Adding the words “except section 6 (Novelty) says the same thing more clearly.

Drifters asked to clarify whether adults are able to hold a prop while being off the floor during novelty.

The Head judge: It is a Junior competition. Participants should only be juniors.

Amendment Executive/Kapi Mana

Alter the second part of the remit to:

‘at Junior Nationals, any participation in or related to the Novelty section can only be done by Juniors and at Senior Nationals, any participation in or related to the Novelty section can only be done by Seniors, except with the discretion of the Executive.’

Drifters suggested adding that Executive have discretion to make decision on the day.

The President replied that discretion already existed as a blanket rule.

The Treasurer would like to see the discretion clause specifically included here.

Voting on the amendment. 20 for. 1 against. Amendment Carried

Voting on the amended Remit. 20 for. 1 abstained. Remit carried.

Remit 3 – Executive/Tauranga

Rule 8.7 - alter start of the first sentence to:

Any Judge failing to attend the compulsory 1 workshop or judge or armchair at least one club or equivalent event/competition per year with the exception etc...

Rule 8.9 (f) Alter to read

All Trainee Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop or armchair or judge at least one club competition or equivalent event/competition per calendar year.

Rule 8.10 (5) to read

All Association Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop or armchair or judge at least one club competition or equivalent event/competition per calendar year.

Delete Rule 8.11 4)

Alter first sentence of the current Rule 8.11 (6) to read:

All National Association Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop or judge or armchair at least one club competition or equivalent event/competition each year.

Rationale: It has been agreed by the judges and the Executive Committee that workshops are held the Friday of each Nationals weekend, with one round of regional workshops biennially, alternating with the biennial combined workshop as per Rule 8.13. The current rules make it difficult for a judge to keep to the criteria with this workshop sequence. It is proposed that the criteria be altered as above.

Discussion

The Head Judge explained that there are fewer competitions than ever before. Judges have made this point. More workshops are available to judges. These are very successful (for example 20 judges attended at Junior

Nationals). This proposed rule recognises the current situation. The intent of the current rule will be upheld. It was unanimously supported by judges at 2015 workshop.

Gold Coast NZ stated that it appears the proposed rule change means judges don't have to attend a workshop during year and suggested an amendment to say 'must attend a workshop', removing any reference to attending or officiating an event.

Harbour City agrees that the way it is written gives option of not attending a workshop. If you flip it the other way, do you want a judge who hasn't judged for years able to judge at a nationals?

The Head Judge responded that all factors are taken into consideration when the judging panel is selected.

Harbour City suggested that amendment to 'judges must armchair at least one club, or equivalent competition every two years'.

Tauranga stated that judges could approach clubs to judge more.

City of Sails mentioned they'd hate to think there are judges who wouldn't want to judge each year. Wording shouldn't dictate a judge's attitudes toward judging.

The Head judge added that there isn't a judge on the list who doesn't want to judge or attend workshops.

Drifters requested permission to call on observer Jan Morgan to speak. Granted by majority. Jan Morgan - This rule is only to give some flexibility around requirements. The intention isn't to wane enthusiasm for attending workshops.

Voting on the Remit 20 for. 1 against. Remit carried.

Remit 4 – Executive /Wanganui

Amend 8.9 Training Judges Criteria e) and f) to remove the letters e) and f)

Amend 8.10 4) and 5) to remove the numbers 4) and 5)

Amend 8.11 6) to remove the number 6)

Rationale – a grammatical correction to the way that the Judging Criteria are currently documented, as the points listed below are each sentences in their own right, not dependent on the original statement. There is no intention to change the current Judges Criteria in any way.

Discussion:

River City asked for rule/changes to be read out and clarified.

The Treasurer did so, explaining just the numbering was being removed, the sentences will still stand.

Voting on the Remit: Passed unanimously.

Remit 5 – Executive/River City

Combine Rules 8.9 (b) & (c) to read:

8.9 (b) Complete and return to the Association Head Judge an introductory questionnaire attesting to their Rock'n'Roll experience and commitment, along with a nomination in writing from their club.

