



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



MINUTES OF THE 2021 NZARRA Inc. 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM Conference Call, SATURDAY 22nd MAY 2021

The Annual General Meeting opened at 9.02 am with a welcome from the NZ President, Nola Calvert.

The NZ Executive Committee was introduced

President	Nola Calvert
Vice President	Karen Birch
Secretary	Neva Zainey
Treasurer	Yolanda Van Dorrestein
Head Judge	Colleen Ryan

Apologies

New Plymouth Rock 'n' Roll Club
 Gold Coast NZ Rock 'n' Roll Inc
 Malcolm Mazur Tauranga
 Phil Sanders Timaru

Rosetown Rockers Moved the apologies to be accepted.

*Seconded by Christchurch
Carried Unanimously*

The President confirmed at the roll call there were 19 clubs plus 5 Executive present. The majority for voting is 13, and for the Constitutional Notice of Motion the majority will be 17. The voting procedure will be as follows:

- The voting to accept reports will be by show of hands.
- Voting for Remits will be by Zoom poll.
- Election of Officers — Secret ballot using the Zoom poll for all positions, the Treasurer will act as scrutineer.

This Zoom meeting will be recorded in order to assist the Secretary to make the Minutes.

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

The Secretary Moved that the Minutes of the 2020 AGM be accepted

*Seconded by Hutt Valley
Carried*

Matters Arising:

City of Sails 1 Remit 9 - What happened to the stickers idea on the Cheerleading certificates?
 President 2020 Nationals did not go ahead, so this wasn't addressed.

City of Sails 1 Not mentioned in the 2020 Minutes.
 President Noted.

City of Sails 1 In General Business, digital files for judges sheets were discussed. Was this looked into?

- Treasurer Discussion was - would it be made available electronically? After investigating, decided it can be put forward as an option.
- City of Sails 1 11b Constitution, voting splits must be recorded in the minutes, they weren't, they were only carried - why?
- Treasurer Confusion with the Polls last year and realised afterwards that they weren't recorded. We will stop today after each, to make sure the votes are recorded.
- City of Sails 1 General Business - Item 7 - Changes to the wording. It should read:
Sounds like a good idea but we just said assessments could not roll over, so do we want to give dispensation to kids who are too old because it then disadvantages the kids that are actually of age next year?
- President Noted.
- Treasurer Last year, the Executive ran a follow up survey of how the AGM Zoom went. The main feedback:
- Allow more time for response.
 - Stop for 10 mins, every hour which we didn't do - so we will this time.
 - Zoom was an effective forum.
 - Cost effective by zoom.
 - The AGM was quicker but missed contact with each other.

President's Report

The President's report was circulated prior to the meeting.
Nola spoke further to her report as below:

There have been a number of complications in relation to the National Association Head Judge election process, which started on 24 March and ran until 23 April. For clarity and transparency, we would like to summarise these, as follows. This summary will be included in the AGM minutes.

16 days prior to the election start date, a National Association Judge was removed from the judging list published on the Association website and, as a result, was then excluded from the election process. When questioned by that judge, the Executive confirmed that a decision to remove them from their National Association judging status had not been formally agreed and minuted at an Executive meeting. The judge's name was added back to the website and they were invited to take part in the election process.

It is likely that the judge in question was not compliant with the criteria to remain a National Association Judge as per Rule Book A. Due process was not followed in relation to determining that and removing them from the judging list. Lack of clarity and expected process regarding this has led to most of the remits being put to this AGM.

This same judge also contacted a number of other judges to express their support for one of the Head Judge candidates. While unusual, there is nothing in our rules to prevent this.

This action caused a second judge to circulate their opinion of this action and of this judge to all judges, using language that caused the original judge to demand a retraction and apology, which was given.

This is something that we felt you needed to know that we had dealt with behind the scenes.

The President Moved that the Report be accepted.

*Seconded by Harbour City
Carried*

Matters Arising:

Rosetown Rockers Was the vote valid for the Head Judge vote?

Treasurer Speaking as one of the Scrutineers, the vote did not affect the outcome of the election.

Head Judge's Report

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

Colleen spoke further to her report:

2020 was a remarkable year and different circumstances. The idea was to be creative, make it easy for judges in their communication and follow up. Was good to use the zoom forum as a means of communication.

18th July Workshop was good - Main discussion, supporting our trainees and how to better prepare head judge roles for club events.

We have a new National Association Judge and new Association Judges on the list now and that's a tribute to all the judges coming together as mentors to help them.

Thank you Kapi Mana for hosting an awesome event, it was good to judge again.

Thank you to clubs and judges, it has been an honour and a privilege to be your Head Judge.

No Matters arising.

The Head Judge Moved that the report be accepted.

*Seconded by Cambridge Cruisers
Carried*

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

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

Any Matters arising:

City of Sails 1 In reference to assessments that went missing, suggest all clubs make sure they keep a copy before sending them off.

President Which assessments?

City of Sails 1 Correspondence report - River Rockers, 29 January 2020. It was sorted but good practice for clubs to keep a copy so it doesn't happen again.

Drifters 1 Note, that the correspondence is a 'Calendar year' not 'AGM year'. Doesn't appear to be any legislation on what the 'year' should be?

Secretary Going from all past Correspondence, it has always been a 'Calendar year'.

Drifters 1 Does this council have any concerns going forward with it being AGM to AGM Correspondence?

Treasurer Yes - because any correspondence up until yesterday, would have to be in our reports, which are circulated well in advance.

The Secretary Moved that the Correspondence Report be accepted.

*Seconded by Hawkes Bay
Carried*

Treasurer's Report

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

Yolanda spoke further to her report:

Report and Accounts as presented and prepared by Helen Reeves.
Different year with Covid and side effects were that we lost 6 clubs and our expenses were reduced.
That's reflected in 3 motions I will be moving at the end of this report.

No further discussion.

The Treasurer Moved that the Association Memberships Levies remain unchanged for the 2021 year.
Seconded by Drifters

No further discussion.

Carried

The Treasurer Moved that the Association Levies and the first AGM Delegate Registration be waived for the 2021 year.

