



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



MINUTES OF THE 2022 NZARRA Inc. 39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM Conference Call, SATURDAY 28th MAY 2022

The Annual General Meeting opened at 9.00 am with a welcome from the New Zealand Association President, Karen Birch.

The New Zealand Executive Committee was introduced

President	Karen Birch
Vice President	Theresa Cummack
Secretary	Neva Zainey
Treasurer	Yolanda Van Dorrestein
Head Judge	Tyree Connor

Apologies

Wellington

The President Moved the Apologies to be accepted.

*Seconded by the Secretary
Carried Unanimously*

The President confirmed at roll call there were 18 clubs and 5 Executive present. The majority for voting is 12, and for the Constitutional Notice of Motions, the majority is 16. 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 Association Vice President and Association Treasurer will act as scrutineers.

This Zoom meeting will be recorded in order to assist the Association Secretary to take the Minutes accurately.

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

There were no matters arising.

The President Moved that the Minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted

*Seconded by Kapi Mana
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

President's Report

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

There were no matters arising.

The President Moved that the Report be accepted

*Seconded by Kapi Mana
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Head Judge's Report

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

Any Matters Arising:

Cambridge Cruisers Have 2 questions related to the Head Judge Report.
Will Regional Workshops continue?

Remits content - Head Judge report mentions a number of remits to be put forward at the AGM, after discussions with Judges. Has there been enough collaboration for judges leading up to the AGM to consider all the intentions/aspects/outcomes of the remits?

Head Judge Regional workshops will continue.

Kapi Mana This is not the platform for this discussion.

Treasurer Second question is not about the Head Judge Report, discussed later.

The Head Judge Moved the Report be accepted.

*Seconded by Kapi Mana
For - 22 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

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

Yolanda will speak on behalf of Neva due to technical issues.

Any Matters Arising:

Cambridge Cruisers Where are the letters of Motions for the changes to the Constitution on the list?

Treasurer Any correspondence for this year will be in next year's end of year report.

Cambridge Cruisers Constitution states that they must be in writing to the Secretary 90 days before the AGM takes us back to February.

Treasurer They will be in next year's Correspondence Report for the 2022 year. The one circulated is for January - December 2021.

The Treasurer (on behalf of the Secretary) Moved the Correspondence Report to be accepted.

*Seconded by Invercargill
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Treasurer's Report

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

Any Matters Arising:

City of Sails On the balance of funds - Do you mean 31st December 2021?

Treasurer Request an amendment.

Amendment to the Financial Report. Should read '31st December 2021' not '31st December 2020'.

Seconded by Kapi Mana

No further discussions on the amended Financial Report.

The Treasurer Moved the Association Memberships Levies remain unchanged for the 2022 year.

Seconded by Harbour City

No further discussion.

*For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

The Treasurer Moved the Affiliation Levies and the First AGM Delegate Registration total \$300 payable by 1st August, be waived for the 2022 year.

Seconded by Kapi Mana

No further discussion.

*For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

The Treasurer Moved the Financial Report for 2021 be accepted.

*Seconded by the Kapi Mana
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Senior and Junior National Reports

Senior Nationals 2022 Report - River Rockers Whanganui

Scott Greenlees spoke on behalf of River Rockers, in summary:

Earlier this year in March, we were approached by the Executive to host, particularly because we missed out on hosting last year's Senior Nationals due to Covid. Following consultation we agreed to host the event, the Executive reassured us that after 2 years of no competitions that the event would go ahead even if it is affected by Covid and agreed if need be would run a 'competitors only' Nationals. Hopefully that won't be the case and we stay in Orange. As with other clubs, we were severely impacted by the lockdowns as we were required to continue to pay for hall hireage that our club occupied. We saw an opportunity to host nationals to resurrect everyone's passion for rocknroll dancing.

Have secured Springvale Stadium as preferred choice to War Memorial. Confirmed booking in April. Stadium booked from Thursday to Monday to allow for set up and clean up. Stadium meets all requirements to host.

- Floor is grippy so bring shoes that move easily on the floor.
- Two sets of male/female toilets.
- Separate kitchen areas for the Executive.
- Tiered seating and supplementing with extra tables and chairs for the dancers.
- Roped off areas for the scrutineers and judges.
- Programme and tickets printing organised.
- Badges - two quotes and settled on one company, will need numbers by mid September.
- Two DJ's Karen Reder and Aaron Snee and waiting for approval from the Executive.
- Early bird prices \$100, \$10 Friday, \$45 Saturday, \$45 Sunday. Will increase to \$120 after 24th September.
- Runners have been appointed.
- Separate areas for vendors and had many enquiries.
- Many members volunteered their time to help.

Further Discussion:

Harbour City Can the hall be polished or cleaned prior to nationals?

River Rockers Can look into that, is a very clean floor. It hosts other sports and is highly lacquered. It is quite grippy on the floor, so bring shoes that slide better and test on Friday night.

Harbour City Is it a sprung floor?

River Rockers Will get back to you on that.

Junior Nationals 2023 Progress Report - Christchurch

Christchurch Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Craig Blaikie spoke further to their report: in summary.

Would like to defer our report as we have offered Drifters our hosting for 2023. They have missed out a couple of times now due to Covid and it is the right thing to do. Sent out a letter of proposal of offer to Drifters, which has been circulated prior to this meeting.

Any Discussion

President We can talk about that offer now

Drifters Yes, happy to accept, had two runs at trying to host but unable due to Covid. Still have high school booked. Thank you Christchurch.

President Thank you Christchurch and Drifters.

The President Moved that Drifters will host Junior Nationals 2023.

Seconded by Christchurch

No further discussion.

*For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

The President thanked Christchurch and congratulated Drifters on their hosting for 2023 Junior Nationals.

Senior Nationals 2023 Progress Report - City of Sails

City of Sails Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Linda McAllister spoke further to their report.

Not much more to add other than going good and our theme is Jailhouse Rock.

Allocation of 2024 Junior and Senior Nationals:

The President called for any clubs who wish to put in a bid for Junior Nationals 2024.

Junior Nationals 29th – 31st March 2024

One bid from Christchurch.

There were no other bids.

*Seconded by Kapi Mana
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Christchurch thanked everyone for their vote and support.

The President congratulated Christchurch on their successful bid for 2024 Junior Nationals and called on clubs for bids for Senior Nationals 2024.

Senior Nationals 25th – 27th October 2024

No bids for Senior Nationals.

Deferred till later in the AGM.

Notice of Motions

Proposed Constitution Change 1 - The Executive

Seconded by Harbour City

Amend Section 10 - last sentence, Section 11 (e) - second paragraph and Section 13 - second paragraph, first sentence in three places to remove the word 'postal'.

Reasoning:

The voting process for National Association Head Judge is now done via email. A vote to elect replacement committee members would also be done via email.

The President spoke to this Constitution change reading out the reasoning above.

No further discussion.

*Voting on the Constitution Change 1
For - 22 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Note - if unable to vote through the poll window, 'private chat' the Treasurer your vote.

City of Sails is having issues and will vote in the private chat.

Proposed Constitution Change 2 - The Executive

Deferred till after the Election of Officers.

The Treasurer - To be clear that changes proposed would not affect today's elections. If passed this will affect the election process going forward from today, so will come back to this later.

Proposed Constitution Change 3 - Executive

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Amend Section 11(b) to replace "an Annual" with "a" and "AGM" with "meeting".

Amended sentence to read:

"At any general meeting or Executive Committee meeting a motion put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands unless a poll is requested. At a General Meeting the voting split for notices of motion and remits will be recorded in the meeting minutes except for the election of officers".

Reasoning:

Extends the existing rules to cover Special General Meetings as well as Annual General Meetings.

The Secretary spoke to this Constitution change reading out the reasoning above.

Further Discussion:

City of Sails Against - wording in the next remit sets it out more clearly.

*Voting on the Constitution Change 3
For - 18 Against - 3 Abstentions - 2
Carried*

Proposed Constitution Change 4 - City of Sails

Seconded by River Rockers

Withdrawn by City of Sails because Remit 3 passed.

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

Proposed Constitution Change 5 - Executive

Seconded by Christchurch

Amend Section 11(e) - first sentence.

Replace: "...remaining Executive Committee shall in the first instance approach the delegates and observers of that AGM to identify and appoint a replacement".

With: "...remaining Executive Committee shall in the first instance attempt to identify and appoint a replacement by approaching one or more of the delegates and observers of that AGM".

Reasoning:

To clarify the appointment process, post a resignation from the Executive Committee. That the remaining Executive Committee identify and appoint a replacement, not the attendees of the previous AGM (which is how the current wording could be interpreted – although it should not be interpreted that way as previous delegates have no formal mandate to vote or take part in any decision-making outside of that AGM).

The Treasurer spoke to this Constitution change:

Make it very clear that the Executive Committee has the responsibility to identify and appoint a replacement by first approaching one or more of the delegates of the last AGM. Reasoning is the delegate's job to appoint somebody because they no longer have a role, only have powers in the AGM meeting. This just clarifies all that.

Further Discussion:

Drifters Appointing someone onto the Executive is a very important decision, should be made by clubs.

