



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



MINUTES OF THE 2018 NZARRA Inc. 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AIRPORT MOTEL CONFERENCE CENTRE, SATURDAY 19th MAY 2018

The Annual General Meeting opened at 9.45am with a welcome from the NZ President, Nola Calvert.

The NZ Executive Committee present was introduced

President	Nola Calvert
Vice President	Karen Birch
Secretary	Brenda Neill
Treasurer	Yolanda Van Dorrestein
Head Judge	Colleen Ryan

The President moved that the voting procedure be as follows:

That voting for Remits will be on a show of hands, the majority 50% of clubs and Executive present.

Election of Officers — Secret Ballot for all positions. Colleen Ryan & Scott Greenlees (Observer from River Rockers Whanganui) will act as scrutineers for the voting of Executive Officers, which will be done in a block

Moved by the President Seconded by Tauranga - Carried Unanimously

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

Moved by the President Seconded Christchurch - Carried unanimously

With 15 clubs plus 5 Executive in attendance, the majority for voting is 11.

Apologies

Gold Coast NZ, River City, Hawkes Bay, Cambridge Cruisers & Happy Dayz

Harbour City moved the apologies be accepted.

Seconded by Whakatane. Carried unanimously.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

Kapi Mana moved the Minutes be accepted.

Seconded by Invercargill. Carried unanimously.

There were no matters arising.

President's Report

The President's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Correction to Senior Nationals host club, correction is Hutt Valley.

There were no matters arising.

Comment about new clubs attending, they did send apologies.

The President moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded Kapi Mana. Carried unanimously.

Head Judge's Report

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

Colleen spoke to her report.

There were no matters arising

The Head Judge moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded by Gracelands. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

The list of Inwards and Outwards correspondence was circulated.

There were no matters arising

The Secretary moved that the Correspondence report be accepted.

Seconded by Christchurch. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer noted the increase in senior members, and two new clubs

Thanks to Helen Reeves who reviewed the accounts

Discussion

Harbour City – queried the Levy

The Treasurer – the levy is split between fees and the contribution to the biannual judge's workshop

Whangarei - why is there a difference in the medal cost between Senior & Junior National

The Treasurer – the number of sections is greater for Senior Nationals.

The Secretary – Also there are sometimes a number of miniatures for 3 times winners included in the amount for Senior Nationals

The Treasurer moved that all levies and fees remain unchanged for the 2018/19 year.

Seconded by Surf City

Wellington / Drifters requested that the setting fees and levies be deferred to after General Business.

The Motion was withdrawn

The Treasurer moved that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded by Kapi Mana. Carried unanimously

Nationals Reports

Senior Nationals 2017 report Hutt Valley

Lynn Offord presented the report for Hutt Valley

We believe that the Nationals were successful both socially and financially. We were a small committee but very dedicated. We also had help from our Life Members and dancers with the set up on Friday and during the weekend.

The venue and workers of the venue, Walter Nash Stadium, were amazing and nothing was ever a problem.

Our aim was to make it a FUN NATIONAL, going on the feedback from many other clubs we believe we achieved this.

Our profit from the Nationals was \$21,447.13 plus we got a \$5000.00 Grant. We were very surprised at our profit. However, we had large numbers attending on the Saturday and Sunday nights. Also, public seating was very successful.

Thank you to all the clubs that attended and for helping create the great atmosphere.

Discussion

Drifters - number of venue tickets sold?
Hutt Valley - 800 approximately

Hutt Valley moved that their report be accepted, seconded Kapi Mana.

Carried Unanimously

Junior Nationals 2018 Report

Mark Roberts presented the report for City Of Sails on behalf of Leeyan Stephens

City of Sails had a fabulous time hosting the 2018 Junior Nationals competition over Easter Weekend. Our venue, Somerville Intermediate School, proved to be excellent with just enough room for club tables, viewing gallery and separate practise area. As the venue was a school no permission was given for alcohol to be allowed on site. The venue was also smoke-free and attendees were respectful and went off the school property when they wished to have a cigarette.

We pre-sold 268 Weekend Passes plus 5 Friday, 6 Saturday & 14 Sunday tickets. The number of tickets sold at the door was approximately 70 full days for both Saturday and Sunday. We did not provide a separate public viewing area but charged \$20 per session and they had full access to the facilities. Lack of a cheaper public viewing area did not prove to be a problem and the option of purchasing a ticket just for a day or evening session was very popular.

The Club was very fortunate to receive a grant of \$4,100 for cost of the venue hire. This helped us achieve a reduced price for early bird tickets of \$70. Our aim was always to keep the price as low as possible and hope in getting it down to that it made it easier for families to attend. Our original figures after early bird tickets closed showed a budgeted profit of around \$5k but as per the financial report we ended up making \$11,783.85. This was due to a huge amount of door sales over the weekend.