The Treasurer spoke to this:

Recognising what clubs have gone through and we had very little expenditure, but the Association were obliged to still charge the fees.

Seconded by Christchurch

No further discussion.

Carried

Further discussion:

Invercargill TES Scheme - Can this be set up for judges, for travelling to workshops?

Treasurer Yes, we're looking into it. Suggestions on ways to hold workshops that don't involve travel? Depends on how many meetings? We already have a scheme for 2 yearly meetings that everyone comes to. Continued conversation going forward.

The Treasurer moved that the Financial Report for 2020 be accepted.

Seconded by the Secretary
Carried

Wellington has now entered the meeting so the **voting majority is now 14.**

Senior and Junior National Reports

Junior Nationals 2021 Report - Kapi Mana

Barry O'Donnell spoke on behalf of Kapi Mana, in summary:

Barry thanked Drifters again for stepping aside and allowing Kapi Mana to host. Was a successful event. Was an expensive venue and we did have concerns of not breaking even. However, we had a good financial outcome which was contributed by the raffles over the weekend. So thank you to those who helped with the raffles. We look forward to hosting again in future.

Total Income \$33,044.50

Expenses \$20,947.48

Net Profit \$12,097.02

No Further discussion

Kapi Mana Moved their report to be accepted.

Seconded by Christchurch
Carried

Senior Nationals 2021 Progress report - Whanganui

River Rockers Whanganui's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Further discussion:

- City of Sails It's noted that you were successful for 2020 Seniors which was Whakatanes.
- River Rockers Yes, It was but they couldn't get a venue so handed it back to us.
- Treasurer Your report says you secured 2020.
- River Rockers Yes we had, then after covid, we discussed with Whakatane as they were this year. They couldn't secure a venue so gave it back to us.
- City of Sails 1 Just to confirm, you didn't win the bid but in your report you say that you did.
- River Rockers Yes, you're right, that is an administrative error. Will fix that.

River Rockers Whanganui Moved their Report to be accepted.

*Seconded by Hawkes Bay
Carried*

Junior Nationals 2022 Progress report - Drifters

Drifters requested their Observer have speaking rights.

Carried

Greg presented Drifter's progress report, which was circulated prior to the meeting.

General

With the cancellation of the 2020 Junior National Championship at such a late stage, we were - at that stage, fully prepared. We have essentially just rolled over all the preparations. All the essential services have been re-secured and re-booked.

The 2022 Committee (Greg, Alan, Jan, Dan, Brian, Chris, Connie, Justin, Krystal and Neva) have been quietly working away in the background, meeting once a month.

We are happy with the progress and are looking forward to just 'getting on with it'.

Venue

The venue booking was reconfirmed at the cancellation of the last event.

The venue plans are progressing well. A draft layout plan has been done and we are confident we can seat 450 people. However the number of door sales for spectators that we can accommodate, will depend entirely on the number of pre-ticket sales.

All the venue dressing that was made for the 2020 event is safely in storage and will be reused in 2022.

Accommodation

I know back in 2020, the Executive and some other clubs had booked into the Distinction Hotel complex. This is now being used as a MIQ facility, so alternatives will need to be sought..

We would suggest that clubs get on and reserve their accomodation ASAP.

Budget / Finance

We have revised our budget for our event. It shows a modest budgeted profit.

For the 2020 event, we managed to attract a number of corporate sponsors. We will again be approaching these organisations as time progresses (which is not included in the budget).

We would really like to be able to cover the cost of the venue hire with Grants and Sponsors.

Manpower

There has been a good response from Drifters club members wanting to help, and we have compiled a list of those willing helpers.

Early in the new year, job allocations will be made and those involved advised.

Newsletters

There has been one general newsletter released and it is available on the Drifters website for download as well as on the NZARRA Nationals Championship Page, under the Junior Nationals 2022 tab.

No further Discussion.

Drifters Moved their report to be accepted.

*Seconded by Christchurch
Carried*

Senior Nationals 2022 Progress report - Whakatane:

Karen Saul presented Whakatane's progress report, which was circulated prior to the meeting.

Whacky do da what a year it's been for dance clubs aye. Fingers crossed that there will be no more interruptions, or cancellations. As for the Whakatane Club, well we had an awesome 'NO NATIONALS' weekend last year, and I want to thank all those clubs that still came and partied with us. It was fantastic!! Since then we have pretty much just been chilling out at the beach this whole time... waiting for our turn. Ha ha. Are we there yet? Nope ... but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

We have secured our venue at the War Memorial Event Centre, on Short Street, for Labour weekend 2022. The motorhome designated area is still available, but you will have to re-book your place with us. We have the paperwork to obtain a liquor license, and will start this process all over again once the New Year hits. This Nationals has been the talk of the town, so we can't wait to really get it up and running at full speed. Our local radio station is backing us too, which will help greatly with the local hype.

We do want to mention to all clubs that we are having a 'Mascot Reunion' that weekend. So all clubs that had mascots back in the day, can you please dig them out of the closet, give them a new lease of life, and get them ready for our 2022 Nationals. If clubs don't have one, you've got plenty of time to create one before then. Our mascot 'Mary-Lou' will be sending out invites to all clubs closer to the time, with more details.

One thing we must highly recommend is that you book your accommodation as soon as possible, like NOW would be good! Ha ha. As it is basically first in first served with the motels around town, and we are limited... so we don't want you to miss out. If any clubs require a new accommodation list, just text or email myself on 0273247681 or kazsaul@xtra.co.nz and I'll get that to you.

Looking forward to having you all come party with us in sunny Whakatane.

Thanks.

Stretch (Whakatane Rock n Roll Club)

Further discussion:

Whakatane Get accommodation booked, filling up fast. New motel not on the report called Complex, just opened.

Whakatane Moved their report to be accepted.

*Seconded by Tauranga
Carried*

9.50 am - Break for 10 minutes, back at 10 am.

Allocation of 2023 Junior and Senior Nationals:

Junior Nationals 7th – 9th April 2023

One bid from Christchurch

Seconded by Rosetown Rockers

Craig Blaike spoke on behalf of Christchurch's bid:

Invite all, to come to the Junior Nationals 2023 in Christchurch. You can be guaranteed a great weekend of fun, good music, and fantastic dancing.