City of Sails Against - needs to involve more than the Executive to make this decision.
Not sure the way it was done last time was the right way.

Cambridge Agree with Drifters.

Treasurer We can't make that change. That Constitution change needs to come to next year's AGM.

Rosetown Agree with Drifters - propose this remit is withdrawn and put forward for the next AGM.

Treasurer Put to a vote - if prefer it be withdrawn vote no.

City of Sails Agree with Rosetown, vote no if you want it withdrawn and bring it back next year.

Right of Reply - Treasurer

Not saying we must choose from the Delegates and Observers, saying who we will attempt to identify and appoint a replacement. Change to a Special General Meeting could be done next year. Recommend supporting this. The Executive at least gets clarification.

City of Sails Would you follow the same process? If this doesn't pass.

Treasurer No, depends on the Executive as whole, who will interpret the rule.

Voting on the Constitution Change 5

For - 14 Against - 8 Abstentions - 1

Lost

Proposed Constitution Change 6 - Executive

Seconded by Christchurch

Amend Section 11(e) - first sentence to insert “,as well as past Executive Committee members.” after “the delegates and observers of that AGM”.

To Read:

“If a member of the Executive Committee other than the Head Judge resigns following the AGM, the remaining Executive Committee shall in the first instance approach the delegates and observers of that AGM, as well as past Executive Committee members to identify and appoint a replacement”.....

Reasoning:

Post-resignation from the Executive Committee and for replacement candidates, this extends the pool of people to consider “in the first instance” to include previous Executive members, as they may have experience in relation to the role to be filled.

The Treasurer spoke to this Constitution change.

Continuing from the first Constitution change, besides Delegates and the Observers of the AGM, could look at previous past executive members, who have experience.

Further Discussion:

Hutt Valley Clarify, how far back would you go for past members?

Treasurer Who's appropriate to be a replacement.

City of Sails Consider ‘Immediate Past Executive Members’

Treasurer Intent - will be those at our most recent AGM and previous executive members.

Hutt Valley Should state clearly how far back. Needs clarification.

Treasurer Would you like to make that amendment to include ‘immediate’ past executive committee members?

Hutt Valley Moved that we amend this Remit to include ‘Immediate’ before ‘Past Executive Committee Members’.

Seconded by City of Sails

No further comments on the amendment.

*Voting on the Amendment only
For - 15 Against - 7 Abstentions - 1
Lost*

Any Further Comments to Constitutional Change 6:

Happy Days If there is 15 for the Motion - why is it lost?

Treasurer Constitution changes need a majority of two thirds.

*Voting on the Constitution Change 6
For - 16 Against - 7 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Proposed Constitution Change 7 - Executive

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Amend Section 13 - second paragraph “carried out 60 days prior” to “carried out 30 days prior” and “running for 30 days” to “running for 5 days”.

Amend Section 10 - second paragraph from “no later than 60 days” to “no later than 30 days”

Amend Section 10 - third paragraph from "60 days prior" to "30 days prior".

Reasoning:

The Head Judge voting process used to be carried out via postal vote and needed to allow time for that to take place. Now that it is all done via email, including advanced notification and reminders, timeframes can and should be shortened, to reduce the period of uncertainty that the voting process can create.

The Vice President spoke to this Constitution change:

No longer vote by posting, all results are quicker, advertised on social media and all correspondence comes to us by email, didn't see the need for a long time frame to get results.

Further Discussion:

City of Sails Would like to propose an amendment to 7 days.
City of Sails Move an Amendment to 'running from 5 days' to 'running for 7 days'.
Seconded by Rosetown

Discussion on the Amendment Only:

City of Sails 5 days is not long enough, full week would be better.

President Prefer 10 days, giving people time to read, consider and act.

No further discussion on the amendment from 5 to 7 days.

City of Sails Moved an Amendment to change the word from '5 days' to '7 days' in Constitution
Change 7
Voting on Amendment 1 only
For - 15 Against - 8 Abstentions - 0
Lost

The President Moved an Amendment to change the word from '5 days' to '10 days' in Constitution
Change 7
Seconded by Hawkes Bay

Any Further Comments to this Amendment:

President Time to read, digest, make a decision. 10 days does that.
Voting on the Amendment 2 only
For - 20 Against - 3 Abstentions - 0
Carried

Amended Constitution Change 7 now reads:

"Amend Section 13 - second paragraph "carried out 60 days prior" to "carried out 30 days prior" and "running for 30 days" to "running for 10 days"

Amend Section 10 - second paragraph from "no later than 60 days" to "no later than 30 days"

Amend Section 10 - third paragraph from "60 days prior" to "30 days prior".

No further comments to the Amended Constitution Change 7.

Voting on the Amended Constitution Change 7
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously

Proposed Constitutional Change 8 - Executive

Seconded by Christchurch

Amend Section 13 - second paragraph, last sentence.

Remove "postal vote will be announced at the AGM" replace with "vote will be announced at the conclusion of voting. The Association Head Judge-elect does not assume the role until the AGM".

Reasoning:

There is no reason why the result of the Head Judge election needs to wait until the AGM. Currently candidates are told the outcome prior to the AGM but are asked to not disclose it to others, which is sometimes difficult and does not encourage transparency. This change allows the Head Judge-elect to move forward openly with preparing for the upcoming year.

The Vice President spoke to this Constitution change, reading the reasoning above.

Further Discussion:

Kapi Mana The Head judge Elect would attend the AGM as Head Judge but there is already a Head Judge until after the AGM - amend to say new Head Judge takes the position as 'after' the AGM?

*Kapi Mana Moves that we amend to include the word 'after' between 'until' and 'after the AGM'.
Secoded by Cambridge Cruisers*

Any further discussion on the amendment only:

Kapi Mana Two head judges at the AGM will be confusing, this clarifies that.

*Voting on the Amendment to include the word 'until' and 'after the AGM'
For - 22 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Any further discussions to the amended Constitution Change 8:

Cambridge For - Voting can be controversial, keeps everything clean, transparent and a culture of unity.

Amended Constitution Change 8 that now reads:

"The outcome of the vote will be announced at the conclusion of voting. The Association Head Judge-elect does not assume the role **until after the AGM**".

*Voting on the Amended Constitution Change 8
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Proposed Rule Book A Changes

Remit 1 - Executive

Secoded by Christchurch

The Secretary spoke to this Remit prior:

In order to make Remit 1 easier we will separate these into 6 separate amendments.

(1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6).

The Executive will also withdraw the last 2 of those amendments (1.5 and 1.6). Intent is right, but incorrectly worded and does provide consistency on what this remit is about, will work on those for next years' AGM.

Rulebook A - Clarify positions and/or titles throughout the rule book

Remit 1.1 - Amend Rule 1.10, 3.5, 3.7 a), 8.9 - 2 bullet points

Change "NZARRA" to "The Association".

Secoded by Kapi Mana

Reasoning:

To make all the titles consistent throughout all the rule books.

No further comment.

Voting on Remit 1.1

*For - 22 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Remit 1.2 - Amend Rule 1.4 d), 1.6 d), 3.9 b), 7.1 (x2), 8.8.1, 8.10.1, 8.10.2, 8.12.1, 8.12.2

Change “Executive”, “New Zealand Executive Committee”, “the Executive”, “NZ Executive”, “National Executive” to: “The Executive Committee”.

Seconded by Christchurch

Reasoning:

To make all the titles consistent throughout all the rule books.

“The Executive Committee” - as defined in the Rule Book A - Definitions and refers back to the Constitution also.

Further Discussion

Hutt Valley Clarify - Are we removing the identity of the New Zealand Association?

Treasurer No, still the Amateur Rock’n’Roll Association Incorporated, nothing changes.
Making it clear and consistent with the word ‘Executive Committee’.

*Voting on Remit 1.2
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Surf City has entered the meeting. Voting strength is now 24 with majority being 13.

Remit 1.3 - Amend Rule 8.14

Change “Secretary” to “Association Secretary”.

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Reasoning:

To make all the titles consistent throughout all the rule books.

*Voting on Remit 1.3
For - 24 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 1.4 - Amend Rules 2.4 a), 3.4 b), 3.6, 6.6, 8.3 (x3), 8.4, 8.5, 8.8, 8.8.1, 8.9 (x3 - 2 bullet points), 8.10 (x2 bullet points), 8.10.1, 8.10.2, 8.12 (2 bullet points), 8.12.1, 8.12.2, 8.13, 8.14, 10.17.

Change “Head Judge” to “Association Head Judge”.

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Reasoning:

To make all the titles consistent throughout all the rule books.

*Voting on Remit 1.4
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 1.5 and Remit 1.6 WITHDRAWN

Break for 10 minutes. 10.50am back at 11am.

Remit 2 - Executive

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Amend Rule 1.3. Add to the end of the current first sentence, the words “or Special General Meeting”.
Amend the second sentence to replace “AGM” with “meeting”.

Reasoning:

To allow Rule Book A updates via a Special General Meeting - the intent of this was accepted at last

year's AGM but was submitted only as a proposed change to the Constitution. This brings the same rule in Book A into alignment.

The Secretary spoke to this Remit.