Renumber the above rules.

Reason: to streamline and speed up the process of trainee judges applications

Discussion: Head judge explained the rule change. No discussion.

Voting on the Remit: Passed unanimously.

Remit 6 – Executive / Harbour City

Amend wording of 2.4(b) to read:

2.4(b) Any other items deliberately removed between marshalling and competing, or while competing, may result in disqualification.

Reason: to clarify rule in case someone deliberately takes off items of clothing while dancing at Nationals

Executive/Drifters

Amendment to the wording for 2.4(b) to read 'Add' in place of 'Amend'

Voting on the Amendment 20 for 1 abstention. Amendment passed
Voting on the amended Remit: *Passed unanimously.*

Moved on to elections at 11.15am with permission from delegates.

Election of Officers

The President invited the Vice-President, Robin Sutton, to take the chair for all nominations and voting.

Nominations for President

Jan Morgan Nominated by Drifters Seconded by Wanganui.

There were no other nominations.

Jan Morgan was elected by a secret ballot.

Nominations for Vice-President

Brenda Neill Nominated by Christchurch Seconded by Tauranga.

Nola Calvert Nominated by Invercargill Seconded by Dunedin.

There were no other nominations.

Brenda Neill was elected by secret ballot.

Nominations for Secretary

Haley Small Nominated by Upper Hutt United Seconded by River City.

There were no other nominations.

Haley Small was elected by secret ballot

Nominations for Treasurer

Yolanda van Dorrestein Nominated by Harbour City Seconded by Wanganui.

There were no other nominations.

Yolanda van Dorrestein was elected by secret ballot.

Nominations for Head Judge

Shane Taurima Nominated by Hutt Valley and River City Seconded by Invercargill.

There were no other nominations.

Shane Taurima was elected by secret ballot

The President, Brenda Neill, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Resumed discussion of remits at 11.40am. The Head Judge left the meeting, majority remained unchanged.

Remit 7 – Christchurch/Gold Coast NZ

New Rule 10.9 (a)

A Top Club Team for Junior Nationals can be made up of 3 Couples and/or Same Sex couples.

Reason: Including same sex couples in the Top Club teams at Junior level would mean more teams entering as some clubs struggle to find sufficient male dancers to make up a team. Team dancing is a great learning curve for dancers and it is sad that many of our junior female dancers miss this experience.

Discussion

Drifters - unclear on the wording of the remit. Is Christchurch referring to having a separate Section? If it was one section, can it be mixed?

Christchurch replied - the intention is for one mixed section.

River City is against the motion. Same sex section is for girls without male partners. The feeling is it would make it an uneven competition, with boys being stronger than girls.

Invercargill: what does this mean from a judges perspective?

The Treasurer explained that Top Club is about putting forward best dancers. Judges criteria is set so it is not a concern.

The Vice-President explained there is a criteria for judges. It's exactly the same for all couples (same sex or not).

Surf City is for this remit and would like to see it in the Senior Nationals as well. Gold Coast agrees that it should be extended to seniors.

The Treasurer suggested leaving this remit as it is and bringing it back as part of general business so it doesn't change the intent, which is to encourage juniors.

Amendment

Gold Coast NZ/ Surf City

that 'junior' is removed from wording, to be 'a top club or senior team can be made up of'.

Dunedin clarified that if the amendment fails the original remit stands.

Drifters suggested trialing the change in the junior section first.

Voting on the Amendment: 11 for. 7 against. 1 abstention. Amendment passed

The amended Remit reads 'A Top Club Team or Senior Team can be made up of three couples or same sex couples.'

Harbour City says this rule gives an opportunity for clubs to get as many dancers out on the dance floor as possible.

Surf City noted in their club that almost all best competitors are female.

Voting on the amended Remit: 10 For. Against 7. Abstained 2. Remit has passed.

End of Remits – 12 noon. Lunch break until 12.45pm.