Once again, offer you the great atmosphere of the Lincoln Event Centre – Lincoln, a proven formula and a proven venue. Nationals events hosted by Christchurch RnR Club, and hosted at the Lincoln Events Centre have a track record of being well run and well supported. The last time we hosted Junior Nationals was in 2015. The last 4 Nationals competitions have been held in the North Island; we feel that it is timely that they come once more to the South. We look forward to seeing you in Christchurch in 2023.

Notes:

- Most motels on the list are approx 20 minutes travel from the venue. 1 Motel in Lincoln town ship.
- The venue is within 5 minutes walking of a number of quality food outlets.
- You will need to secure rental vans / cars

There were no other bids.

Vote for Christchurch by show of hands Carried

The President congratulated Christchurch on their successful bid for 2023 Junior Nationals.

Senior Nationals 20th – 22th October 2023

Two bids for Senior Nationals:

City of Sails
Invercargill

*Seconded by the Treasurer
Seconded by the Vice President*

Jeanette Greaves spoke on behalf of City of Sails bid:

Have been trying to put a bid in for the last three AGM's, patiently waiting. Looking at using the venue we used for Seniors last - the Netball Arena near St Johns, Mt Wellington.

We have a small keen group of people who are organised and would like to host Seniors.

Karl Herman spoke on behalf of Invercargill's bid:

It has been a long time since we have hosted Seniors, by then it would be about 6 years.

We have a good stadium that we are all familiar with. Good club to help put on a southern welcome.

City of Sails 1 Can our other delegate please speak to our bid?

President Yes.

City of Sails 2 Held at the Auckland Netball Courts, St Johns where we hosted in 2013. It's our 35th Birthday so is a special event. Motorhome parking. Plenty of space and our booking is still there. We put a bid in, back in 2019 for 2023, so now confirming that bid.

President Invercargill, anything further to add?

Invercargill Acknowledge, City of sails haven't had it in awhile and understand it's their birthday but keeping it fair in some ways, the south island has not hosted seniors in a while, the cost of travel is huge.

*Vote for Senior Nationals 2023
Vote was split.*

The President invited both clubs to speak further to their bid.

City of Sails 2 Would like to host - being our 35th birthday.

City of Sails 1 We just gave Christchurch Junior Nationals for 2023. Do we want to have both competitions in the South Island?

Invercargill Would love to host, great venue, flights are reasonable now. New attractions and 1-2 hr drive to other attractions outside of Invercargill. Plenty to see and do.

*Re-Vote for Senior Nationals 2023
14 City of Sails 12 Invercargill
City of Sails won their bid*

The President congratulated City of Sails on their successful bid for 2023 Senior Nationals.

REMIT: ALTERATIONS TO THE RULE BOOK

Proposed Constitution Change - Notice Of Motion - The Executive

18.b Add the words 'or Special General Meeting' after Annual General Meeting so it reads:

Alteration of Rule Book A must be implemented by remit at an Annual General Meeting **or Special General Meeting** and be carried by a majority of the total of member Clubs and Executive Committee present and entitled to vote.

Seconded by Drifters

The President spoke to this Constitution change.

Reason

Currently Rule Book A is only able to be changed at an Annual General Meeting.

If we had wanted to make changes as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown e.g. to assessment criteria or timing, although we could have called a Special General Meeting to discuss that, we would have been unable to actually change Rule Book A. This change allows for that.

Further discussion:

City of Sails 1 Agree, is amendment needed? Doesn't say how many days before an AGM remits have to be sent to the secretary. 18a doesn't say notice of motions which is different to the website (60 days). No time given for remits to be in.

Treasurer Not what this remit is about.

City of Sails 1 Yes, but can we amend 18b to include a number of days?

Treasurer Not the intent of this motion.

*Voting on the Constitution change
25 For - 1 Against
Carried*

Proposed Rule Book A Changes

Remit 1 - Executive

Amend Rule 3.1 to replace '12 months' with 'year', and add "Refer to Rule 3.10" as below:

The assessment is to be held within the **year** preceding the National Championship concerned and have been judged by two or more New Zealand Association Judges. **(Refer to 3.10)**

Seconded by Christchurch

The Vice President spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To avoid a potential gap in dates for assessment to take place within. Because Labour weekend and Easter dates shift from year to year, using '12 months' sometimes leaves a gap e.g. if Easter next year is two weeks later than this year, then there are two weeks this year where a Junior couple cannot be assessed for next year's Juniors. This anomaly is removed if we instead use 'year' as per 3.10, where it is defined effectively as "the time from one Junior or Senior Nationals to the next".

There was no further discussion.

*Voting on the Remit
26 For - 0 Against
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 2 - Executive

Rule 3.9(b) replace 'a' with 'another' and remove 'lower' so it reads as below:

Any couple/triple having achieved National Qualifying Level points as per rule 3.8 may, on request, and at the discretion of the Executive, also be deemed to have passed assessment for **another** section with National Qualifying level points that they and their assessment met any other criteria to enter.

Seconded by Drifters

The Head Judge spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To accommodate couples needing to change sections.

Where we do not have enough numbers for a given competition section, we ask competitors to consider entering another section.

At the moment, if they choose a section that has a higher National Qualifying Level (NQL), they must be reassessed – even if their original assessment gave them enough marks for that new section. Last year we changed this rule to allow competitors to move to a section with lower NQL without needing to reassess, on the reasoning that they had already proven their ability to meet that NQL. This change is based on the same reasoning.

There was no further discussion.

*Voting on the Remit
25 For - 1 Against
Carried*

CONTEXT FOR THE FOLLOWING “JUDGING CRITERIA” REMITS 3-11

Our 2020 AGM agreed to replace the entire Rule Book A Section 8 on judging with wording that in part sought to clarify the criteria to remain at a particular judging status and the consequences of not meeting those criteria. Although of course our first preference is to encourage and support our judges in remaining engaged and to work with them to help make that happen, we have also identified the need for additional detail in relation to how these new rules should be applied. The past year has also demonstrated the need to revisit the way we engage, to allow flexibility while remaining within the intent of the rules. The following remits are put forward in light of this.