We used a BNZ payclip to be able to accept eftpos payments over the weekend. We took around \$2700 worth of eftpos payments and around \$4500 in cash at the door, lots of which was for DVD orders (18 DVD @ \$85 = \$1530). So about 38% of door sales were paid using eftpos. We would be interested to know if clubs have feedback on having this available.

There was some confusion with the swapping of wrist bands for Competitor Passes on Lanyards. Although there was mention they would be swapped, it appears this was not explained as well as we thought. The intention was that all competitors, regardless of which day(s) they were competing would hand back their wrist bands (except of course the Friday night one as they would already be wearing it) and in exchange they would receive one competitor pass that would cover Saturday and Sunday.

But some people didn't realise and thought we had competitor passes per day. Competitor passes on lanyards are quite expensive and time consuming to make and we found it much easier to just give all competitors one lanyard for the duration of the competition. Once the team managers understood what we were trying to achieve it was fine, but perhaps we could stick to one system so it's easier going forward. This system could be outlined in the competition guidelines to help people like myself who dreamed up my own system thinking it was simple but just managed to inadvertently confuse people.

Thanks to Kapi Mana for the use of the podiums and trophy stands. What a great asset they are to have available to borrow.

DJ's Duncan & Nigel were amazing once again as were Rob & Callum at the microphone.

DVD sales – 36 DVD's were ordered which included the NZARRA copy. 2 were Blu-Ray which was a new offering. Thank you to all the individual people who purchased a DVD, only 7 clubs ordered one. This would have been a significant cost to us without those extra sales, many of which were paid for by eftpos at the door. Many thanks to Rotorockers for doing this job at such a good price.

When Heather and I were originally planning for the transport of the Executive over the weekend, we read the guidelines and it only mentions about getting the "Executive" transported. As there are 5 Executive we interpreted that to mean 5 people, plus their driver as Brenda had mentioned someone had offered to drive them. Heather recalled previous Nationals where she had been a judge and had been given a bus timetable from the airport to help her get herself to her accommodation, so based also on her experiences in the past this reinforced our understanding of transporting the Executive. Craig and I have 4 children so we have a large Toyota Alphard V6 with 8 seats, very big and comfy with lots of luggage space. I was more than happy for the Executive to have the vehicle for the weekend. Much closer to the time and in response to being advised they would have use of this vehicle, the Executive came back and said that actually they thought there would be 12 people needing transporting which was a bit of a surprise and obviously included Officials as well. Whilst we were more than happy to accommodate everyone (they all give up their weekend and work so hard) it did feel to me like a communication breakdown and something extra that we had to do that wasn't mentioned clearly at the start. I arranged an additional driver and vehicle to make sure everyone was looked after (which co-incidentally wasn't needed in the end), but this feedback is around the guidelines to hosting nationals. Perhaps they could, if it is deemed the club is responsible for the entire contingent of officials' transport, be re-worded to accurately reflect what is expected of the club so adequate planning could be done well in advance.

In case it is useful, there were 4 campervans this Easter.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Executive and Officials. It was my first time leading the team hosting Nationals over Easter weekend was a real honour. From my point of view our job is to provide a venue equipped with everything required to hold the event. It is the Executive who plan the actual proceedings and execute the delivery of programmed times so proficiently. Yes there are a team of club members who are busy over the weekend and we were so proud of our team doing such a great job at the venue. But credit for the well-oiled machine that delivers such an outstanding Junior Nationals lies directly with the Executive and Officials. Thank you for your support to me over the weekend to my many questions and for your dedication to rock and roll that allows us to enjoy such fantastic weekends. I hope the kids had a blast and are already planning for Invercargill, ours certainly are.

If any club would like help with hosting future Nationals I am keen to support them any way I can. It's surprising what can be done over the ether these days.

City of Sails moved their report be accepted/ Seconded Drifters Carried Unanimously

Discussion

Invercargill – Food - no healthy choices. Venue was too small. There was no practise area Sunday morning, due to a church group using the hall. The general public using the floor and club area made it unfair on venue ticket holders.

City of Sails - We didn't know until too late about church. The venue was tight, but we think it worked. Food, the menu looked healthy.

There was no way of enforcing the public area. They were charged in effect the same as venue ticket holders, being \$20 per session. If they came to two sessions that is \$40 per day, same as venue ticket holders.

Drifters - going outside to find changing rooms and toilets is not ideal, this needs addressing and considering.

Whangarei – There needs to be a public gallery, with public not allowed on the floor.

Surf City – when has it been the norm for host club to provide a practise area?

Drifters – can it be put in book B about practise floor?

The Treasurer – we cannot restrict too much on venue issues. It would discourage clubs in some areas from hosting.

Kai Mana - Book B already mentions sufficient toilets. We have been lucky the last few years

Drifters – could they be covered or in the venue

Drifters - is the Nationals Levy on public as well?

The Treasurer - No – defer as a General Business item

The President thanked both clubs for successful National events.