Resumed after lunch at 12.50pm. The Timaru delegate left.

Nationals Reports

Invercargill Senior Nationals 24th – 26th October 2014

Nicola Fleming presented the report for Invercargill.

Good morning. Firstly we would like to thank all those both competitors and supporters who attended the 2014 Senior Nationals in Invercargill. We hope you had a great time and are very pleased to say we have had lots of positive feedback.

We sold 785 tickets over the 2 days and on top of this we had the public viewing proceeds. The "early bird special" ticketing worked really well as a lot of attendees choose to take up this option and from our point of view it meant we knew where we were financially months earlier and could then kick in more fundraising if we needed too. The wristbands worked well and for those that helped by holding up their arms on the way in thanks. It was as frustrating for us as it was for them having to ask to see their tickets.

Having a licensed venue meant no BYO. There were a few issues that we know of regarding this; however we were pleased to see things improved after the announcement on Saturday night. We are very lucky in Invercargill to have such great facilities and the Invercargill Licensing Trust play a huge part in this. Not only that but they fully supported our function by providing us with funding to hold the event. Unfortunately the downside of this is no BYO. It did however give everyone plenty of room and the facilities for competitors are great. Thanks to Strawberry Sound from Dunedin for ensuring the sound was of good quality. Thanks, also to our DJ's who were great to deal with. The stadium cafe had a good variety of food and was very busy with the food and making coffee. We did have one coffee car outside but could have done with more. For those that had to wait in the queue thanks for your patience. In regards to club banners there was a bit of panic from clubs wanting to take away their banners immediately at the end of the Sunday night. We should have had a better procedure arranged regarding this. Thanks to the club that thought to have sent a return courier ticket with their banner.

The big screen filming was well received and the number of people watching our live feed both in New Zealand and overseas supported this. It received approximately 5000 views and had 205 followers. Yes it cost a bit of money but we think it was money well spent.

We had "Shindig" play for us on the Friday night and Rotorockers commented "it's the biggest crowd they've seen on a Friday night". Certainly the floor was full and people looked to be enjoying themselves.

The catalogue for purchases of merchandise worked really well as we had no leftover goods. It was much appreciated where clubs put in one order for their members as it made things easier at our end. The catalogue was a first for us and if we do this again we would fine tune it a bit more.

We hope you all liked the DVD. Rotorockers were very helpful and made a great job. We set the price as advised by Rotorockers and sold 73. We printed the sponsors on the inside of the cover and felt it was a great way to give back to them.

For those of you that took the time to visit the Richardson truck museum we hope you managed to find it. We hadn't realised that their renovations had meant the front door had moved and as the place is so big that meant it was a couple of blocks away! When we realised the problem we did put someone there to direct traffic and know at least a few found the entrance! There is nothing like this place elsewhere in New Zealand so it is truly special to Invercargill and it was good of them to open their private museum for us on a stat day.

From a financial viewpoint our trading profit excluding funding donations and club fundraising which we did prior to the event, our profit was \$4500 of which \$2000 relates to the discount we received after the event from ILT Stadium Southland.

Lastly thanks to all our funders who without them we wouldn't have been able to hold this event. I would like to mention the main ones, the Invercargill Licensing Trust, ILT Foundation, Southland Community Trust, Lakers House of Travel, Southern Air, and Southland District Council.

We had learnt a lot from the 2012 Junior Nationals held in Invercargill and should we hold a Nationals again yes there are things we would do differently after the 2014 event but overall we were very happy with how things went and hope you were to.

Questions:

Harbour City... Public seats day sales?

Invercargill \$3,100

Invercargill moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Tauranga. Carried Unanimously.

Christchurch Junior Nationals 3rd – 5th April 2015

Karyn Thomson presented the report for Christchurch Sweet" It's Rock and Roll

Sensational - club members who volunteered for the whole weekend.

Weather – perfect

Entertainment – Happy with the number of entries that were received.