Remit 3 - Executive

Amend existing rules 8.8, 8.10 and 8.12 to replace

“To attend a minimum of one judges workshop per calendar year” with

“To take part in a minimum of one judges workshop **or agreed equivalent meeting as hosted by the Head Judge or their nominee(s)**, per calendar year”.

Seconded by the Vice President

The Treasurer spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To allow flexibility in our approach to “Judges Workshop” attendance. Changing ‘attend’ to ‘take part in’ allows for e.g. online sessions. As we have seen over the last year and longer, physical attendance may not always be possible.

Adding “or agreed equivalent meeting” is because there is currently no definition in the Rule Book for “Judges Workshop”. Rather than trying to define it, we suggest the rule be broadened to allow, for example, online meetings. The main purpose is for judges to have a forum to engage and communicate within, which does not always need to mean physical attendance.

This may also assist judges who currently incur significant travel costs to attend our physical workshops.

Further discussion:

Head Judge For - but against some of the wording. Like the word 'attend' rather than participate. Can be misunderstood what that means. Their level of participating should be more specific. Maybe put 'workshops' in the definitions eg virtual workshops, online etc.

Rosetown Rockers Put forward an amendment that reads:

To attend a minimum of either one face to face or one virtual Judges workshop per calendar year.

Reason: to make sure that virtual counts to compliance.

Amendment Seconded by Tauranga

Treasurer Clarify the wording, amendment needs to be to this remit change only.

Rosetown Rockers Leave the rule as it stands but add in 'either one face to face or one virtual'.

Treasurer So removing 'or agreed equivalent meeting as hosted by the Head Judge or their nominee(s)'.
Rosetown Rockers Yes

Treasurer Changes the intent of this remit.

Treasurer Tauranga, do you still agree to this amendment now it has been clarified?

Tauranga Yes, agreed.

Discussion on the Amendment only:

Vice President Clarify - currently have 'to attend' but changing it to 'take part', correct?

Treasurer Yes, but that's not part of this amendment.

Drifters 1 Rosetown can you clarify - What are you wanting in this amendment?

Treasurer Against - Moves away from giving flexibility. Still tie's us to a face to face or virtual workshop, not allowing the Head Judge flexibility.

President Against - limiting us and is against the intent of the original remit.

Voting on the Amendment

6 For - 20 Against

Amendment Lost

Any further comments on the original Remit:

City of Sails 1 For - Believe what Rosetown wanted is actually included in the original remit by the wording 'equivalent meeting'.

Voting on the Remit

23 For - 2 Against - 1 Abstention

Carried

Remit 4 - Executive

Amend the second bullet point of Rule 8.10 and third bullet point of Rule 8.12 to add

“or equivalent activity as agreed with the Head Judge”

Seconded by City of Sails

The Treasurer spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To recognise and accommodate limitations where actual judging is not possible.

It is not always possible for Judges to physically attend assessments or competitions, or for clubs to hold them. This remit makes it clear that other options, if considered appropriate and agreed to by the Head Judge, can be used to meet this criteria e.g. submission of marks and comments based on viewing a video, assessment of dancers at a physical workshop, etc.

Further discussion:

Head Judge Great, making it very clear. Circumstances can change, lots of creative ways to help Judges stay current.

Rosetown Rockers Rule book already states ‘an equivalent event competition and assessment’ so not a necessary remit.

Head Judge Rosetown, yes it is there but the word ‘activity’ is key, helps Judges with a range of activities to help keep them current.

Right of Reply

Treasurer: Where it says armchair or judge, that is an accepted process where someone is at an actual event. Want to make it real clear, this was allowing for something other than that.

*Voting on the Remit
24 For - 1 Against - 1 Abstention
Carried*

Remit 5 - Executive

Amend 8.12.1 to replace “may” to “will” so it reads as below:

*Any National Association Judge failing to meet the above criteria, unless due to circumstances outside their control, and agreed to by the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive), **will** be removed to Association Judge status.*

Seconded by the Vice President

The Treasurer spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To be clear about consequences for not meeting National Association Judge criteria.

There should be no doubt within this rule that if a National Association Judge has not met the criteria and there are no circumstances outside of a Judge’s control accepted by the Head Judge and National Executive, that this action *will* be taken.

Further discussion included below:

Head Judge Against - ‘will’ is too severe. Leave as ‘may’ and clarify it.

Drifters 1 Who will be the ones removing the judge? The Head Judge or the Executive?

Rosetown Rockers Put an amendment forward:

Any National Association Judge failing to meet the above criteria unless due to circumstances out of their control and agreed to by the Head judge who will consult with the National Executive, may be required to attend a workshop, may be removed to the Association Judge status or maybe removed from the Judges list.

Amendment Seconded by the Head Judge

Comments to the Amendment only:

Rosetown Rockers Need a clear pathway to compliance, need flexibility rather than Judges WILL be removed.

Right of Reply

Treasurer: Against this amendment. Pathway to compliance is already there, this is the very last stage. This amendment is still leaving it to 'may'. Once a judge gets to this stage there is no 'may'.

President Against. Opposite to the original remit, making it not applicable. So as a point of order this amendment will be disregarded.

Discussion on the original Remit only:

Head Judge Against. Too severe. Don't think the Head Judge should make the decision alone.

Right of Reply

Treasurer It is not the Head Judge or the Executive making the final decision about the 'will'. Decision made by the rules in the rule book - if a judge does not conform to that criteria. If there are outstanding circumstances and they are agreed to by the Head Judge and discussed with the National Executive, and the circumstances are out of their control, the Head Judge and Executive will take the lead if it's not clear. Drifters, did this address your question?

Drifters 1 Yes, For this remit.

*Voting on the Remit
24 For - 2 Against
Carried*

10.55 am - Break for 10 minutes, back at 11.05 am.

Remit 6 - Executive

Amend 8.10.1 to read:

Any Association Judge failing to meet the above criteria, unless due to circumstances outside their control and/or agreed to by the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive), will be removed from the official register of Association judges.