Senior Nationals 2018 Progress Report - Wellington

Richard Reder gave a verbal report for Wellington

All information is on our website, ticket prices have been posted for a while, parking the same.

There will be a separate public gallery

It is Wellington's 40th Anniversary Hop on Friday night, with live and DJ music all night

We have been getting plenty of feedback and anticipate a big nationals.

No Questions

Wellington Moved the report be accepted. Seconded Hutt Valley

Carried Unanimously

Junior Nationals 2019 Progress Report – Invercargill

Leanne Parker presented the report for Invercargill Club

The Invercargill Rock n Roll Club is looking forward to welcoming competitors, their family and supporters to Invercargill for the 2019 Junior Nationals.

Our Nationals Committee are working hard to put together a great, affordable weekend for all.

An important message first of all.

Invercargill is hosting a National Netball Tournament the same weekend so we cannot emphasise enough to Clubs, PLEASE book accommodation and local transport as soon as possible.

Our venue is confirmed as ILT Stadium Southland.

(The Stadium is also hosting the National Netball Tournament but we are happy to confirm this will not impact directly on the weekend we have in store for you.)

We will have reserved parking for over 300 cars approx. The Stadium has an on-site café and in addition to this we are currently working with additional food vendors to provide options and ranges for all.

Campervans are allowed on site if they are fully self-contained and we are negotiating the access of shower facilities for these users.

ILT Stadium Southland has large easy viewing galleries, oodles of floor space and warm up areas.

Almost all of our accommodation in Invercargill is within an easy 5-10 minute drive of the Stadium – transport options to consider are Taxis or Rental Cars.

Ticket prices will be determined shortly with the last of the expenses being confirmed in the next month.

DJ, Videography, Sound Engineer and transport/accommodation for Executive have been booked.

Being distributed to the Clubs whilst here at the AGM are packs including:

- Information about ILT Stadium Southland
- Local Transport options
- Maps
- Accommodation
- Dining
- Southland Activities and Attractions

Regular newsletters will commence shortly to keep all the clubs up to date. These will be sent to Club Email addresses for distribution to members.

Any queries please don't hesitate to contact Nicky Phillipson, Committee Chairperson on: 2019juniornationals@gmail.com or 027 213 1592.

We look forward to seeing you all Easter 2019 in Invercargill. Remember Easter falls in the School Holidays in 2019, so consider making the most of what Southland has to offer.

No questions.

Invercargill Moved that their report be accepted. Seconded Kapi Mana

Carried Unanimously

Senior Nationals 2019 Progress Report.

Craig Blaikie presented the report for Christchurch Club

The Christchurch Rock'n'Roll Club organizing committee would like to extend an invitation to all Rock'n'Roll dancers & supporters to come to Senior Nationals in Christchurch.

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

We once again offer you a great atmosphere at the Lincoln Event Centre. This Centre in Lincoln is only 15 minutes from Riccarton Road where the majority of motels are sited.

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

Book your flights early to take advantage of cheap airfares. Tag on an extra couple of days to tour the central city rebuild.

Notes

- Motels on the list are 10 – 15 minutes travel to the venue

- You will need to secure rental cars / vans
- Walking distance to Lincoln Township is 5 minutes
- We are endeavouring to keep ticket prices at a minimum
- Our theme is Rock around the Clock

We look forward to seeing you in Christchurch in 2019

Christchurch moved their report be accepted. Seconded City of Sails

Carried Unanimously

Allocation of 2019 Senior and Junior Nationals

Senior Nationals 23rd – 25th October 2020

Two bids were received from Whakatane & River Rockers Whanganui
A secret ballot was held
Whakatane is hosting Senior Nationals in 2020

Junior Nationals, 10th – 12th April 2020

One bid was received from Drifters, who are hosting the 2020 Junior Nationals in Hamilton

The President thanked the clubs for their interest and congratulated both future host clubs.

End of Reports and Nationals allocation.

Break for Morning Tea 10.30
Meeting reconvened at 10.45

REMITTS: ALTERATIONS TO THE RULE BOOK

Remit 1 Executive/Kapi Mana

Rule 1.3

Alter second sentence to read:

“The date for receipt of Remits is 60 days prior to the AGM.”

Reason – with the AGM in May, the current closing date for remits is too soon for a lot of clubs who are just starting back for the year. It is also a long way out from the AGM and with communication much swifter now it does seem excessive.

The President spoke to the remit, saying shortening the time made sense with such easy communication available.

Harbour City – Are we still able to take Remits from the floor?

The Treasurer – Yes, that won't change and is still allowed with agreement from the meeting.

Voting on Remit Passed Unanimously

Remit 2 Executive/Invercargill

Alter Rule 1.5(f). Delete “Smart Saver” and replace with “seat only”.

Reason – an update to reflect current fare classes.

The Secretary emphasized this is only for TES reimbursements

Voting on Remit Passed Unanimously

Remit 3 Executive/Harbour City

New Rule 2.7 “Failure to comply with Rule 2.5 (b) before the first Call Back in the Sunday Best Dressed parades will result in disqualification.”