Further Discussion:

- City of Sails Against - needs to be separated out more, our next remit allows for motions to be taken from the floor at an AGM or Special General Meeting.
- Treasurer Clarify - 'motions can be taken from the floor' where it says 'remits taken from the floor is at the discretion of the meeting', are you wanting to change that in your amendment to this rule?
- City of Sails No - existing rule we want to add a separate paragraph. Add 1.3b - to allow for motions directly from the floor for inclusion into the rule book.
- Treasurer If Remit 2 passed and you withdraw just paragraph (a) from Remit 3 - that would allow for both changes to co-exist? Keep clause (b).
- Kapi Mana Special General Meeting is to only discuss what has only been tabled for that meeting for a special purpose. AGM is the place for any other business.
- River Rockers Clarify - who will be at the Special General Meeting? The Executive or the Delegates?
- Treasurer Exactly like an AGM, each club invited and one vote each.
- City of Sails Need to talk about both remits now as they affect each other?
Keep (a) the remit has to be in 60 days prior to an Annual General Meeting.
A Special General Meeting you only want to discuss the matter that has been brought forward, consider a point raised at the meeting and motion comes from the floor. Gives the ability to make a motion and include it in the rulebook, so needs to be separated out as (a) and (b).

*Voting on Remit 2
For 20 - Against - 4 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Remit 3 - City of Sails

Seconded by the Treasurer

Amend Rule 1.3.

Proposed Changes:

"or by a motion at a Special General Meeting" be added at the end of the first sentence.

'Motions resulting from discussions at a Special General Meeting may be voted on at that meeting for immediate inclusion in Rule Book A.' be added.

The rule be split into sections ie. (a) dealing with Annual General Meetings and (b) dealing with Special General Meetings.

Amended Rule 1.3 to read:

Alteration of Rule Book A must be implemented by a remit at an Annual General Meeting or by a motion at a Special General Meeting.

(a) The date for receipt of remits for an Annual General Meeting is 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Remits must be in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Association. The final date for acceptance is to be advised by the Association newsletter sent to each club. Remits taken from the floor will be at the discretion of the meeting.

(b) Motions resulting from discussions at a Special General Meeting may be voted on at that meeting for immediate inclusion in Rule Book A."

Reasoning:

This is to allow for the alteration of Rule Book A, if necessary, at a Special General Meeting.

City of Sails spoke to this Remit:

Want to withdraw (a) as will stay the same and keep (b) Motions resulting from discussions at a Special General Meeting may be voted on at that meeting for immediate inclusion in Rule Book A."

City of Sails would like to Move an Amendment to add 'or by a Motion at a Special General Meeting' at the end of the first sentence and the next two sentences split into two sections i.e. dealing with (a) AGM and (b) Special General Meetings.

Seconded by Head Judge

Further Discussion to the Amendment Only:

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| City of Sails | Making clear that we can take motions from the floor if something comes Up. |
| Harbour City | Clarify - what sentences are you removing or adding? |
| Treasurer | Under proposed changes, first sentence remove 'or by a motion at a special general meeting' which was to be added to the first sentence and add 'Motions resulting'...after the last two sentences. |
| City of Sails | We are not removing 'or by a Motion at a Special General Meeting (b) so need to leave that in and just remove (a). |
| Treasurer | The last remit has already added a Special General Meeting. |
| City of Sails | Does it include 'or by a motion...'? |

*Voting on the Amendment only
For - 21 Against - 2 Abstention - 1
Carried*

Amended Rule 1.3 to now read:

Alteration of Rule Book A must be implemented by a remit at an Annual General Meeting **or by a motion at a Special General Meeting.**

(a) The date for receipt of remits for an Annual General Meeting is 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Remits must be in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Association. The final date for acceptance is to be advised by the Association newsletter sent to each club. Remits taken from the floor will be at the discretion of the meeting.

(b) **Motions resulting from discussions at a Special General Meeting may be voted on at that meeting for immediate inclusion in Rule Book A.**

*Voting on the Amendment for Remit 3
For 20 - Against - 4 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Any further Comments to Amended Remit 3:

City of Sails Important to take motions from the floor and discussed at the Special General Meeting, if it was necessary.

Head Judge For - currently we can't bring motions after discussion, so this will allow that.

*Voting on the Amended Remit 3
For 23 - Against 1 - Abstention - 0
Carried*

Remit 4 - Tauranga

Seconded by Christchurch

Withdrawn due to being covered in Remit 2 and Remit 3 which passed.

Remit 5 - Executive

Seconded by the Drifters

Amend Rule 1.6 (a) to insert "at Labour Weekend" and "at Easter".

Amended rule to read:

"The Association organises a Senior National Championship at Labour Weekend and a Junior National Championship at Easter, annually".

Reasoning:

These dates are already recorded in Rule Book B. Adding the same information into Rule Book A is all about providing certainty and consistency to competitors. Having fixed dates allows competitors and coaches certainty in determining their own timelines for training, and gives competitors certainty about the sections they will be eligible to compete in. It also provides the host club and supporters certainty in terms of dates for bookings, etc.

The Head Judge spoke to this Remit:

This is a tidy up, is what we do now. Clarifying that Senior Nationals are at Labour Weekend and Junior Nationals are at Easter Weekend annually.

Further Discussion:

Treasurer Support - Make it really obvious that this is our preferred way. Give confidence, their readiness, make bookings, and provide certainty.

*Voting on Remit 5
For - 24 Against - 0 Abstention - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 6 - Tauranga

Lapsed. No Seconder.

Remit 7 - City of Sails

Seconded by Rosetown Rockers

Amend Rule 1.6 (a)

National Championships

"(a) The Association organises a Senior National Championship and a Junior National Championship annually".

Proposed Change:

That the following be added to the end of the existing rule 1.6 (a):

"These are usually held on Labour Weekend for Senior Nationals and Easter Weekend for Junior Nationals. If a Senior Nationals or a Junior Nationals is unable to be held on its designated weekend, it may be held on an alternative weekend. The date for the alternative weekend is to be set, for voting on by the member clubs, by agreement between the Host Club for that Nationals and the Association

Executive. The alternative date may not be set within five months of the next Nationals of the same age group. If an alternative weekend cannot be agreed upon, no Nationals will be held for that designated Senior or Junior Nationals. Voting on an agreed alternative weekend is to be done by way of email to member clubs. The email is to be sent by the Secretary of the Association (or another member of the Executive if the Secretary is not available). All votes to be received by the Association Secretary (or the alternative Executive member) within two weeks of the date of the voting request being sent to member clubs.”

Reasoning:

This enables the flexibility for a National competition to possibly be moved to another weekend, so that if possible the Nationals may go ahead. Making it an email vote from the Executive (after consultation with the Host Club) means that we wouldn't need to wait the 60 days for a Special General Meeting to be convened and therefore a date closer to the original date of that Nationals may be able to be used.

City of Sails spoke to this Remit:

Make an amendment. Delete the first sentence because rule passing under Remit 5 and to alter our second sentence 'If a Senior National Championship or a Junior National Championship is unable to be held on its designated weekend, it may be held on an alternative weekend'.

Earlier remits passed so some wording is not consistent now.

Treasurer The amendment is to remove the first sentence only.

City of Sails would like to Move an Amendment, to remove the first sentence of the proposed change in Remit 7. "These are usually held on Labour Weekend for Senior Nationals and Easter Weekend for Junior Nationals.

Seconded by Hawkes Bay

No further discussion on the Amendment.

*Voting on the Amendment only
For 16 - Against 4 - Abstentions - 4
Carried*

Further Discussion on the Amended Remit:

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| City of Sails | Allows for opportunity to move the weekend if required, with consultation with the Executive and Host Club, affects both. |
| Kapi Mana | Against - we never able to find a venue suitable, this would make it impossible to move the venue. |
| Hutt Valley | Difficulty booking accommodation to nationals. Need time to book, lost a lot of money due to covid with accommodation, cost to clubs travelling. |
| City of Sails | Not intention of this remit, the alternative might be set within 5 months of this nationals. Time to rebook and 'two weeks time' mentioned but once it's been sent out by email by Association Secretary, the clubs are then voting within a couple of weeks. Clubs have to agree - worth hosting it on an alternative weekend. |
| Invercargill | Against - Organising and rearranging another date would be a nightmare, most clubs book years in advance for a venue. |
| Drifters | Against - Creates uncertainty. Keep the dates as they are and if next amendment passes, there will be enough notice of cancellation of nationals. |

Whakatane Against - Part of history to have rock'n'roll nationals on Easter and Labour weekend, so keep as is.

Treasurer Anyone speak for the remit, before taken to a vote?

City of Sails People were keen to have a nationals, this was put forward to allow for that, We can see that clubs don't want that now.

*Voting on the Amended Remit 7
For - 4 Against - 20 Abstentions - 0
Lost*

Remit 8 - Executive

Seconded by Invercargill

New rule 1.6(d)

"If eight weeks before the start of a National Championship there are conditions in New Zealand that the Executive and host club consider would negatively impact that Championship proceeding on its planned date, the Championship will be cancelled."

Need to renumber the current 1.6 (d) to 1.6 (e).