And add new rule 8.10.2:

Reinstatement to the official register of Association judges is at the discretion of the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive)

Seconded by Drifters

The President spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To be clear about consequences for not meeting Association Judge criteria.

This brings this rule into line with the ruling for National Association judges in 8.12.1. There should be no doubt within this rule that if a National Association judge has not met the criteria and there are no

circumstances outside of their control accepted by the Head Judge and National Executive, that this action *will* be taken.

Further discussion included below:

City of Sails 1 Want to put an amendment forward for 8.10.2.

City of Sails Move an amendment to include the words 'Criteria for and' reinstatement to the official register of Association Judges is at the discretion of the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive).

Amendment Seconded by Drifters

Discussion on the Amendment only:

City of Sails 1 Clarifies the criteria is at the discretion of the Executive.

*Vote on the Amendment
24 For - 2 Against
Carried*

Further discussion on the now Amended Remit as below:

8.10.1 *Any Association Judge failing to meet the above criteria, unless due to circumstances outside their control and/or agreed to by the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive), will be removed from the official register of Association Judges.*

8.10.2 *Criteria for and reinstatement to the official register of Association Judges is at the discretion of the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive).*

Head Judge For - makes all the criteria really clear.

*Voting on the Amended Remit
26 For - 0 Against
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 7 - Executive

Amend 8.8.1 to replace "may" to "will" so it reads:

Any Trainee Judge failing to meet the above criteria, unless due to circumstances outside their control and agreed to by the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive), **will** be removed from Trainee status.

Seconded by City of Sails

The President spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To be clear about consequences for not meeting Trainee Judge criteria.

This brings this rule into line with the ruling for National Association judges in 8.12.1.

There should be no doubt within this rule that if a Trainee Judge has not met the criteria and there are no circumstances outside of their control accepted by the Head Judge and National Executive, that this action *will* be taken.

There was no further discussion.

*Voting on the Remit
25 For - 1 Against
Carried*

Remit 8 - Executive

Add new Rule 8.8.2

Trainee Judges will be given at least 30 days written notice of a pending failure to meet the criteria to remain as a trainee Judge, and offered remedial options.

Add new Rule 8.10.2

National Association Judges will be given at least 30 days written notice of a pending failure to meet the criteria to remain as a National Association Judge, and offered remedial options.

Add new Rule 8.12.2

Association Judges will be given at least 30 days written notice of a pending failure to meet the criteria to remain as an Association Judge, and offered remedial options.

Seconded by the Vice President

The Treasurer spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To ensure Judges are aware of potential changes in status due to non-compliance.

Our preference is that our judges remain engaged and actively involved in the judging community. If a Judge is close to not meeting the criteria to remain at their current level of judging, the next step in dealing with this should be to formally advise them of that and look to find a positive way forward.

Further discussion:

Hutt Valley	What are the timeframes, is it long enough to meet criteria?
City of Sails 1	30 days notice is just for them to be told that they 'might' be removed. So it starts from there. Also new Rule 8.10.2 will need to be renamed 8.10.3 based on the last remit.
Head Judge	30 day time frame to let someone know something is pending. Talk about how to get them back on track.
Drifters	For - 30 days is the start of the process. If the Judge makes contact then the next time frame would be after that.
City of Sails	Confirming that the rules will be renumbered?
Treasurer	Yes, we will renumber accordingly.

*Voting on the Remit -
26 For - 0 Against
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 9 - Executive

New rule 8.12.2 (will renumber to 8.12.3 if Remit 8 is passed):

A judge removed to Association Judge status as per 8.12.1 will have until the end of the next calendar year in which to meet the criteria to remain as an Association Judge.

Seconded by Christchurch

The Treasurer spoke to this Remit.

Reason

Clarity of timeframes for a judge to become compliant at a new level.

To be clear about the expected timelines for meeting criteria and being retained as a judge at this new level, after a change in status.

Further discussion:

- Rosetown Rockers Clarify please, if a Judge is removed they already have to be compliant within a calendar year for an Association Judge?
- Treasurer If this happened in November they only have a month.
- City of Sails 1 Also there are different criteria for National Association judges.
- President If a Judge was removed next week they have until December 31 2022 to become compliant.
- Treasurer Hope not to get to this point, this just gives guidance.

*Voting on the Remit
26 For - 0 Against
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 10 - Executive

New rule 8.14:

A register of Judges' compliance will be held and maintained by the Association Secretary. Judges are responsible for ensuring the Secretary has been notified of their compliance-related activity.

Seconded by Harbour City

The Secretary spoke to this Remit.

Reason

Compliance needs to be proactively managed.

We need a formal record of attendance at workshops, judging at competitions and assessments etc, to allow for monitoring of compliance. Although the Head Judge and Executive are usually aware of the level of engagement and involvement of individuals and will follow up as required, it is a Judge's personal responsibility to ensure they are compliant and recorded as such.

Further discussion included below:

City of Sails Against some of the wording. Put an amendment forward.

To replace 'Judges are' with 'Head Judge' and 'their' with 'the judges'.

Amendment Seconded by the Head Judge

Reason

The Head Judge will know all the activities that the judges do - a workshop, judge at a competition etc and can pass that information to the Association Secretary. Believe the Secretary should hold a copy. Judges should be keeping up with what they need to do to be compliant. The Secretary could be cc into any Judge's email, if someone is to come off the list.

Discussion on the Amendment only:

- Rosetown Rockers Agree, make less work for the Secretary.
- Treasurer Against this amendment. Judges are responsible whether the Secretary has been notified. Do we check if financial members have been recorded? Need to make sure they are.

- Rosetown Rockers Wouldn't a judge contact the Head Judge directly?
- Treasurer Yes, the Head Judge can contact the Secretary, but if there is a breakdown in communication, it's the responsibility of the Judge to notify us of their status.
- Kapi Mana Judges can be members of various clubs, need proof of financial membership. How can that be maintained? Notification needs to be sent to the Association Secretary.
- Treasurer Agree, if we get that information included in our register then we can go back to club secretaries for confirmation, at the moment we don't.