Event Centre – Outstanding facilities.

Totally - positive weekend – from the Executive down to the spectators.

Positives: we made a profit - \$9,800
Committee and volunteers were “wrapped” with the decorations and atmosphere created over the weekend by all.

Negative: Juniors did not get an extended time to socialise, this was due to a busy programme on Sunday and venue requirements to vacate premises by midnight.
Three incidents dealt with by our very qualified first aiders.

Though our profit was modest, Junior Nationals was a stress free event to run.

We made a decision to only sell badges and offered no apparel.

We sought no grants, however majority of our raffles were donated and our decorations were created on a modest budget with the help of very talented Club members.

Christchurch moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Wanganui. Carried Unanimously.

Kapi Mana 2015 Senior Nationals 23rd -25th October 2015 – and 2016 Junior Nationals 25th – 28th March 2016 – Progress report

Barry O’Donnell presented the report for Kapi Mana

VENUE: TE RAUPARAHA ARENA:

- A 30% deposit has been paid to the Arena for both the Senior and Junior events
- The contract time is from 6 a.m. Friday until 1 a.m. Monday, but set-up can begin Thursday if the main stadium is free and pack down can be done until noon Monday
- For the Senior Nationals the contract also includes cost of a stage, the use of some meetings rooms and the smaller stadium as a warm-up/practice area
- For the Junior Nationals the contract also includes cost of a stage, the use of some meetings rooms and the provision for a warm-up/practice area

SENIOR NATIONALS ONLY: Quotes accepted and approved:

- Hire of 30 tables
- On-site First Aid from Wellington Free Ambulance
- DJs Nigel and Duncan

SENIOR NATIONALS: ONLY Quotes received but yet to be accepted:

- Minivan EziCar Rental (confirmation subject to Executive requirements)
- Stills photographer
- Filming, editing, and producing 5-disc DVD
- Lighting (MJF Lighting and Metro Productions)

Much of the above is also relevant to the Junior Nationals as it will be a scaled down version of the Seniors.

SENIOR NATIONALS ONLY: TICKET PRICES:

Adults and children 12 and over: Full price All Weekend	Earlybird All Weekend \$100	\$85 (until 31 July 2015)
Children 12 and under: Full price All Weekend	Earlybird All Weekend \$75	\$60 (until 31 July 2015)
Adults Friday Dance:		\$10
Adults Saturday and/or Sunday only:		\$50
Public gallery:	Yet to be determined	

SENIOR NATIONALS ONLY: NEWSLETTERS:

- Newsletter No.1 was emailed on 1 April and again on April 2nd
- Newsletter No.2, which will detail the ticket prices, is scheduled to be emailed this week

SENIOR NATIONALS ONLY: JUDGES WORKSHOP

- As requested Kapi Mana will attempt to provide dancers for a workshop on the Friday afternoon

NATIONALS INFO PACKS:

- These will be handed out at the AGM and mailed to Clubs that do not have a delegate there. The information contained within is valid for both the Senior and Junior Nationals. Most of the information is also available via links on the Association website.

Kapi Mana moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Harbour City. Carried Unanimously.

The President: Trev James has been appointed as MC for Seniors.

Surf City 2016 Senior Nationals 21st – 25th October 2016

Wendy Cossgrove presented the report for Surf City.

Surf City Rock n Roll Club is looking forward to welcoming competitors and supporters to Gisborne for the 2016 Senior Nationals.

Gisborne has many attractions some of which are highlighted in your information pack, You may wish to have a look around Gisborne while you are here. Other attractions can be accessed online.

Our venue is at Ilminster Intermediate School, Delatour Road, Outer Kaiti, Gisborne.

The dance floor is attached to the building !!!

There will definitely be a 'No Heels' in the venue as it is a new complex.

There will be food and coffee available at the venue, and a B.Y.O licence.

NO under-age drinkers will be allowed.

We are still to confirm Motor Home Parking.

All the Motels etc are about a 5 minute drive to the venue.