Reasoning:

In uncertain times, for example during our lockdowns and levels, this will give the host club certainty about the latest an official decision will be made and also be clear that they are involved in making that decision. This timeframe may assist in allowing host club costs incurred to be recouped. Eight weeks out is usually before the closing date for entries, so clubs do not have to go through that uncertainty.

The President spoke to this Remit:

Giving us the ability to cancel Nationals within a set time frame to allow everyone time and be clear on that decision and done in conjunction with everybody involved.

No further discussion.

*Voting on the Remit 8
For - 22 Against 1 - Abstention - 1
Carried*

Remit 9 - Tauranga

Seconded by L&P Rockers

Withdrawn due to being covered in the Remit 7 and it did not pass.

Remit 10 - Executive

Seconded by River Rockers

Amend Rule 1.14

Remove "and always including the Association Head Judge".

Add "The Association Head Judge will not participate in the competition as a competitor, coach or supporter, see Rule 6.6".

Amended paragraph to read:

"The Executive Committee will officiate at all National Competitions with a minimum of three people per day excluding the Immediate Past President. No officiating Executive will participate in the competition on the day/s that they are officiating. The Association Head Judge will not participate in the competition as a competitor, coach or supporter, see Rule 6.6."

Intention:

Amend Head Judge role at Nationals

Also add new first sentence to Rule 6.6:

“If the Association Head Judge is unavailable for the competition or wishes to nominate a National Association Judge for succession or other purposes then a National Association Judge will be appointed by the Executive Committee to officiate as Head Judge for a National Championship.”

Reasoning:

Allows for circumstances where the Association Head Judge is unable to take on this role e.g. illness. Normalises, “demystifies” and allows the experience of head judging at a Nationals to be trained for succession planning purposes only.

Suggested process: the Head Judge for a National Championship is nominated by the Association Head Judge and endorsed by the Executive Committee as a part of the standard panel selection process, and after discussion with the nominees. In NO circumstances will the Association Head Judge compete, coach or support specific competitors at either Senior or Junior competitions. The Association head judge will continue to hold their Executive position as an official throughout the Championship, determine the roster and rotation and conduct all other expected and related activities in advance, facilitate the official judges’ meeting (if held) and attend Executive meetings in advance of and during the Championship as required, in their official capacity.

The Head Judge spoke to this Remit:

We will be splitting this remit into two (Remit 10.1 and Remit 10.2).

Remit 10.1 - Remove “and always including the Association Head Judge”.

Add “The Association Head Judge will not participate in the competition as a competitor, coach or supporter, see Rule 6.6”.

Reasoning:

Is to give clarity that of what participation was, to ensure that everyone feels comfortable. Under no circumstances will the Head Judge participate at nationals.

No further discussion.

*Vote for Remit 10.1
For - 23 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Remit 10.2 - Also add new first sentence to Rule 6.6:

“If the Association Head Judge is unavailable for the competition or wishes to nominate a National Association Judge for succession or other purposes then a National Association Judge will be appointed by the Executive Committee to officiate as Head Judge for a National Championship.”

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Reasoning:

The possibility that the Head Judge can’t be the ‘head judge’ for that weekend. The Executive will appoint a National Association Head Judge, doesn’t describe or give guidelines.

Further Discussion:

Cambridge Concerned, changing the role of the head judge at nationals. Judges vote in an Association Head Judge to carry out that role. What is the ‘etc’ in the reasoning?

Kapi Mana Support - nothing currently in the rule book if a Head Judge cannot actually attend for some reason sickness, death. Will cover this off in the rules.

- Hutt Valley Agree - although where stated if a head judge is unavailable for the comp or wishes - consider 'or wishes' should be removed from that sentence?
- Head Judge Confirm 'or wishes to nominate a National Association Judge for succession or other purposes '
- Hutt Valley Yes, will put an amendment forward.

Hutt Valley proposes an Amendment to Remit 10.2 to remove "or wishes to nominate a National Association Judge for succession or other purposes."
Seconded by The Head Judge

Further Discussion on the Amendment Only.

- Hutt Valley As a committee, we feel only for circumstances out of your control, not because you have chosen to not be the head judge at Nationals. You have the role and it is a part of that.

Voting on the Amendment
For - 22 Against - 1 Abstention - 1
Carried

Amended Remit 10.2 to read as below for Rule 6.6:

"If the Association Head Judge is unavailable for the competition then a National Association Judge will be appointed by the Executive Committee to officiate as Head Judge for a National Championship."

Any further comments to the Amended Remit 10.2.

- Invercargill For - With that amendment, the head judge role is to officiate at National Championship, whatever happens beforehand we need to be prepared for, gives the Executive guidance to move forward.
- City of Sails Propose another amendment - add to 1.14 not 6.6. Makes more sense. 1.14 the Executive Committee will officiate etc, if they are unavailable somebody else will appoint them, it doesn't make sense to put it in 6.6.
- Treasurer We put it in 6.6 as all judges are appointed including the Association Head Judge. As the first change has gone ahead, can look to move to 1.14 instead.
- Cambridge Section 6 is all about the judging system so understand why.

City Sails proposes to Amend 'add new first sentence to rule 6.6' to 'add a final new sentence to 1.14'.
Seconded by Kapi Mana

No further comments to the amendment.

Voting on the Amendment only
For - 19 Against - 1 Abstentions - 4
Carried

Any Further Comments to the Amended Remit 10.2:

- Head Judge For - happy for sentence to be removed. For succession, it was when we had an outgoing and incoming Head Judge that with the previous 60 days would have been known before Junior Nationals then that outgoing Head Judge could invite the incoming to do training as succession alongside.

Voting on the Amended Remit 10.2

*For - 23 Against - 0 Abstention - 1
Carried*

Break for 5 minutes. 11.55am back at 12pm.

Remit 11 - Executive

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Amend 2.1(b) to remove "The National dress code will apply to Sections 13 and 16 (Same Sex) i.e."

Amended rule to read:

"Females will dress in ladies' attire, males in men's attire".

Reasoning:

For clarity - the dress code as defined in Section 2 of the rule book applies to all competition sections, not just the two sections currently listed.

The President spoke to this Remit.

No further discussion.

*Voting on the Remit
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstention - 2
Carried*

Remit 12 - Tauranga

Seconded by City of Sails

To Remove section 3 assessments in its entirety.

Intention:

To increase entries and to encourage more people to consider competing.

Reasoning:

By removing Section 3 assessments this would hopefully allow and encourage all young, old, new, and experienced to enter our national event without the stress of assessments. There is a line in the rulebook that says, To ensure that the National Championships are of a high standard, we don't disagree with that however with the declining of numbers we need quantity because without that we have no nationals. If by removing assessments and entry numbers hopefully will increase, a follow on would be an increase in supporters and higher attendance at National Championships.

Tauranga spoke further to this Remit.

Believe decline in numbers 66% Juniors and 25% in Seniors, no reason for roadblocks that are assessments. Want to increase numbers, encourage people to get out on the floor. Line in the rulebook states 'to ensure that the national championships are of a high standard' but with declining numbers without quantity of competitors we won't have a competition so removing assessments we are hoping to increase numbers and encourage people to get on the competition dance floor.

Further Discussion:

Drifters For - however consider no assessments for 12 months not sure about removing it in its entirety, maybe a hiatus? In future if numbers build up, we can reintroduce assessments. Backward step to take it completely out to only put it back in again.

Kapi Mana For - We have a remit similar, however have had it raised - how do you make sure that dancers are of a suitable standard for nationals, worried that a lot of novices turn up.

Cambridge	Agree, assessments can be seen as a barrier.
Invercargill	Disagree - Assessments are a way of giving our dancers a goal, and opportunity to perform similar to nationals. Rules in place because you would have dancers on the floor who couldn't dance at all. Need to maintain our standards.
Hutt Valley	Against - Nationals you should be assessed, we do have the Novice section that you don't need assessment for. It's a nationals competition.
River Rockers	Against - Any national competition/sport, you do have a standard to maintain in order to compete.
Hawkes Bay	Against - Assessments are a stepping stone and positive for dancers to attain the level to reach the national floor, feel the Association Rulebook is the right place to have the criteria for everybody to meet and not put back on the clubs.
City of Sails	For - back in the day lots of competitors and now we don't. This makes it more inclusive. Dancers turned away because of assessments - they haven't passed and gone on to leave rocknroll. We want numbers on the floor.
Head Judge	For - always be two sides that it will affect. If competitors aren't assessed before nationals most do want feedback, may get our competitors back to club champs cause that's where they will get feedback before nationals.
Treasurer	Hiatus, can be done by adding to Section 3 'this section does not apply from this date to this date'. Not saying for or against. Hiatus or deleting is much the same.
Whakatane	Against - Consider a trial for 12 months, if unsuccessful we can bring it back in.
Surf City	Unsure, we still need assessments - maybe have an assessment level? Competitors need experience in pressure dancing. Some national standard dancing before they get there. For having for 12 months only.
Head Judge	Drifters, do you want an amendment? Or we remove it and if unsuccessful bring it back to the AGM to be reinstated.
Drifters	Is it easy enough to put back in? When you take something out it tends to stay out. There's lots of different viewpoints for and against, and not sure of the right answer is.
Tauranga	The 12 month trial is not long enough. Needs to be over a period of time. Not to remove but leave Rule 3 open so if it needs to come back so be it. About getting people/numbers back on the floor and at national level.
Treasurer -	If Assessments Section 3 is removed we will not renumber the rest of the rule book, will leave the heading in and a sentence saying 'Section 3 removed at 2022 AGM'.
City of Sails	Host clubs need competitors through the door to bring supporters along so clubs do well financially otherwise you are going to lose host clubs wanting to host nationals.