*Vote on the amendment
18 For - 8 Against
Carried*

Further Discussion on the now amended Remit as below:

*A register of judges' compliance will be held and maintained by the Association Secretary.
The Head Judge is responsible for ensuring the Secretary has been notified of the judges compliance-related activity.*

- Drifters 1 Agree, it will be a double check - both the Secretary and Head Judge informed.

*Voting on the Amended Remit
24 For - 2 Against
Carried*

Remit 11 - Executive

New rule 8.15: Each Judge is responsible for ensuring that their contact details as held by the Association and listed on the Association website are current and correct.

Seconded by Rosetown

The Secretary spoke to this Remit.

Reason

To ensure we are able to remain in contact with judges as required. It is important that a Judge is able to be contacted as a part of their standard engagement with our judging community.

No Further discussion.

*Voting on the Remit
26 For - 0 Against
Carried Unanimously*

END OF REMITS

11.40 am - 10 minute Break, back at 11.50 am.

Election of Officers

All Nominees will be elected by a secret ballot and the Secretary and Treasurer will be the scrutineers of the results.

Nomination for President

Jan Morgan

*Nominated by Drifters
Seconded by River Rockers*

Carried

Jan circulated her nomination bid prior to the AGM and spoke further as below:

Good afternoon,

I hope you all received my email of 29 April, and thank you to those who responded to that.

In past years our focus has been on the running of successful nationals and all that that entails, and undoubtedly that is the role of the National Executive, but we live in challenging times and I believe we need to put focus on our diminishing numbers and we need to look at new ways to attract new members and increasing our awareness in our communities.

To do this we need all clubs to get on board and communicate with the Exec and with each other about what is working and what is not working within our clubs. Get thought patterns around say having I don't know say theme nights/months, posting online, special club nights, have a free night or free lessons once in a while, see if we can get people through the door. Everyone's time is valuable but it may only take one email session, Chat or Zoom meeting per month to re-group and rebuild. Maybe the Association can circulate a monthly newsletter (sorry Neva) which has input from clubs about what is happening in their region/ club and how they are participating, or what advice they could do with.. I just know we need to stay current.

So should you elect me as President, I will be contacting you and wanting you to respond, brainstorm with your club and feed it back, let's do this together, let's set some goals, so that we are larger than life again.

I thank you for your time today.

Nomination for Vice-President

Karen Birch

*Nominated by Invercargill
Seconded by Gold Coast (NZ)
Carried*

Nomination for Secretary

Neva Zainey

*Nominated by Drifters
Seconded by Cambridge Cruisers
Carried*

Nomination for Treasurer

Yolanda van Dorrestein

*Nominated by Harbour City
Seconded by Kapi Mana
Carried*

Yolanda spoke to her nomination:

As well as doing the accounts and invoicing I really appreciate being a part of the team, and a wider role, not just knowing the rulebook back to front and remits etc, it's being a part of the glue that keeps us all together.

Invercargill spoke to Yolanda's nomination:

Appreciate everything you do, even with remits today - being clear and understanding especially with judges rules. Good to still have you there, after all this time.

Confirmation of Head Judge

Tyree Connor was confirmed as Head Judge. Elected by postal vote prior to the AGM.

The President welcomed Tyree and thanked Colleen for her dedicated work and commitment to the judging community and a job well done.

Colleen congratulated Tyree and thanked the New Zealand community and Judges.

Tyree thanked everyone and is excited to take on this role, looking forward to what is ahead. Main priority is the need for more judges on the list, so a drive for Trainee Judges and a specific programme for them to move up quicker.

General Business

Item 1 - Christchurch

Senior Cruise - Fun Section

Circulated prior to the meeting.

Would like to float an idea that was suggested at the Christchurch Judges' workshop:

At Christchurch club champs we have a section called 'Senior Cruise'.

This section is open to all Senior couples who have not competed on the day, requires no 'costume', and is danced to one medium song.

It is designed to promote fun and participation without the serious edge of the usual competition.

The suggestion is that such a section be offered on the Friday night of a Senior Nationals, to encourage the values of fun and participation.

Further from Christchurch

Friday night doesn't interrupt normal weekend competition. Judging could be done by 'butcher's picnic style' (judges go around and tap out), finals down to 3 or 4 couples and points for finals. If too many competitors could limit to a smaller number? Good for Trainee Judges and Trainee Scrutineers as not in a pressure environment. If judges weren't available could possibly look at MC and Dj judging as well.

Discussion:

Drifters 1	Like the idea, definitely wouldn't have the MC judging.
Harbour City	Agree that Friday needs more fun and participation. Not sure about senior cruise maybe more Jack and Jill. More fun, doesn't have to be judged by judges, could be arranged by the host club.
Whakatane	Friday night - It's up to the host club to provide entertainment.
Hutt Valley	Agree with Jack and Jill idea, leave to host club. Is it similar to Novice? How would couples be paired? Be prepared before Friday night?
Invercargill	Agree with Whakatane. Host club provides entertainment, keep it fun. We have an All Comers - draw a name out of a hat and dance with who you get. Just cap the numbers.
Drifters 2	Leave up to the host club as it's not an official part of nationals.
Suncity	Open to all seniors? Only certain ages? Public involvement?
Head Judge	Agree with Drifters 2, host club trial on Friday night.
Harbour City	We do something similar to Clap Clap. Definitely up to the host club.

City of Sails 1 How do you cap it? Fun in theory.

The President suggested leaving it to the host club, and if they want to try something like this - they can.

Item 2 - Invercargill

Best Dressed Male Section

Discussion at our recent Committee meeting, that there had been a very large number of entries (32) in the Boys Best Dressed Section at Junior Nationals. A suggestion was made that in future this section be split.

Further from Invercargill -

This year a lot of the boys were ages 5-10 and were up with older boys, think it should be similar to the girls section. Making it fair.

Discussion:

Treasurer Question for Judges - The change to introduce best Junior female - there was a significant difference for them in what they wear and carry off. Do we have the same issue with the male section?

City of Sails 1 As a Judge, with girls there is a difference from their ages which is why we split it. Boys all wear the same thing - smaller or larger, to win the section - it just has to fit them correctly.