Reason – In marshalling before dancing, someone who doesn’t meet the standard is given the chance to correct before they dance. The same opportunity should be offered to competitors in the Sunday Best Dressed parades, but as there is no marshalling, this is the best way to do that.

The Treasurer spoke to the Remit.

In effect the first walk around in the Sunday best dressed parades is their “marshalling”. This rule would give competitors a chance to alter the non-complying item before the first call back.

Voting on the Remit Passed Unanimously

Remit 4 – Executive/Kapi Mana

Alter Rule 4.1 to read:

“Entries must be made on the form supplied by the Association and are not considered accepted until total payment of entry fees is received.”

Reason – to reflect that most payments are now made electronically and often are from different clubs. Entries are submitted by in the same way, meaning payment cannot accompany the entry.

The Secretary spoke to the Remit.

We need to move into the electronic age, and direct credits are more immediate and with online banking can more easily be checked against entries. This speeds up processing considerably.

Voting on the Remit Passed Unanimously

Remit 5 – Executive/Christchurch

Rule 6.3. Delete the paragraph starting
“Competitors should note”

Reason – this is not true, and not a rule.

The Vice President spoke to the Remit

This is not why we have a points system for heats, and needs to be removed.

Voting on the Remit Passed Unanimously

Remit 6 – Executive / Gracelands

Add New Rule 6.5 and renumber the following Rules.

6.5 – If a judge sights an inappropriate move (Rule 11.5) points may be deducted.

Reason – to make clear that there is a penalty for breaching this rule.

Amendment

Kapi Mana/Harbour City

Alter rule number to 6.3 1 and renumber following Rules.

Voting on Amendment. Passed Unanimously

The Head Judge spoke to the amended remit.

This Rule ties in with judging guidelines, and makes clear that there is a penalty for an inappropriate move.

Voting on Amended Remit. Passed Unanimously.

Remit 7 Christchurch/Whangarei

Amend Rule 10.9 to read:

“A Top Club Team is made up of six competitors from the same club dancing a routine to a song selected from the song list by the Executive Committee”.

Amend Rule 10.10 to read:

“A Senior Team is made up of six competitors all of whom are 40 years and over and from the same club dancing a routine to a song selected from the song list by the Executive Committee”

Reason – to make clear that the make-up of a team is immaterial provided they meet the age and club criteria. Also makes clear who selects the songs and where they come from.

Christchurch spoke to the remit – this emphasises that six people are dancing as a team, not 3 couples, 2 triples or any other combination of dancers.

Kapi Mana - Against

Harbour City – we have concerns, teams are predominantly couples

Drifters – Could we alter to couple or triples?

Wellington – thoughts for how judges view teams

City of Sails – For. We all dance rock'n'roll so where you are in a row, in couples or triples shouldn't matter.

Invercargill – For. You are dancing as a team, defining couples or triples limits that.

Head Judge I am for the remit. It is a team event, we already see lots of configurations, they are dancing as a team can and will be different, they are still judged on the guidelines

Amendment

Secretary/Christchurch

Removing the words “to a song selected from the song list by the Executive Committee.”

Treasurer – this is already in Book B, so not needed here.

Christchurch - we are happy with this amendment

Voting on amendment. 19 For. 1 Abstained Amendment passed

Voting on amended remit. 18 For. 2 Against. Remit passed

Remit 8 Christchurch/Dunedin

Rule 11.5 (a) Delete the second paragraph and replace with:

“In Section 5 (Top Club) and Section 15 (Senior Team) events; each person should be within two arm lengths of another person excluding entry & exit.”

Reason – it is common for teams to swap partners and form different combinations within the team. This makes clear that any person can be “partnered with” any other person in the team, for all or part of the routine, whereas now the rule indicates that they need to stay within a partnership

Intention

To make clear that in team events, as long as a team member is within two arms-length of another team member the rule is being complied with.

Christchurch spoke to the remit

This reflects what is happening with teams in terms of creativity and takes away the couples mindset.

The Treasurer - being evenly spaced would be removed?

Christchurch - Yes

Head Judge – I am for this remit. How we judge is not changed.

Kapi Mana – we are against, can see problems with “line dance” type routines

Amendment moved by Kapi Mana/Invercargill

Remove “Should” and replace with “Must”.

Voting on Amendment. Passed unanimously

Voting on amended Remit 19 For. 1 Against. Remit Passed

End of Remits

Election of Officers

Nominations for President

Nola Calvert - Nominated by Invercargill. Seconded by Dunedin

Nominations for Vice-President

Karen Birch - Nominated by Gold Coast Seconded by Christchurch

Nominations for Secretary

Brenda Neill - Nominated by Christchurch. Seconded by Hutt Valley

Nominations for Treasurer

Yolanda van Dorrestein - Nominated by Harbour City. Seconded by Kapi Mana

All Nominees were elected by secret ballot.