Voting on Remit 12

*For - 15 Against - 0 Abstention - 1
Carried*

Remit 13 - City of Sails

Remit withdrawn due to Remit 13 passing.

Remit 14 - Kapi Mana

Remit withdrawn due to Remit 13 passing.

Remit 15 - Executive

Remit withdrawn due to Remit 13 passing so no longer relevant.

The Head Judge thanked all those who helped with setting up the online assessments for this remit.

Remit 16 - Executive

Remit withdrawn due to Remit 13 passing so no longer relevant.

Remit 17 - Executive

Seconded by River Rockers

Amend 4.10 (a) – remove ‘(a)’.

Delete 4.10 (b) – already covered under 4.10 (a) (i).

Reasoning:

Rule book tidy up, no change to existing rules.

The Secretary spoke to this Remit.

No further discussion.

*Voting on Remit 17
For - 24 Against - 0 Abstention - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Lunch Break for 35 minutes. 12.25pm back at 1pm.

Remit 18 - Kapi Mana

Seconded by Christchurch

Amend Rule 5.1 (e) in Rule Book A.

Intention:

Remove any reference to a 5th couple in the remaining items of Section 5.

To read:

“No more than 4 couples in sections 1,2,3,4,10,11,12,13,14 & 16 will proceed to the final”

Reasoning:

We have heard in the past from couples competing in the finals, that they have found more than four couples restrict their movements on the final floor. Couples at last Junior Nationals in the Same Sex section in 2021 complained that with 5 couples in their final they were inhibited from using the floor space they needed for the routine and in one case had to shorten their routine to adjust and prevent themselves from running into another couple on the floor.

We have restricted the numbers to four in the quarter-finals and semi-finals, so why then are we saying it is ok to restrict the finalists (the cream of their sections) to less space?

In the event of a tie for 4th place for a final, a dance-off will take place for those tied couples.

Kapi Mana spoke further to this Remit:

2020 AGM - the number of couples was removed from '6th' to '5th' and we then had 5 couples at the 2021 Juniors Nationals - have heard from couples that they were restricted in their movement. Already have rules in place - no more than 4 in Semi Finals and Quarter Finals and should we do the same for Finals. Rules cover dance off in the event if there is a tie for 4th and 5th place.

Further Discussion:

Invercargill Against - unfair to someone who has earned a place in the final by joint 4th place to then dance off. Also disadvantageous to the one who won the dance off as they have danced one more than the rest in the final. In a short time frame also.

Cambridge Against - prefer 5 in a final. If you get the marks you deserve to be in that final. Better to put them through to a final rather than a dance off. They dance to a medium song. Floor etiquette too.

Drifters Against - modern nationals is quite big and does need etiquette. Yes, dance offs are an issue and a disadvantage for some couples.

Head Judge Understand etiquette, however if we want our best in the final, four on the floor will allow that. Discussion with judges - strong agreement for four on the floor only, although judges happy to judge however many are on the floor.

Whakatane For - We judge timing, variety and harmony, with 5 or more on the floor the judges need to give a fair enough account of their marks which will be difficult. Four couples are ample on the floor.

City of Sails For - 4 on the floor is a good idea, we think it's unfair to those 4 if there is a 5th couple as they will get less judging time. Understand it's not fair to dance off in the other rounds so it is fair.

Tauranga How often would a dance off happen?

Treasurer Do people remember many finals having 5 couples?

Secretary I remember two recently - one in seniors 2019 and one in Juniors 2021.

Treasurer Question is whether you let tied people go through or whether you have a dance off to reduce the numbers.

The Vice President About placement on the floor, it's restricted and people tend to gravitate to the middle of the floor. Maybe we need to control that more.

Secretary Floor Managers role to make sure dance couples spread out fairly.

Drifters As a dancer, who has danced in multiple finals with 5, it's definitely an etiquette, and the size of the hall. Last one comp did not inhabit us to show what we wanted.

*Voting on Remit 18
For - 13 Against - 11 Abstention - 0
Carried*

City of Sails Other places need to be tidied up due to this Remit passing. Do now?

Treasurer In general business.

Remit 19 - Executive

Seconded by Rosetown

Amend Rule Book 6.6 - first sentence.

To insert “by the Executive Committee”

Amended rule to read “A minimum of six Judges are appointed “by the Executive Committee” to judge each National Championship section....”

Intention:

To clarify that the minimum of 6 Judges are appointed “by the Executive Committee”.

Reasoning:

Just to clarify the current process – that the National Association Head Judge recommends a panel, the Executive Committee as a whole appoints it.

The Treasurer spoke to this Remit:

The Executive needs to put an Amendment forward as it's not clear what the change is in this remit.

*First Amendment would be to say that we want to insert
“by the Executive Committee” after the word appointed.*

Seconded by City of Sails

No further discussion on the Amendment.

Voting on the Amendment only

For - 23 Against - Abstentions - 1

Carried

Further Discussion on the Amended Remit:

Head Judge What happens now, panel appointed for Nationals Championships, the Head Judge brings to an Executive meeting the recommendations and then discussed. The Executive as a whole chooses the appointed panel.

Voting on the Amended Remit 19

For - 23 Against - 0 Abstention - 1

Carried

Remit 20 - Executive

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Amend Rule Book 8.5 - third sentence to read:

“The panel will consist of five National Association Judges pre-selected by their peers i.e. fellow National Association Judges”.

Add a further sentence: “If the panel is convened in regard to a matter concerning one of the pre-selected judges, that judge plus one other (randomly selected by the Executive Committee) will not take part in the panel’s deliberations.”

Intention:

Change the make-up of the disciplinary panel.

Amended sentence plus additional sentence to read:

“The panel will consist of five National Association Judges pre-selected by their peers i.e. fellow National Association Judges. If the panel is convened in regards to a matter concerning one of the

pre-selected judges, that judge, plus one other (randomly selected by the Executive Committee), will not take part in the panel's deliberations."

Reasoning:

Current wording does not allow for any consideration of issues that include the National Association Head Judge. The National Association Head Judge is also the Exec Member in most cases who would represent the complaint. A complainant acting as a panel member would circumvent natural justice. Pre-selection avoids any bias or preference when a need to convene is identified. This also allows for the situation where one of the pre-selected is required to be investigated.

The Head Judge spoke to this Remit.

Part tidy up and part is a change. Head Judge has been part of that panel and decision making. However, having them involved is a little bit of conflict. So just having 5 peers instead. When a judge on the panel is affected we need to have an odd number so that judge plus that random selection of another judge is removed for that case, so you still have an uneven number making the decision. If this passes, it would mean re-voting for a new panel. Process suggestions as Head Judge, will be a number of meetings in June, July or August just to discuss both what the judges values mean to get clarity as the panel would be using that and how we vote as a body, discussion and etiquette and also our expected behaviours. Then we have clarity of what the panel would be using it for.

Further Discussion:

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| Treasurer | Clarification - where it says 'preselected by their peers' that panel could still include the Head Judge. |
| Head Judge | That wasn't my intent. |
| Treasurer | Saying any Nationals Association Judge 'could' be on the panel which includes the Head Judge. |
| Head Judge | The panel needs to look at how often they were voted on, someone on that panel might move away or off the judges list or become the next Head Judge. |
| Kapi Mana | Question - shouldn't we have a name for the panel? is it going to be a judges' disciplinary panel? Or something similar? In the past it was what it was used for. |
| Treasurer | The current wording is "a panel will be convened". |
| Head Judge | Intent and reasoning is a disciplinary panel. |
| Treasurer | Not in the rules and Kapi Mana is suggesting to put it in the rules as a named panel. |
| Hutt Valley | Find it unusual to have peers on a discipline panel. |
| Head Judge | It is the process that is in there now. |
| Hutt Valley | In an HR situation you can take a peer for support but find it unusual to have peers judging you. |
| Cambridge | For the intent of this. Protects the role of the Head Judge. Judges and sometimes the Head Judge is privy to quite a lot of information, sensitive, |

confidential around their ability to meet criteria or not. Trust involved in the role.

Kapi Mana In a jury trial you end up with a jury of your peers. Wouldn't want to use very often.

*Voting on Remit 20
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstention - 1
Carried*

Head Judge Suggested process going forward will be to take it back to judges to see what they think the panel should be called and bring it back to the next AGM.

Kapi Mana Process could be in Book B, so doesn't have to be brought to the AGM to have updated every time.

Remit 21 - Executive

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Amend Rule Book 8.13
Change "secretary" to "Association Treasurer"

Reasoning:

Reimbursements are made through the Association Treasurer.

The Secretary spoke to this Remit.

No further comments.

*Voting on Remit 21
For - 24 Against - 0 Abstention - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 22 - Executive

Seconded by Hutt Valley

Amend 8.13 to replace "biennially" with "annually".