Our Contact details are:

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Surf City moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Kapi Mana. Carried Unanimously.

The President thanked all the host clubs, past and future, for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Allocation of 2017 Junior and Senior Nationals

2017 Junior Nationals 14th – 16th April 2017

President moved that Wanganui host the 2017 Junior Nationals at the War Memorial Hall. Seconded by Surf City. Passed Unanimously.

2017 Senior Nationals 20th – 22nd October 2017

President moved that Hutt Valley host Nationals at Walter Nash Stadium. Seconded by Wanganui. Passed Unanimously.

The President thanked Wanganui & Hutt Valley for offering to host.

Note: City of Sails interested in hosting 2018 Junior Nationals.

General Business

Item One – Executive

Junior Triples

Investigate ways to encourage entries into this section.

Suggestions for example are:

- Lower assessment pass rate
- Average the ages i.e. the 3 ages added and divided by 3 don't exceed 12 yrs
- Increase that age to 13 years and under

Discussion:

Invercargill: if there are two 12 year old and one 13 year old in a trio they could stay in Junior category.

Harbour City: this is part of a bigger issue. No marketing plan in place or strategy for the sport in general. We're getting less competition because there are fewer people in the sport. We need to get more people through the door. Our suggestion is to create a position in the organisation to put a marketing plan in place.

Drifters: we don't like the idea of averaging age because you could get an 18 year old with two 5 year olds.

Invercargill: we could add a clause about years apart.

Gold Coast: older children dancing with younger children in junior section provides an unfair advantage.

New Remit

Invercargill/City of Sails

Alter Rule 1.8 a to "section 7. Junior triples 5–13 years Section 8 intermediate triples 14–17 years.

Voting on the remit: 13 clubs for. 1 against. 5 abstaining. Remit is passed.

Item Two – Executive

Junior Section

Should this section need to pass an assessment to enter National competition?

Discussion:

Drifters: there have been juniors who have failed juniors and leave rock'n'roll because they're so disheartened.

The President: we want to get them enthused and on the floor. The children are very, very novice. The question is, if they didn't have to be assessed we might get a whole family interested in Rock'n'Roll.

Hutt Valley: that there is potential for children to be in the grade for four years. Without assessment?

The Treasurer suggested that assessments should remain, club events are the place for children to create enthusiasm and give guidance about when they are ready for Nationals.

Majority agree with leaving the assessment in place.

Item 3 - National Certificates

Invercargill suggested that the association only award each competitor, junior or senior, with only one certificate for competing at the nationals instead of awarding them with a certificate for every section they are competing in.

Suggestion:

One certificate per competitor that lists all sections entered

Agreement by majority to trial at Seniors 2015.

Item 4 - Same Sex Novice

Invercargill would like to get a feeling from the council to see if there is a benefit for a same sex novice section for Juniors to start with and then include seniors if it works.

Majority not interested in discussing this.

Item 5 – Future of the nationals of Junior and Senior

Invercargill on the future of Rock n roll dancing socially and competitively. As a lot may have noticed there is a general decline in competing members entering both junior and senior nationals each year no matter where the nationals are based. We are concerned at the rapid decline and think we as the council and the executive need to act ASAP to what needs to be done to promote and encourage rock n roll a lot more than what's happening at the moment.

Discussion:

Invercargill highlights the need to have passionate people in the clubs. Ideas include having a sub-committee under the Executive to come up with ideas to promote and push Rock'n'Roll for NZ. Need to have a think about how we can communicate with New Zealander.

The Vice-President says most other clubs/associations have development strategies in place. Group of interested people could be appointed to engage all the clubs.

Harbour City requested that AGM delegates think about how we could move forward. Need everyone to have a really good think and help the Association come up with a national strategy.

Dunedin disagreed with Harbour City. Declining membership is the elephant in the room. The AGM is the place to talk about what we can do going forward.