Confirmation of Head Judge

Colleen Ryan was announced as Head Judge, elected by National Association and Association Judges by postal vote prior to AGM.

General Business

1 – Executive: APRA music licensing.

Information about music licensing was sent to clubs in March, along with contacts for further enquiries. It is up to individual clubs to follow this through.

Based on information received to date, the Executive considers the Association is responsible for the licence for the playlist and the distribution of the same to clubs and expects Nationals Host Club to obtain the appropriate licence to hold the event.

Drifters – we have costed this and it would be \$700 to hold the event. The licence for DVD's \$600 and Live Stream \$85 if password protected. Our suggestion is that we pay an additional levy to have the Association cover the licence for the two Nationals per year. Clubs might need a Dance instruction licence – for lessons and hops.

Wellington – The church where we have our club is covered. They use a broker. They can get a better deal and know the processes. The general feeling is the Association pays.

Kapi Mana – we are getting a legal opinion. The Association is responsible for National hosting. General dance music is also part of the event.

Drifters – It needs to be the Association, not the host club

Tauranga – Who gets the money collected by these agencies?

Drifters – Event licence money gets spread across those who own the rights to royalties.

Harbour City – Clubs would be prudent to cover the dance lesson licence

Wellington will provide their Broker contact and Kapi Mana will send their legal information to the Executive.

12.30 Lunch Break

1.00 pm The AGM reconvened

The Secretary - Re General Business item 1 – to sum up that the feeling is that the Association is responsible for music licencing of the Nationals including general dancing, the song list and DVD production.

2 – Executive: Restricted Ruling and Penalties

Discussion about the “X” for a restricted infringement. Has the time come to review the ruling and the penalty?

The Head Judge spoke to the Item. We have been contacted by various parties and Judges have discussed this. Is an “:X” too severe, is there another way?

Kapi Mana – happy to have the rule changed treating as an inappropriate move rather than an illegal move.

Wellington – Last year this was in General Business, very supportive of the points.

Drifters – Against this, it should be for judges to discuss.

The Treasurer – Judges have discussing this for a few months now

New Remit Executive/ Kapi Mana

Remove Rule 6.3.1

Alter Rule 11.5.1 Remove “illegal” and replace with “inappropriate” move.

Drifters – Against, takes away from the definition of restricted.

Harbour City - Against. Look at crime, not the penalty

Gracelands – Agree with Drifters

Kapi Mana– This started as a no jumps section, and has developed with some clever moves.

Drifters – Why not keep it illegal and change to 5 point deduction

Head Judge – Is it too severe that one judge can effectively knock a couple out of the competition. A suggestions has been to give points and mark an X. If just one judge sees it, the points stand.

City of Sails, Christchurch – We like the idea of having the option of double marking

Voting on Remit 5 For. 13 Against. 2 Abstained. Remit Lost.

Wellington – Can we follow up with the Head Judge’s idea of giving an X and points?

The council agreed to look at wording a remit to that effect, for discussion later in the meeting.

3 City of Sails; Removing Assessments

Kapi Mana - we would support this. Assessments originally brought in to restrict the number of dancers and bring a level of competence. We do have a novice section.

Drifters - Take out assessments and let anyone dance.

Wellington - How do our judges get experience?

Gracelands – leave assessments as they are.

Whangarei – we would possibly get more people dancing

City of Sails – can we put National assessment on hold for the duration of two nationals?

New Remit: City of Sails / Kapi Mana

Remove section 3 from the rule book and renumber following sections.

Voting on the remit. 4 For, 16 Against, Remit Lost.

New Remit: City of Sails/Christchurch

6.3.1 Alter 6.3.1 (a) to read:

In Sections 10 and 11 (Restricted) if a judge sights an illegal move as per 11.5.1 then that judge will give the couple an X in addition to the points for that song for the category they are judging.

Delete the next paragraph.

Add a new sentence: If two or more judges sight an illegal move in a heat that couple will be awarded no points for that song.

Vote on remit: 18 For, 2 Against, Remit carried.

4 – City of Sails: Same Sex Novice section

City of Sails – we are in favour of there being a chance for Same Sex couples to compete in Novice, either as a new section or being included in current Novice

Kapi Mana – why not open up Novice to include Same Sex?

Wellington - why not have it on Sunday as a new section?

Kapi Mana – Presume they would also be able to dance on Sunday in anything except Same Sex?

Invercargill – more children than adults affected.

Drifters – Against, we have very successful Same Sex sections now.

Whangarei – why not just have it for Junior Nationals

Invercargill – We have lots of juniors and feel this is not needed.

New Remit City of Sails/Kapi Mana

Amend 10.6c to read: A Novice Couple is defined as two competitors both of whom have never danced

Voting on the Remit: For 8 Against 10 Abstained 2. Remit Lost

5 Executive: Assessments

The Treasurer – we have received correspondence asking that assessments be allowed overseas. Currently they have to take place in New Zealand. All other rules would stay the same, just remove the part of the Rule.