Intention:

To change the structure of judges' workshops.

Reasoning:

Currently we have a combined meeting of judges every two years.

Between those, although not explicitly covered in the Rule Book, typically the Association Head Judge hosts at least three and usually six regional workshops, across the three regions of upper North Island, Central (Lower North Island) and South Island.

The three regional workshops sometimes express quite different views, which often need to later be "collated" into a majority view, which individual judges aren't always in agreement with.

This remit proposes to fund a combined workshop yearly, with face to face seen as the best form of discussing, sharing and learning together. The Association funding of this could be offset by moving from physical regional workshops to similar workshops being hosted online, available for any judge to attend rather than being limited to per region. Individual judges could hear and take part in a wider range of other's thinking and remove the "regional" aspect of the meetings.

The Head Judge spoke to this Remit.

The idea is to bring all judges together on an annual basis, doesn't remove any other meetings. A Lot of us have different views that we can bring to the table which is good. Disconnects happen between regions, between judges because they aren't seeing each other enough unless they are judging at nationals. Asking for support to have an Annual Judges meeting.

Further Discussion:

- Cambridge For - fantastic for all reasons the Head Judge has just stated.
- Kapi Mana For - with removal of assessments, more important that judges are able to get together more often with an annual conference, Regional workshops and the workshops prior to Nationals. Support.
- Rosetown Head Judge description in March was updated but Rulebook states biannually. Came into effect prior to the AGM, why was that changed prior to it being voted in?
- Head Judge Clarify its always been a central one and alternate year there were two Regionals. It's not a change.
- Treasurer The Regional workshops aren't included in the Rulebook and is at the discretion of the judging community and Head Judge. Reasoning is perhaps the Regionals workshop isn't as effective as some of the combined workshops can be. Some here are saying they are happy to support due to Regionals staying in but not a given because that's not a rule. Only rule we have is we have a biannual judges workshop. Everything is at the discretion of the judges and this rule change means we will have that combined workshop annually. Not commenting on anything outside of that.
- Invercargill Concerned if we have judges workshops annually, where they will be and who will cover the cost for judges coming from top and bottom of New Zealand and is it an expectation that judges will attend and will that affect their judging criteria?
- Treasurer Rule 8.13 already says all judges attending will be reimbursed for their Expenses and Rules for submitting your receipts/reimbursements, we use \$1 Annual Membership Levie from Members. All that is changing is that the biannual will be replaced for the annual one now.
- Drifters Same question as Invercargill - cost. It works with current criteria but someone has to pay for it. As long as the cost isn't going up.
- Treasurer If some of the regional workshops moved to some being online the Association does pay for the Head Judge to go to those Regional meetings, so there is an offset there, if that decision was taken.
- Head Judge Not taking anything away, Head Judge decides what they are doing any given year and normally is talking to the judges to decide that.

*Voting on the Remit
For - 23 Against - 0 Abstention - 1
Carried*

Remit 23 - Hutt Valley

Seconded by Harbour City

Amend Rule 10.11

This remit will affect rules 2.1 (b) with Females will dress in ladys attire, males in mens attire.

To read:

"A Triple team is defined as three dancers".

Intention:

Allow more dancers to have the opportunity to compete at Nationals. Many clubs are having same sex triples. For Triples to be Same Sex also.

Reasoning:

To coincide with the changes made to Team events.

Hutt Valley spoke to this Remit.

To give more dancers a chance to compete. A lot of clubs already running Same Sex Triples.

Further Discussion:

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| Drifters | Concern - Sunday will be a ladies only event besides best Dressed Male. |
| Head Judge | No difference in judging whatever combo is on the floor. |
| Cambridge | Are we pushing the guys out - not sure if we are totally in agreement with that, team events are quite different. |
| Harbour City | Agree with Hutt Valley's reasoning, we got limited males/members in our club. It gets more people dancing and competing. |
| Secretary | Against - disadvantage for females, three dresses versus three males in suits, males have got a lot of opportunity to do awesome stuff, three females in three dresses could be a problem. |
| L&P Rockers | Against - Don't need another section, think there is enough Same Sex stuff. |
| Treasurer | Clarify Hutt Valley aren't suggesting we have Same Sex Triples Section, saying same sex triples can compete in the Triples Section. Not creating more sections. I would be in favour. |

*Voting on the Remit
For - 14 Against - 9 Abstention - 1
Carried*

Other Discussion:

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| Happy Dayz | Clarify that the same sex triples and no assessments across the board starts effective tomorrow? |
| Treasurer | From this meeting onwards, yes they come into effect. |

END OF REMITS

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| Treasurer | As discussed earlier regarding more rule changes due to Remit 18 passing. |
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The Treasurer would like to put forward a Motion to Amend any rule changes regarding Remit 18 and will be made outside this meeting and notified in the next Association Newsletter.

Reasoning:

Because we have identified two already but there is a bit of work to go through to identify others. Suggest to do this rather than rush it and miss a rule.

Will discuss further after the break.

Break for 10 minutes. 1.50pm back at 2.05pm.

The President apologised for the delay in starting.

Treasurer City of Sails and I have identified most of the changes. Motion made before the break, we can't do as it says specifically we can only change the Rulebooks at this meeting. Apologise. Will keep working on that in the next break.

The President spoke to the Council and put an offer to the Floor:

During the lunch break, Invercargill has expressed an interest in hosting 2024 Senior Nationals and would like to put in a bid.

*Invercargill Moved that the 2024 Senior National hosting goes to Invercargill Rock 'n' Roll Club.
Seconded by Rosetown Rockers*

*For - 24 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

The President thanked Invercargill and Congratulated them on their successful bid.

Election of Officers

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

Nomination for President

Karen Birch

*Nominated by Invercargill
Seconded by Gold Coast
Carried*

Nomination for Vice-President

Theresa Cummack

*Nominated by Gold Coast
Seconded by Hawkes Bay
Carried*

Nomination for Secretary

Neva Zainey

*Nominated by Drifters
Seconded by City of Sails
Carried*

Nomination for Treasurer

Yolanda van Dorrestein

*Nominated by Harbour City
Seconded by Kapi Mana
Carried*

Neva spoke further to her nomination bid:

Thank you to the clubs who have been voting and supporting me, really appreciate that. Has been an awesome opportunity and a privilege and not one I take lightly.

With Covid forcing our hand the past couple of years, I've enjoyed working with this team to think outside the box when real challenges have presented itself.

So moving forward, if voted back in I will be continuing to make improvements to the website, so if you haven't sent in photos yet - please do so I can do that thanks!

Thank You again and look forward to continuing to work hard with this Executive to bring back Rock 'n' Roll - pre-covid.

Theresa spoke further to her nomination bid:

Would like to say, I have learned so much having been on this Association and working with these

amazing ladies. Have been quite surprised at the amount of time that we give up personally to make things work well and our goal is to support the clubs and make us feel like one big dance family. That's my goal.

Confirmation of Head Judge

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

The President congratulated Tyree and the Executive on their re-confirmed positions.

Notice of Motion 2 - Executive -

Was deferred till after the Election of Officers.

Proposed Constitution Change 2 - The Executive

Seconded by Kapi Mana

Amend Section 10 - first paragraph.

Remove "or the position remaining vacant after voting".

Add new paragraphs after current first paragraph:

Nominations for Executive Positions excluding the Head Judge will be advised by email to all club secretaries, and via the Association's media, five days before, and then every day leading up to the nomination submission closing date.

In the event of only one nomination being received for an Executive Position excluding the Head Judge by the nomination submission closing date, at the AGM that person will be appointed, without a vote taking place.

Add new paragraphs under the current second paragraph:

Nominations for Association Head Judge will be advised by email to all eligible to vote for this position, five days before, and then every day leading up to, the nomination submission closing date.

In the event of only one nomination being received for Association Head Judge by the nomination submission closing date, that person will be appointed, without a vote taking place.

Reasoning:

- To be transparent about nominations that have been received for any Executive position, in advance of the closing date for nominations, which may also encourage additional nominations.
- To avoid the situation of a single nominee for the Executive positions (other than Head Judge) receiving a majority 'no' vote at the AGM and AGM delegates then having to nominate and vote on other candidates who have not been advised to the clubs prior to the AGM and who may not even be in attendance to speak to their nomination.
- To avoid the situation of a single nominee for the Association Head Judge position receiving a majority 'no' vote - there are currently no rules in place to provide direction in this situation.
- To encourage anyone who might consider a 'no' vote to instead put forward preferred alternatives, allowing an election between two or more candidates to be held.

The Treasurer spoke to this Constitution change.

Moved this to be after the Election of Officers in order to be really clear that if this passed, it would not actually happen today. Transparency is what this proposed change is about as well. Most elections you would know who's running well in advance and know who your choices were and we want to do that here.

We have said 5 days but given conversations earlier, maybe we make it longer. Before the nomination closes we would announce the nominations received which will go to club secretaries, on Facebook and the website. Everyday, up until the closing date for nominations. Currently we don't advertise any nominations, we just advertise the date and when it closes and then we say "here are the nominations received". After the nominations close, everyone would have had notice about who has been nominated, therefore after the nominations close when we get to the AGM we are saying if there is only one nominee they would be appointed rather than a vote being taken. There may be better wording suggested.