The President suggested the people we need are the parents. Need something for children to aspire to, which is our national competition. It is up to clubs. It's hard work! You've got to work really hard to get people in.

Item 6 — judges sheet (Hawkes Bay)

Hawkes Bay want to know if Judges Sheets for specific sections be requested by clubs.

The Treasurer: All or nothing. Too hard for printing to be separated.

Item 7 — regarding finals rule 6.5

Wellington recommends only having four couples in a final.

The Treasurer clarified reasoning behind numbers in finals – the intent is to have four couples, only more if there is a tie for fourth place.

The Vice-President: a dance off to go into a final can take up a lot of time and it's unpleasant for dancers.

City of Sails: more than four is not a problem for judges. If someone has worked hard and pulled it out on the day, to have an equal number of points as another finalist, they deserve to go into the final.

The majority agreed to leave rule as it is.

Item 8 — 6.5.1 dance off to slow and fast, not medium (Wellington)

The Treasurer explained the dance off song is specifically medium because the couples are so equal judges weren't able to differentiate in the slow and fast, making them dance a medium is another way of testing them. Also doesn't favour either couple so it is fairer.

The Secretary suggested that dance offs could happen to a very fast slow or very slow fast.

The Vice President said medium tests both.

Harbour City: dancers want to do the best they can for what they've trained for. Have a list of songs and Exec pick on the day.

The President Elect questioned if dancers will have faith for the Executive to choose on the day.

Drifters: dancing to a slow or a fast is a disadvantage to some.

Surf City: why change it now? The best dancers dance at Nationals, so they should be able to dance to anything

Gold Coast: most dancers won't have trained to a medium song.

River City: we train to a slow and a fast and often a routine doesn't fit to a medium song.

Gold Coast NZ: perhaps a remit that dancers will dance to a slow or a fast, and dancers will be advised if it's slow or fast.

Remit not put.

Item 9 — MC training City of Sails

City of Sails suggested having a program for training MCs.

The President explained that the Executive has been trialing new MCs for the past few years and is very open to widening the pool.

Invercargill noted that MCs are vital to keep Nationals going and cheerful! Seniors are more challenging.

The Vice President says training not so much the issue, as personality. It's more about succession planning.

City of Sails - we need to know as we've got someone in the wings who can keep the crowd going. The Executive has taken this on board.

End of General Business

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

Retiring Vice-President Robin Sutton was presented with the Executive Pin and thanked for his work over the past two years.

Gold Coast NZ invited tribute messages for Tony Snow to pass on to the hop.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 2.10pm.

The date for the 2016 AGM is Saturday May 21, 9.30am for a 10am start, at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington.

NZARNR Association President's Report 2015

To Fellow Executive, Delegates and Members of the Association, welcome to our 32nd Annual General Meeting.

The year started for the Executive without a Secretary and with a Head Judge to be selected at the Combined Judges Workshop. It is with much gratitude and relief that Shane Taurima again made himself available for the Head Judge role.

It was also due to Shane that his head hunting found us a new Secretary in Haley Small, who is fitting into the role with enthusiasm and efficiency.

Thankfully also, Shane and Haley are both seeking re-election this year along with Yolanda van Dorrestein, whose efficiency and knowledge as Treasurer is invaluable to Association.

We do farewell Robin Sutton, who has been Vice President for two years, and thank him for embracing his role with willingness and his unique brand of humour.

I would like to congratulate Jan Morgan for standing as President. I am very happy to have been nominated for Vice President, and if elected, will support Jan and further assist Haley as she settles into the Secretary role.

The Executive is always aware of the costs of running the Association and to this end we have had just two main meetings, one in Christchurch and one in Wellington. Both were one day meetings in people's homes. We also met prior to the two Nationals, and prior to this AGM.

We were able to discuss and finalise much of our business between our meetings by email, saving considerable time and expense. We are fully aware that depending on circumstances, this reduction in meetings may not always be possible in the future.

Officials for coming Nationals are also selected and invited much earlier now, allowing savings in air fares where required, as they can be purchased so much earlier.