*Drifters request their observer right to speak
Carried*

Drifters Observer Discuss with Judges on this. Worth looking into.

Invercargill Will put in a remit for next year.

Rosetown Agree - Great idea. Same reason as the girls, guys can have suits but are age appropriate.

President Support this - Little boys put in a lot of effort, good to recognise them.

12.24 pm - The meeting adjourned for Lunch, back at 1pm.

Item 3 - Wellington

Top Club and Senior Teams, we think they need to go back to 3 Girls and 3 Guys.

Further from Wellington:

Reasoning - When you don't have three girls and three boys it seems to be more a novelty rather than judging on the dancing as it is. How do you judge against each when they are all different in their teams.

Discussion:

Christchurch Against - We struggle to find males to dance, leave as is.

Invercargill Against - Still a relatively new rule. Won't have the numbers for that section.

Item 4 - Wellington

Zoom Assessments

With the impact of Covid-19 plus the reality of instant restrictive measures that are put on our country to keep it safe, it makes it extremely hard to come together for assessments for our overseas (Australian) dancers who wish to dance nationals in New Zealand.

We would like the committee to consider 'zoom assessments' for our Australian dancers. We understand this is not the norm but this would be only in extreme circumstances due to covid restrictions. The assessment would be as usual but from a 'live zoom' feed. The judges would assess, forward their sheets to the scrutineer who would calculate scores and then return results.

Discussion:

Head Judge For this but need more discussion.

Vice President Against - Dancing and zoom won't often be insync. Will not be an accurate assessment.

*Drifters request their observer right to speak
Carried*

Drifters Observer Correct, it would be difficult to judge, only works if an obvious yes or no, those who are 50/50 that would be hard to assess. Worth trialling though.

Item 5 - Drifters

Use of the National Playlist and supporting our competitors to perform at their best.

Suggestion:

That an abridged national playlist is released one month prior to the nationals. This playlist would include songs that have been selected for the upcoming competition mixed in with a number of non-selected songs.

Example:

24 medium songs chosen for Triples will be released with another 24 non-selected.

100 slow songs with 100 non-selected and so on.

The playlist would NOT include any identifiers as to which songs are the final selection.

Rationale:

We wish to provide both a level playing field AND the opportunity for all competitors to give us their best dancing. For many dancers who have competed less than 5 five years it can be daunting to learn all of the songs on the playlist. By sharpening focus in the final practice month, from "possible" songs to "probable" songs, it will give all competitors a boost prior to nationals and support us to provide a competition that encourages the best from everyone.

*Drifters ask for their Observer to have the right to speak
Carried*

Further from Drifters:

Think out of the box, making improvements for the dancers in competition. Both ideas don't go together; they are separate.

For example - Juniors have favourite songs they dance to, their coach would use this list so they had different songs to dance to in preparation for Nationals.

Discussion:

- City of Sails 1 Concerned about this, understand some are clever at figuring out which songs are going to be played after the first heat. If you reduce the amount of songs then they will have more ability to do that?
- Treasurer Like this idea. Hear your concerns City of Sails. Would be a mission when choosing songs to make sure that we put a legitimate song list forward.
- Treasurer If we wanted to do something like this - would a remit at a future Agm or can we implement as a trial?
- Drifters 1 Not in our rules, but maybe it needs a consensus from an AGM.
- Treasurer Will put a non binding poll up to see if there is any interest in this going ahead. Something we could look at between Agms.
- Non-binding poll to see if there is any support for this idea
15 For - 9 Against*
- Treasurer Poll suggests that it could be worth looking into further.

Item 6 - Drifters

Heats, Quarters and Semi-finales music

Suggestion:

That the songs chosen for heats, quarters and semi-finals are released on the day of competition, prior to the relevant session.

E.g. Diamond Heat Songs listed in no particular order:

Slow: Chains; Too Much ; 26 Miles

Fast: Ooby Dooby; Rockabilly; Birth of the Boogie

Rationale:

There has long been an unfair advantage to competitors who are called out in the second or later heat/quarter/semi. This is because they "know" crucial information prior to taking the floor - namely, the speed and length of their song. Competitors in the first heat/quarter/semi do not have this information until a few seconds prior to the DJ hitting play.

*Drifters ask for their Observer to have the right to speak
Carried*

Further from Drifters:

Just clarifying, not talking about listing everything for finals in the morning of. It would be prior to the warm up song, so a short time frame.

Discussion:

- City of Sails 1 Will you put up exactly the same songs for each heat?
- Drifters Observer No.
- City of Sails 1 If you don't, those in the second and third heat will know what they will get anyway.
- Drifters Observer Yes, but they will only have 5 minutes.
- City of Sails 1 Against.
- Treasurer Could it be more generic? Give bpm and length of song, that would get around

what City of Sails said and keeps the intent of this.

- L&P Rockers Definitely an advantage. You are being judged, why do we have to have slower slow? shouldn't it be the same?
- President Please clarify L&P Rockers?
- L&P Rockers You know what song you get so why don't each heat or semi have different length of song, bpm etc to take away from knowing what they are going to get?
- Drifters 1 Won't be on the same playing field as others in your section.
- L&P Rockers Well it is mixing it up. Luck of the draw.
- Invercargill Mixed opinion. How many people know? Takes competition away eg starting on time etc.
- Hawkes Bay For - We take a song list, like to give our dancers a better indication.
- President Non-binding poll up - see if there is support for this.

*Non-Binding Poll to see if there is support for this
10 For - 16 Against*

- President Poll suggests there is not a lot of support for it at this stage.

Item 7 - Kapi Mana

A maximum of 4 couples in any Final at the Nationals.

Reason:

At the 2021 Juniors the Kapi Mana Same Sex felt they unable to complete one of their moves (4 cartwheels) because doing so may have seen them land in or near another competing couple.

Alternative option:

Make the competition floor bigger i.e.: 19 metres x 19 metres.

Further from Kapi Mana:

Finals are from 6 to 5 and the issue has been raised and suggest it should be 4 or only in sections where its more active like Same Sex. Floor size change could be an issue, would limit venue options.