Further Discussion:

Kapi Mana Amendment to the second paragraph. After the new paragraph is too wordy we could use "if by the nominations submission closing date only one nomination has been received for an Executive position excluding the Head Judge, that person will be appointed at the AGM without a vote taking place". Not taking away from anything else but less wordy.

Treasurer Clarify - Where it currently says 'add new paragraph under current first paragraph'. Replace the second paragraph with your suggestion?

Kapi Mana Yes, correct. After the submission closing date paragraph which finishes with a full stop you have the second paragraph which says "in the event of" and we want to say "in the event of if by the nominations submission...." takes away the second sentence in that paragraph.

Seconded by Secretary

Further Discussion on the Amendment:

Kapi Mana The current one you had submitted was rather wordy and doubled up on itself. Ours says the same thing.

Head Judge Amendment not the Proposed Constitution Change 2 - Was deferred and amendment that has been put in by Kapi Mana for the second sentence and we are discussing that now.

Invercargill Do we want to amend the first one to 10 days? And deal with both at the same time?

Treasurer Will deal with one amendment at a time.

Kapi Mana wants to Move an Amendment change under heading 'add first new paragraphs after current first paragraph' - second paragraph change to below.

Amendment to read:

"if by the nominations submission closing date only one nomination has been received for an executive position excluding the Head Judge, that person will be appointed at the AGM without a vote taking place".

Voting on Amendment 1 to the Constitution Change 2

For - 24 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

Carried unanimously

Treasurer Kapi Mana, are you looking to do the same Amendment to the next lot of paragraphs regarding the Association Head Judge or is that not your intent?

Kapi Mana No

Invercargill Amendment in the first paragraph to replace “5 days” to “10 days” and that will align it with the other 10 days change, making it a little easier for everybody.

Treasurer Do you wish to do this to both first paragraphs? Have 5 days for both Executive and Association Head Judge position?

Invercargill Yes

Seconded by the Head Judge

No further discussion on the second Amendment.

Invercargill moves an Amendment to change from “5 days” to “10 days before, and then every day leading...” for both Executive positions first paragraph and Association Head Judge first paragraph.

Voting on Amendment 2 to the Constitution Change 2

For - 24 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

Carried Unanimously

No further discussion to the Amended Constitution Change 2.

Voting on the Amended Constitution Change 2

For - 22 Against - 1 Abstentions - 1

Carried

Please note: Will come back to Remit 18 changes after General Business.

General Business

No other General Business items tabled at the AGM.

Item 1 - Executive

To advise that the following guidelines have been added to Book B in relation to the Association Head Judge voting process:

This is to ensure judges and others have guidance, confidence and trust in relation to the Association Head Judge voting process – all of the above is currently-expected behaviour and already in place, but not documented, or necessarily clearly understood by all.

- The voting period stays open until the agreed closing date, regardless of when a majority is reached.
- It is accepted that candidates can campaign and voters and others can openly support a candidate, while using the current judges set of values as their guideline. These are outlined on the Association website.
- There will always be two Scrutineers chosen from the Executive and always including the Secretary. Scrutineers will vote as early as possible on the first day of voting. The scrutineers treat all votes in confidence.
- After the closing date and in advance of public announcement at the AGM, each candidate will be notified of the result, in part to allow for handover planning if required. It is expected that the result remains confidential between the candidate(s) and the Executive until public announcement.
- Candidate notifications and any public announcements will reveal the successful candidate but not the numbers of votes.
- The Executive Secretary will collate the results in a document which will not be disclosed publicly but kept for filing. Individual voters will not be named or recorded as ‘inwards correspondence’.

Secretary spoke to this item:

Additional changes after earlier rules changed today. ie; notifications of successful candidates.

Discussion:

- Kapi Mana Clarify - Should the scrutineers check all the votes to make sure they are all in confidence? Or are you talking about the Scrutineers will vote first so they don't have any influence on the result.
- Secretary The Scrutineers vote first, before we get any votes, that way there's no way of the suggestion of influencing the result. Both myself and the Vice President kept in constant contact that we were getting the same emails from all the judges.
- Cambridge Fantastic to see this documented in Rulebook B, a real guide. Discussion going forward for our whole culture and community. Step in the right direction.
- Secretary Believe it make sense to have it in there.
- Drifters The Bullet point for the public announcement will need to change.
- Secretary Yes, that will change and guidelines go into Book B only.

Item 2 - Tauranga

Current National Format

Is the current national format relative to today's landscape?

- Tauranga With the way the world is and the landscape has changed, and based on conversations I have had, does the current format work? Not saying it doesn't but wonder if other clubs here have there been conversations with members and competitors about the way we run our nationals. Are there any other ideas out there whether to make it smoother, free up more time?

Discussion:

- Vice President Have you been given any suggestions?
- Tauranga No. With cancellations due to covid, loss of competitor numbers. Is the format still relative? Is there a way to entice some competitors back in a format way? The way we run a competition, getting competitors back on the floor.
- Head Judge Currently , we have the Promotion Group that clubs can have a member attend, the last one Korena ran were that was a lot of really fantastic suggestions that were from club to national level. We are going to continue that on, perhaps some of things will come back to the AGM.
- L&P Rockers Agree with Tauranga, City of Sails and Tauranga had good merit about changing the dates - if they are going to get smaller maybe it should be just a weekend. Venues easier to book. Families like to go away, accommodations are cheaper if it's not on those peak weekend times and air flights can be cheaper. Something else to think about next year.
- Drifters Removing assessments will change that landscape now, will be interesting to see whether that has a positive impact or not. Certainly numbers are low even at our own club nights and membership has certainly dropped over the past couple of years so all clubs are finding it difficult. Interesting to see if the changes we have made will impact things.
- Head Judge Recommend - if you don't have a Club Representative on the Promotion Group,

please include them.

Secretary Clubs talk to your secretaries, we have sent out all those ideas in a bullet point form. See what ideas have been floating around.

Item 3 - Tauranga

National Venue

Nationals to be held between Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch to help with keeping travel costs down.

Tauranga This has been discussed in the past, go back to the cost of everything. Numbers of nationals that have been cancelled due to covid. You do see the entries fluctuate between the smaller towns and the bigger cities. Make it easier to get to these places, would this help increase numbers? Smaller regional clubs will miss out but in this digital world it is easier to organise a nationals from an ipad/tablet and your phone. Think holding in bigger cities, easier to get to. Like discussion on it.

Discussion:

Rosetown Limiting it to three clubs would disadvantage other clubs that have proven they can put on successful nationals. Consider cost and the ability of the association to subsidise weekend passes so that the hosting clubs aren't missing any money and try to make it more affordable to compete.

River Rockers Concerned - if it's restricted to just the three major clubs then they would have to step up and do it every year. Stress on those clubs, require a committee that's behind them and volunteers.

Head Judge Believe smaller clubs can have it, they just run it at a main centre so could be a club who will never have a hall in their area, decides to hold it in another area.

City of Sails Auckland has one club and Christchurch has one club, Wellington has several. You would be asking City of Sails to do a Nationals every 18 months and it takes 18 months to do one.

Tauranga No, a smaller club outside of Auckland could host but use facilities in Auckland. Things can be run without being in that city. The way we have done things is not working. There's a way around making it easier to allow for more competitors to come.

L&P Rockers Invercargill flights were expensive but the accommodations was cheap didn't make any difference. Invercargill was one of the cheaper nationals I attended and I have been to alot.

Christchurch Had this discussion with our committee. We would be happy to collaborate with Timaru, Invercargill, Dunedin, any clubs in the South Island who haven't had a chance to host a Nationals. Be there to support them.

Kapi Mana We enjoy travelling around the other centres, particularly the smaller ones and Whanganui is a good one, we are just as likely to have gone to Whakatane looking for it. Love the travel.

Hutt Valley Agree with Kapi. Enjoy the travel side of Nationals. Wellington is really only two Arenas to host a proper Nationals. We would get bored and quite repetitive.

Invercargill Agree with a lot said, but hosting outside your area - the use of sponsors - you can't expect anyone to sponsor your club if it's in your local area. Absolute no value to that sponsor.

Item 4 - Tauranga

Invitations to previous champions

To show appreciation to the couples who won their section the previous year.

Tauranga Trying to get people back and appreciation for those who have won nationals would go a long way. Should show appreciation to our champions, not saying those who got second or third any less but people would want to see those champions back. Invited back as long as you are dancing with the same person in that section. Make them feel appreciated, we all want to see our champions back and might increase spectator numbers.

Discussion:

Tauranga Only for the past year nationals, not going back 10 years. Every year we invite them back for one year only.

Kapi Mana Consider a remit and see if you can get the support for it through the clubs.

Tauranga Yes, considering it. Want to gauge the feeling for it this year.

Secretary Just for the couple who won, or the person individually and can come back dancing with someone else?

Tauranga No, same couple, only talking couples not triples, teams etc.

Happy Days Your talking about inviting them all back and there's 6-8 categories. Who wears the bill for that? The host club? The Executive?

Tauranga If we are getting people back that should mitigate that cost.