We have this year been able to elevate more Judges to National Association Level and having worked with them over the past few competitions we can be assured that Rock and Roll is in good hands for the future. I acknowledge Betty Stark, former Executive member, and Gus & Ann Lammers, stalwarts on the South Island judging team, all of whom are retiring from judging. Mary & Dave Sayers have taken a step back to the Association Judge List, which means that while they won't be available for judging Nationals, they are still available and valuable as assessing and official club judges.

Both National championships were exceptional events, with great dancing and enthusiastic supporters. We thank both host clubs, Invercargill and Christchurch, for their warm welcome and unique southern hospitality. The success and spirit of our competitions is always a surprise to newcomers and visitors. For that we do need to thank the many volunteers, from host club members through to our officials, who make Rock'n'Roll the amazing sport it is.

Each year as the Association ages, we lose some of our fraternity and our thoughts and sympathies go to the clubs who have said farewell to colleagues and friends over the past year.

Like many of you, Rock'n'Roll plays a huge part of my life. I thoroughly enjoy officiating, judging and occasionally dancing at National competitions. It is a joy to see new dancers on the floor each year, and others still enjoying competition many years on.

Interesting also to note that many dancers who were juniors when I first came into the sport are now dancing at senior nationals, becoming judges, joining the Executive team, and in many cases providing an upcoming generation of Rock'n'Rollers!

I cannot think of another organisation that is a growing, supportive family like Rock'n'Roll, and it is a privilege to be part of it.

Kind Regards,

Brenda Neill
President

Head Judge Report

16 April 2015

AGM Delegates, tēnā koutou katoa.

I am pleased to provide you with my report for 2014/15.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the passing of Colleen Murphy, a former Head Judge who made a significant contribution to the Association. Colleen, may you rest in peace.

Further acknowledgement must go to senior and experienced judges that have retired from judging over the past 12 months. They include Betty Stark and Ann & Gus Lammers. Thank you for your commitment and service over many years.

Dave & Mary Sayers have decided to stand down as National Association judges, but have still made themselves available to judge at local competitions and assessments as Association judges. Thank you both for your continued dedication.

While we have lost the expertise of some judges, we have gained the skills and experience of new judges. Congratulations to Stephen Blasé, Murray Dillon, Stacy Grootjans, Leila Maaka and Korena Wharepapa-Vulu for attaining National Association status.

With these developments and new judges joining the fold, we have 13 Trainee judges (including 5 that started training in the last 2 months), 5 Association Judges and 28 National Association Judges. I would like to thank them all for their commitment.

Combined Judges' Workshop

29 judges attended the combined judges' workshop held in Wellington on 28 June 2014. The workshop covered the role and responsibilities of the Head Judge, judging teams, proposed breakdown of points on judging sheets and split of age for best dressed juniors. The workshop continues to provide a forum for judges from across the country to come together to learn and grow.

The workshop also provided judges with the opportunity to elect their Head Judge. I have always believed that judges are best placed to elect this very important position. The Head Judge spends so much time with judges, it is important that he or she has the respect and support of judges. The proposed constitutional changes are not intended to disempower clubs, but to give the mandate to elect the Head Judge to the pool of people that he or she will represent and work closely with. I encourage delegates to support the changes.

The 2016 combined judges' workshop will be held on 9 July at the Brentwood Hotel. The date and venue has been confirmed to allow judges to take advantage of the cheaper airfares and to reduce overall costs. Part of our workshop training requires us to judge dancers. I cannot overstate the value of this exercise. It gives judges the opportunity to award, peer review, discuss, and evaluate marks and reflect on their overall judging approach. I hope that the workshop will be supported by local Wellington dancers.