Invercargill - how would they get the judges there?

Kapi Mana – New Zealand ex pats find it expensive to come over twice, we have judges going over regularly so could they be assessed in Australia.

Wellington – We do cater for Australian dancers now, but this has merits and could increase our revenue.

New Remit: Harbour City/Christchurch

Remit 3.1 “Remove the words to take place in New Zealand”

The Treasurer - the onus is on the judges invited that the criteria has been honoured and adhered to.

Head Judge – I have complete confidence in our judges and will discuss this at our workshop.

Voting on the Remit For 19 against 1 Remit Carried.

6 – Invercargill: Awards

Invercargill – we are proposing consideration be given to Achievement Awards for retiring judges, MC's, officials. They would be nominated by clubs and selected. Research would be needed to decide what the criteria would be – hall of fame type of thing.

Food for thought. The Executive is happy to look at what other organisations have as criteria.

7 – Executive: TES

The Treasurer - now we are on Internet banking, TES reimbursements will be direct credited. Clubs attending today will be emailed asking for Bank account details and this information will be requested on the TES invoice from now on.

8 – Wellington: Minivan for Nationals

This is a hosting requirement and we are asking, why doesn't the Executive organise their own van and bill the host club?

The Secretary – we could do that, wouldn't take much to sort out.

Wellington – we are happy for the Executive to organise the van.

Invercargill – same for us.

The Secretary – we need to alter Book B to include other officials

Setting of Fees and Levies

Drifters asked that the fees and Levies motion deferred from the Financial report be voted on.

The Treasurer moved that Association fees and levies unchanged for the 2018/2019 year.
Seconded Surf City

Carried Unanimously

9 –Drifters: Public only prices at Nationals

Drifters questioned why there isn't a levy on the public seating.

A remit to remove the words "excluding public door sales" would fix it but the \$5.50 is quite high. Perhaps a \$2 levy on public door sales.

The Secretary – a percentage of public door sales would be fairer.

City of Sails – we would be in favour of a percentage.

Harbour City – suggest this is left until next year's AGM if clubs want to take it further.

10 - Kapi Mana: Social Media Protocol

Kapi Mana - Is there any protocol over social media on an open site. We see comments from Executive & Judges. A previous head judge recommended refraining from commenting.

Harbour City & Christchurch agreed

Secretary – facts not opinion & correcting misinformation is the only thing officials should post

Kapi Mana – Perhaps a protocol should be in the set of judges' values.

Whangarei – Personal credibility can go with inappropriate posts.

City of Sails – We understand not replying, what if it you are attacked and it is misinformation.

The Treasurer – Then you would be honour-bound to reply

Head Judge – Its appropriate to make considered responses, we are all mindful of this.

Harbour City – debating in public is not a good idea.

11 - Kapi Mana: Conflict of interest in Rule 8.3.

Kapi Mana queried where coaching starts as opposed to the odd review.

Invercargill – review of a couple's routine is not a conflict, but actually coaching is.

Drifters - Situations occur where at a nationals one corner had no official judges, can we overcome this by perhaps having those arm chairing sitting out so it is obvious to competitors?

Invercargill – dancers have no idea who is arm chairing.

12 - Surf City: Dress Code

Friilly knickers – The legs are often longer and look like bike pants with frills on, but bike pants are not allowed.

No action required.

12 - Harbour City: Circulation of Remits and Reports.

The meeting would be more efficient and delegates better prepared if all reports and remits are circulated first.

The Secretary – Reports were emailed to club approximately 12 days prior to the AGM and remits earlier. Secretaries need to pass them on to their delegates.

Harbour City – It would be good to know which, if any, clubs are proposing bidding for a Nationals.

13 Drifters: 11.5 Rule Change

Discussion re “must” and “should” and penalties for inappropriate as opposed to illegal moves, and the need for consistency. We have introduced inconsistency today with our new Rule 6.5.

After discussion it was decided that a Rule Book review around this be carried out and any changes required presented at the next AGM

End of General Business

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

The Annual General Meeting closed at 3.30 pm.

The date for the 2019 AGM is Saturday 18th May, at the Airport Motel Conference room.