Discussion:

- President From a scrutineers point of view - having 5 in a final is a result of an unbreakable tie. Normally only 4 but in a tie - everyone has earned their right to dance in the final. We could have a Dance off? Which creates a disadvantage to those having to dance more than the others in a final.
- Treasurer For - If it means that those in the final have the best opportunity to perform especially if 5 creates a problem on the floor for the judges and dancers. Wouldn't want to see the dance floor extended.

Item 8 - Kapi Mana

The Executive to liaise/consult with host clubs before finalising the program for any Nationals.

Reason 1:

When the Early bird offer for 2021 Juniors closed mid-February, Kapi Mana still was well short of budget break-even. As a way of trimming venue staff costs, we suggested opening the event later on Saturday i.e.: 10am. In support of that request, we attached a scan of the 2016 Junior programme

showing it opened at that time.

Reason 2:

In 2021 the Juniors had fewer competitors than 2016 yet the event opened an hour earlier on Saturday. Why?

Further from Kapi Mana:

This arose from Juniors. Not privy to arranging a programme, but if there are less competitors, shouldn't it be a shorter programme? 2016 We had more competitors but still had a shorter programme. We asked for a shortened programme this year - to look at a way to trim costs. Turns out we didn't need to. Days are long and there must be ways to limit or compress it in some way?

Discussion:

- Secretary 2016 programme - in comparison to this year, yes we did have less competitors but there was an extra section this year to add to the programme. We also finished an hour earlier than in 2016 so worked out the same in the end for the time frame.
- President Formulating the programme is quite difficult. Dancers in various sections have to be given enough time between each to rest and prepare for the next section. While it does seem to have a lot of breaks - this is one of the reasons why. Number of issues need to be taken into account when putting together a programme.
- Treasurer The wording of this suggests that the Executive don't consult with the host club but we did have ongoing conversations with Kapi Mana so maybe it's about having a more effective way to communicate rather than just by email.

Item 9 - City of Sails

Adding a similar rule to 8.12 National Association judge so they are all the same.

Reason

We passed a rule where there were criteria for reinstatement of Association Judge with the discretion of the Head Judge and Executive but no similar rule for a National Association Judge. Should have been done at the same time. So it would be numbered 8.12.2 and the one this morning will be 8.12.3 and whether we can put it now as I think it may have been an oversight rather than been left out.

Discussion:

- Treasurer This is about Remit 6, changes we made earlier and City of Sails are saying should we be doing the same for the National Association Judges as well. The question is - Is the National Association Judge at the discretion as well?
- Head Judge Agree with this.
- Treasurer Are we happy to put a remit in for this now?
- President Do we have a second?
- Treasurer Is the council happy to accept this from the floor?
- President Indication of show of hands, to put this forward now as a remit.
- Treasurer Majority - Yes.

City of Sails move that we add new rule 8.12.2 as below:

Reinstatement to the official register of National Association Judges is at the discretion of the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive).

Seconded by the Secretary

Any further discussion:

City of Sails 1 Will need to remember to renumber and Linda will vote for me.

President Yes, this section will be rewritten and renumbered.

*Vote for this Remit
26 For 0 Against
Carried Unanimously*

Item 10 - Rosetown Rockers

Validity of the Judges vote was questioned, Executive said it did not affect the vote, but did not answer if it was counted as valid. Would like a discussion around this.

Discussion:

Treasurer Confirming that the vote was considered valid - yes.

Rosetown Confirming yes?

Treasurer Yes, it was valid.

Rosetown So the vote that was in question in Nola's statement at the beginning of the zoom was included as valid?

Treasurer Clarify?

Rosetown Questioning the validity of the vote at the beginning of this zoom meeting around the issues that were raised by Nola, eg judges removed and put back on the list - Was that specific vote counted as valid?

Treasurer Yes, it was.

Item 11 - River Rockers

More update on 2021 Senior Nationals:

- Motorhomes - Need indication of numbers asap.
- Under 25 year olds - Valid Photo Id to purchase Alcohol.
- Alcohol licence available from 6.30 pm - 11 pm.
- Theme night for Friday night.
- Sunday night - looking at hosting an 'After Party'.
- Can clubs please order only 1 lot of entries. Passes will be couriered to each club.
- Eftpos and cash will be available
- Live band on Friday night

Item 12 - Invercargill

To look at the Judges' TES Scheme.

Discussion:

Invercargill Already addressed earlier so don't need to discuss further.

Item 13 - Invercargill

Judges need competitions to keep them active.

Further from Invercargill:

It would help judges and those clubs that have regionals/club champs, if the list is posted somewhere? To help judges who find it hard to get invited or a club can invite them? Also help those who need to keep current.

Discussion:

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| Drifters 2 | Great idea, suggest the association put out a club newsletter. Could have this content in it. |
| Treasurer | Would Judges consider their register of compliance be made public so clubs can see who is available? |
| Dunedin | Couple of Judges are needed for our small comp. Contact Margaret if interested. |

Item 14 - Executive

8.12.2 Remit - new rule, requires an amendment.

The Treasurer spoke to this remit.

When we tidied up this rule, we had forgotten that there was an amendment to the original remit that included adding 'The criteria for' so need to make an amendment to this also.

The Treasurer moved that we amend the new rule 8.12.2 to read as below:

The Criteria for and reinstatement to the official register of National Association judges is at the discretion of the Head Judge (who will consult with the National Executive).

*Seconded by Drifters
Vote on this Remit
26 For - 0 Against
Carried Unanimously*

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

End of General Business

2022 AGM - Do we want a physical or a zoom meeting?

The Treasurer confirmed if a physical meeting, it would be in Wellington and the TES Scheme would apply.

A non-binding poll to see what delegates/clubs were in favour of showed it was fairly even for either option so the Executive will decide at a later date. Please keep an eye out on the website for more information coming soon.

The Treasurer spoke on behalf of the Executive and the Clubs of New Zealand, gave a huge thanks and gratitude to both outgoing President Nola Calvert and Head Judge Colleen Ryan for their valuable time and effort over the past 5 years.

The Meeting closed at 1.56 pm.