Senior & Junior Nationals

The standard of dance and skill displayed at the Senior and Junior Nationals was extremely high. This was evident in the range of high marks that were awarded by the official judging panel. As the standard of dance grows, it is equally important for the skills and expertise of judges to grow. This is why we now hold a workshop at Nationals, encourage open and candid discussions amongst official judges, and put a lot more emphasis on self-evaluation and self-assessment. There is an expectation that all judges will be able to explain their marks, but in turn feel empowered to have an opinion and see and feel things that others may not.

Regional Workshops

Three regional workshops will be held in July/August. Thank you in advance to the host clubs, Christchurch, City of Sails and Harbour City. Like competitors, judges also require training and a forum in which they can openly discuss judging matters and opinions. I encourage clubs to support their judges to be able to attend these workshops.

Executive

I would like to thank the current Executive for their hard work and support over the past 12 months.

Thank you to Brenda Neill for helping with administration of assessments and judges sheets. If my nomination is successful, I look forward to working with the new Executive and building on the great work that has been achieved by judges, competitors, supporters, clubs and the Executive over the past 12 months.

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui
Be strong and of good courage and patience



Shane Taurima

Treasurer's Report

AGM: 20 May 2015

The 2015 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 2014 was \$24,280 and the Association had a net loss for the last financial year of \$6,064. This compares to a net profit of \$5,510 for the prior year. The loss is attributable mainly to higher expenses for Junior and Senior Nationals and the combined Judges Workshop. Revenue for the year was in the main comparable to the previous year, with a slight reduction in affiliation and membership fees, and in Senior Nationals entries.

Comparing income to expenditure for specific events over the last financial year:

- the AGM ran at a profit to the Association of \$443
- the Junior Nationals ran at a loss to the Association of \$4,163
- the Senior Nationals ran at a loss to the Association of \$8,099

As at 31 December 2014 we had 32 affiliated clubs, an increase in seniors and a decrease in juniors when compared to the previous year. Note that the shift in memberships doesn't align to the reduced affiliation and membership fees due to one less club affiliation plus payments received in January when related to December membership. A comparison of memberships based on levies received over the last ten years is shown below.

Reporting period	Seniors	Juniors
2014	1960	308
2013	1795	390
2012 (Jan-Dec)	2150	464
2011 (Apr-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.

The 2014 AGM decided that the Executive should agree an amount to be put on term deposit. This was discussed at every meeting but the amount not agreed as the balance and anticipated expenses change significantly throughout the year. With hindsight, it would have been possible to have \$9,000 on term investment. I propose that this amount be placed on term investment for the coming year.

Given our current bank balance, there is no intention to suggest an increase in Association affiliation fee, membership levies, or other fees, at this time.

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

Summary of Income and Expenditure

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09
				9 mths			
Income							
Affiliation/membership	11,970	12,618	13,226	10,723	13,055	12,322	12,207
National Champs	17,876	19,497	18,683	22,026	22,119	18,454	9,418

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AGM	3,125	3225	3,225	3,078	3,334	3,067	3,267
Judging workshops	4,106	2844	820	1,652	1,439	587	1,049
Other income incl interest	457	753	760	1,232	1,544	740	1,119
	37,531	38,937	36,714	38,709	41,491	35,170	27,060
Expenses							
Audit fees	0	0	0	0	850	575	625
AGM expenses	2,682	2768	3,924	3,060	2,687	2,920	4,302
Printing, copying etc	138	0	438	323	464	407	877
Postage	285	289	529	211	705	768	1,340
Telephone	0	0	31	27	73	228	205
Exec expenses	2,980	3215	3,543	3,450	4,232	3,912	4,420
Judges expenses	5,693	1874	3,442	1,197	1,765	1,209	781
Exec admin	376	610	802	243	320	222	244
National Champs	30,138	24,047	28,649	22,981	25,667	24,638	13,261
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	13	6
TES	838	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	467	624	568	928	806	612	721
	43,596	33,427	41,605	32,420	37,582	35,497	26,786
Operating Profit / -Loss	-6,064	5,510	-5,080	6,291	4,057	-202	274

Exec admin includes website hosting, telephone

Misc includes CD production, bank fees