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Delegates Present AGM 19th May 2018

Executive Committee

President	Nola Calvert
Vice President	Karen Birch
Secretary	Brenda Neill
Treasurer	Yolanda van Dorrestein
Head Judge	Colleen Ryan
Minute Secretary	
Brenda Neill	

Delegates

1 Christchurch	Craig Blakie	Colleen Reese
2 City of Sails	Mark Roberts	Jeanette Greaves
3 Drifters	Tyree Connor	Greg Sammons
4 Dunedin	Roger King	
5 Gracelands	Jarred Pivott	Ashleigh Wallace-Ovesen
6 Harbour City	Glen Houlihan	Danka Drengubiak
7 Hutt Valley	Huia Tavite	Lynn Offord
8 Invercargill	Leanne Parker	
9 Kapi Mana	Craig Campbell	
10 River Rockers Whanganui	Donna Burns	John Williams
11 Surf City	Wendy Cossgrove	
12 Tauranga	Rana Mitchell	
13 Wellington	Richard Reder	
14 Whakatane	Bryan Wales	
15 Whangarei	Michelle Thornley	Jo Field

Observers

Whakatane	Karen Saul
River Rockers	
Whanganui	Scott Greenlees

Apologies

Gold Coast NZ
Hawkes Bay
River City
Cambridge Cruisers

NZARRA

Annual General Meeting 2018

President's Report

It is with pleasure that I present the 35th Annual Report to the members of the NZ Amateur Rock 'n' Roll Association Incorporated.

This year we welcomed Karen Birch to the Executive as vice president. Karen has embraced the role with enthusiasm and we have appreciated her attention to detail. Brenda continued in her role as secretary in her usual efficient and organised manner. Yolanda keeps a very tight rein on our finances and we benefit from the experience of them both. We have moved with the times and now use on-line banking which makes Yolanda's job a little easier. Colleen has been diligent in her management of her role and caring for our judges. My sincere thanks to them all for the work they have done and for supporting each other to ensure that all tasks are completed.

This year we held four meetings - two in Christchurch, one before the Seniors in Wellington and another before the Juniors in Auckland. Thanks to Brenda for hosting the Christchurch meetings. Outside of these meetings, we communicate with each other by email and telephone and are thankful for the miracles of modern technology that help us to keep in touch.

This year two new clubs were formed, Cambridge Cruisers and Happy Dayz Rockers in Auckland. This brings the number of clubs in the Association to 35. From these clubs we currently have 31 National Judges, 2 Association Judges and 20 Trainee Judges. In addition to meetings with the Judges, either regionally or before each Nationals, Colleen has continued with ZOOM conference meetings to enable judges to constantly hone their skills and benefit from getting together. Trainee judges being mentored by another experienced judge is also assisting their progress.

This year Nationals were held in Wellington and Auckland, being hosted by Upper Hutt United and City of Sails. Thanks to both these clubs for taking up the challenge and being wonderful hosts. Numbers of entries were gratifying, particularly at the Juniors when three heats were necessary in five sections. It was great to have Trev James back as MC at the Seniors and Rob Connor and Callum Butcher team-tagging at the Juniors. Rob achieved the almost unimaginable – to have every person in the hall on the floor for the clap clap. The MCs were able to create a great atmosphere and foster audience participation on each occasion. Large numbers of club supporters all vying for the Most Supportive Club and supporting their dancers, as well as those from other clubs, all added to the hype in the hall. When we are now watching third generation dancers on the floor, our organisation is in good heart and good hands at club level.

During the year, as is expected with an organisation the age of ours, we have lost a number of our members. We send our sympathy to you all and know that their wish for us would be to carry on dancing, and to share what we know with others.

At our AGM last year, after considerable debate regarding maintaining numbers at club level, a number of representatives from clubs expressed interest in working together to benefit from knowledge others have. We will be interested to know what progress has been made.

I wish you healthy constructive debate today and I move the adoption of my report.

Nola Calvert
President

Treasurer's Report

AGM: 19 May 2018

The 2017 accounts have been prepared by Helen Reeves, Chartered Accountant, and are attached to this report, along with a summary of profit and loss over recent years.

Our balance of funds as at 31 Dec 2017 was \$33,980 and the Association had a net profit for the financial year of \$4,738. This compares to a net loss of \$2,220 for the prior year. The profit when compared to last year's figures is attributable mainly to higher income and significantly lower expenses for the Senior Nationals plus an increase in Association membership, and lower expenses related to judging as there was no National workshop held in 2017.

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

- the Junior Nationals (Whanganui) ran at a loss to the Association of \$6,277
- the Senior Nationals (Hutt Valley) ran at a profit to the Association of \$11,135

As at 31 December 2017, the Association had 35 affiliated clubs, welcoming Cambridge Cruisers Rockn'Roll Club and Happy Dayz Rockers, and an increase in both senior and junior club members when compared to 2017. Note that membership numbers below will not align directly to the affiliation and membership fees recorded in the accounts, mainly because of late payments. A comparison of memberships based on levies received over the last ten years is shown below:

Reporting period	Seniors	Difference	Juniors	Difference
2017	2069	252	292	5
2016	1817	-54	287	-16
2015	1871	- 89	303	-5
2014	1960	165	308	-82
2013	1795	-355	390	-74
2012 (Jan-Dec)	2150	381	464	184
2011 (Apr-Dec)	1769	-592	280	-228
2010/11	2361	-244	508	171
2009/10	2605	235	337	
2008/09	2370	-261		
2007/08	2631	-269		

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 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, and to Helen Reeves for her on-going provision of sound accounting advice.

Yolanda van Dorrestein
NZARRA Treasurer

Summary of Income and Expenditure

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
							9 mths
Income							
Affiliation/membership	13,203	12,317	11,578	11,970	12,618	13,226	10,723
National Champs	19,684	17,979	21,806	17,876	19,497	18,683	22,026
AGM	3,175	3,350	3,050	3,125	3,225	3,225	3,078
Judging workshops	2,911	2,639	2,057	4,106	2,844	820	1,652
Other income incl interest	790	1,702	769	457	753	760	1,232
	39,763	38,120	39,260	37,531	38,937	36,714	38,709
Expenses							
Audit fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGM expenses	2,992	2,649	3,161	2,682	2,768	3,924	3,060
Printing, copying etc	513	482	123	138	0	438	323
Postage	127	320	164	285	289	529	211
Telephone	0	0	0	0	0	31	27
Exec expenses	3,535	2,025	721	2,980	3,215	3,543	3,450
Judges expenses	1,660	3,892	2,551	5,693	1,874	3,442	1,197
Exec admin	321	216	588	376	610	802	243
National Champs	25,484	30,447	24,443	30,138	24,047	28,649	22,981
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TES	0	0	225	838	0	0	0
Misc	393	310	102	467	624	568	928
	35,025	40,341	32,078	43,596	33,427	41,605	32,420
Operating Profit / -Loss	4,738	-2,220	7,182	-6,064	5,510	-5,080	6,291

To be moved:

- That Association membership fees and affiliation levies remain unchanged for the 2018 year
- That the financial report be accepted

Memo To: AGM Delegates, Clubs and Dancers
From: Colleen Ryan – Head Judge NZARRA
Date: April 2018

Welcome to our May 2018 AGM and herewith my Head Judge Report for the year.

I'd like to start by welcoming our new Trainee Judges Ashlee Froggatt, Caleb Lay, Malcolm Mazur, Krystal McCullough and Kimberley Lamond. It's great to see we are keeping the community growing and the role of the mentor is critical for each trainee to keep their ongoing development. Acknowledgement to the Clubs who put forward their trainee nominations.

I want to Congratulate Chloe Kruiger to achieving National Association status. Chloe has applied herself in a consistent and graceful manner with an approachable and eager to learn mindset.

Attending workshops and keeping current throughout the year is a high priority and we've had well attended workshops both prior to the Senior and Junior Nationals and by way of ZOOM webinars. This year of course we hold the national combined workshop open to all judges on Saturday 7 July in Wellington and we hope for a high attendance. This is an opportunity for the nation of judges to come together in one room and evaluate and discuss the many aspects of our judging guidelines. Bringing the wealth of wisdom from our senior experienced judges and sharing ideas and viewpoints from everyone is paramount to the continued success of our goal – to serve our dancers and apply the guidelines.

I have developed a PDF Trainee Development form for all trainees and their mentors so they can keep track of their progress and goals each year. It can take a few years to get through the basic criteria and it's never a quick process.

Along with several topics for this year's Workshop I hope to cover in-depth the aspect of Harmony within our guidelines.

Thank you to all our Demo Dancers at the workshops held over the year – we so value your presence and time and willingness to be available.

I want to acknowledge the Panel of Judges that officiated at our Nationals - Seniors 2017 and Juniors 2018. It's the ideal set of circumstances to truly apply our learnings and talents and the focus and integrity everyone shows is very satisfying to observe.

The level of dancing continues to rise and it's important that as many judges as practical get the opportunity to judge at these events.

Over the last 6 months there has been discussion around how we treat the Restricted Ruling. This came about due to myself being approached around the subject of Restricted by several different people.

As Head Judge, I am asking dancers and judges to please consider if any changes need to be made to ensure our dancers are given the best possible outcome. We as judges are here to serve the dancers and therefore want to hear people's views on this.

Is an X too severe as one judge can potentially remove dancers from a competition? Has the time come to look at how we deal with the X?

Please note we are not questioning the judging itself but how we apply the ruling.

In a Final, there is rulings around ONE X or TWO X's.
In Points/Heats ONE X can potentially exit a couple from the competition.

Judges have been asked to consider this ruling and It's had some discussions at workshops. There is a memo from Judy Russell to all Delegates around this subject.

I understand that keeping an open mind and being open to why others are putting forward their ideas is important and I encourage that conversation. Over the years things change but it takes time for people to feel comfortable about change. It all starts with communication.

With the new configurations of what makes up Top Club and Teams we are seeing an emerging and creative set of presentations. Our guidelines of Timing Harmony and Variety remain the same and the excellence of presentation and synchronisation of all these points being in alignment are paramount.

I would like to thank all our judges who have participated giving their time, energy, input, ideas over the year. On behalf of all our judges a very big 'thank you' to all the dancers and Clubs who give so much to make our communities thrive.

Colleen Ryan
April 2018 Head Judge NZARRA