Treasurer Who bears that cost initially?

Happy Days Last year's winners who will wear their ticket costs and their entries fees, their own personal club or the association?

Tauranga If there are 6 categories at \$50 that's \$300 that's not a lot over the grand scheme of the weekend. For entry only.

Head Judge Good suggestion from Happy Dayz, might want to have that included in your remit.

Item 5 - Kapi Mana

The National Executive Committee please adhere to the wording in the first sentence of Section 5.1 (a) of Rule Book A.

“The timetable for the competition will be set by the Executive Committee **in conjunction with the Host Club.**”

Google Dictionary refers to “to work in conjunction with” means “Done or Used together”.

Kapi Mana was never consulted by the Executive when the 2021 Junior National Programme was set and the start time was advanced an hour earlier than that of 2016, when the programme had been larger. This meant the staff at the venue were required to start earlier and added more expense to the Host Club.

Kapi Mana This was brought up by our committee for the last Junior Nationals 2021. Was told what the time would be on the timetable and we had already explained that we would like to start later as we were paying staff to open up the hall. Actual numbers attending were less than 2016 when we last hosted. Asked to open an hour earlier than that. We thought cheeky and understood that the rules are done in conjunction, thought that would have been collaborative rather than being told what we were doing, so we did ask for it to be put back a bit and manage to get an extra half hour. The rules there for a reason and would like to see the Executive consult with the hosting clubs on this matter.

Discussion:

Secretary Kapi you are aware that this was addressed at the last AGM? And a lot of points were already addressed?

Kapi Mana Yes, at the time felt it was glossed over and not really addressed.

Secretary The Executive made very definite points last year but will go over them again. The main point raised this time 'we never consulted with you', we went back through all the correspondence and first contact was with your Secretary on the 15th February and had alot of back and forth conversations with your committee regarding the timetable until the 22nd March What we all agreed on came to a conclusion on the 22nd of March of what suited both. So regarding that we never consulted - I have to disagree, as we actually did thoroughly consult with Kapi Mana in the whole process and we did try to address any concerns raised including finishing early, starting later etc.

another point which was discussed last year, the 2016 programme timing compared to 2021. 2021, yes we had less competitors but we still had the same amount of sections so timing remained the same, regardless of how many competitors. We had an extra section and we started earlier than 2016 but we did have the programme finish early to accommodate. The time was the same as 2016, we just started earlier but finished earlier rather than finishing later.

To add, when the Executive puts the programme together, there's alot that we have to consider besides the timing of the programme. Dancers have to be considered as they are usually in more than one section, need time to rest, prepare themselves which are reasons why we might have a quite a few breaks which we do understand there is sometimes complaints about but is actually to not only make sure the judges have had a break but also the dancers to rest get themselves sorted and changed etc. This is reiterating what was mentioned at the last AGM with more content.

Kapi Mana Thank you

Break for 10 minutes. 2.55pm back at 3.05pm.

Item 6 - Executive

National Playlist

“5.4 (b) The songs/instruments are to be the original recording and artist (or most known version) selected by the Executive Committee from the National Playlist”.

We would like to gauge interest in relaxing or removing existing restrictions on our National Playlist selection criteria.

There are some amazing cover music of the original songs, potentially better versions and just songs that are great to dance to, that could be added to our song list and would like to consider looking to extend the years or remove the years completely. Believe we need more variety in our current playlist.

The existing process to add new songs to the National Playlist would still exist.

Depending on discussion we would be open to taking a remit from the floor.

Discussion:

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| Rosetown Rockers | For - think as it stated there are some real good covers. There are still some real good songs that are more modern but done in the 1950s style. |
| Hutt Valley | For - broaden the playlist at a club, regional level a great idea. But not at a national level. |
| Kapi Mana | For - fantastic idea, our DJ is all for it. Like to see this goes before a subcommittee that the Executive have put together an co-ordinate and have music collated and put forward. There are some songs that are on the list that haven't been used and maybe they could be removed in favour of some of the newer ones. |
| Treasurer | For - follow the same process, clubs welcome to put forward songs for consideration and then we can look to send them out to clubs and vote on ones that can go on there. |
| President | Secretary, how many clubs returned comments for the last lot of songs that were sent out? |
| Secretary | Three, maybe four clubs. |
| President | Consider a subcommittee is the way to go to start with. |
| Hawkes Bay | For - new songs, everyone wants a good song to dance to on the nationals floor. In favour, but don't want to see the song list being added to, have the less used or not so nice songs come off. |
| Drifters | Against - there are 500 odd songs on the playlist now and there's an awful lot of songs not used and should. Another issue is if you start introducing newer songs how will that be integrated into the nationals. Some people might get traditional and some might get newer. Will there be some animosity into how you are choosing songs? Need a bit of thinking about going forward. If someone wants to put a list forward we can all listen to it. |
| Invercargill | Agree - a clean out of the song list is necessary but perhaps new songs going in, put out for clubs to comment on and not a huge list of 170. Shorter list is a lot more manageable and when it comes to putting a programme together for |

nationals, grouping of the same songs, same length, same speed is all that we are looking forward to get fairness across the board for our dancers.

- Head Judge Looking at length, speed, and tempo when looking for the national playlist, it does add something if you then add genre. It would extend our considerations on how we group songs together or for example for semi/quarter final making it fair for competitors but still want a time frame of under three minutes.
- Treasurer Suggest not making any specific rule changes today but correlate suggestions from clubs of songs they enjoy dancing to that they consider rocknroll and they can share them via our website, grow our knowledge of music.
- Drifters Idea - sharing music that everyone dances to by all the clubs so they can use them would be really good, every club has our favourite songs to dance too that are non rocknroll. Not the same songs for everybody. Good to spread that knowledge around. If they are on the nationals website or get a hold of them would be helpful.
- President Like the idea of having 2 song lists.

Item 7 - Executive

Succession Planning - For the future of our Association.

Secretary spoke to this Item.

Left this open just to get club committee ideas on what they do within their own club for your own succession planning when you have people come on and off your committees, also my idea of succession planning in regards to the Executive. Allowing people who might be interested in the roll being more aware of it before they put their hand up gives them a bit of a teaser of what's going on.

Discussion:

- Cambridge Fantastic, having a proactive approach and observation is really important
Everyone has different strengths. Starts at club level.
- Head Judge Succession planning is not about setting someone up to follow in your footsteps, it's bringing some of the ideas and to demystify some of the jobs would be a really good thing.
- Secretary Had a whole plan, but will only go over some key points:
- Have someone as an observer on the exec who 'observes' the position they are interested in.
 - One or two Observers a year so there's not too many being involved.
 - No voting rights or privy to anything that we are required to deal with
 - Be involved in some of our meetings and any of our discussions
 - Have to be 18
 - Certainly abide by to make sure everything is discreet.
 - Recommendations from your club. Example; person is interested in that role, can you consider them for that position as Observer for that year. A teaser for them to see what happens, and might realise there's more involved than they realised.
 - Benefits to help strengthen the clubs and the Exec ties, we are a whole community of people trying to work for the benefit of rocknroll.
 - Being transparent about what our roles are and our processes

- Someone interested in the role - helps better prepare them moving into that role and putting their hand up and taking one of those positions.

Head Judge Any ideas that your club does have that might benefit the Executive - email them in.

Secretary Could send this out to clubs and get feedback.

Promotion Group

Treasurer talked to this Item.

Secretaries of each club early in 2021, received an email to see if anyone was interested in being a part of a group that would meet sporadically throughout the year and talk about things that may be of interest. Started with a group, people are welcome to join any time, met every 1-2 months and topics can be suggested by people in the group or things we have come back to.

- Get people either more engaged in their clubs or their community engagement with the national Association
- Trying to keep conversations going and helping clubs talking to other clubs about what they do
- Have had some great conversations about how we retract and retain beginners, how we keep people involved while in lockdown
- How we run our hops, club nights whether we do the same things or not
- Have had a couple of “what if” sessions where we run a particular process if we could change any of the rules or opportunities what would you do without any constraints. Came up with a load of ideas both at club and association level.

Intent of the Exec is to carry on with that again through to the next year. So if interested to know more, email our Association Secretary.

End of General Business

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

New Remits from the floor

The Treasurer put forward the below proposed additional remits (4) as a result of Kapi Mana's change in Remit 18 - Changes to 5.1 (e). City of Sail will second them.

1. Amend 5.1 (c) to insert 'and' between quarter finals and semi finals, and delete 'and final'.

Seconded by City of Sails

No further comments.

*For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1
Carried*

2. Amend 5.1 (c) Replace “for 4th place” with “refer to 6.5”.

Seconded by City of Sails

Any Further Comments:

Treasurer For quarter and semifinals it says ‘no more than 4 couples will proceed’ but because it says refer to 6.5 - if there is a tie we can have a 5th couple. Linking those really clearly together.

No further comments.

*For - 23 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1
Carried*

3. Remove 5.3 (b) and 5.3 (c).

Seconded by City of Sails

Talks about finalist medals and when they are rewarded.

Any further comments:

Kapi Mana Restricted - where there is a place where someone is X they don't get placed so do they deserve a finals medal or get places as last place getter?

Head Judge Made it to top 4. They are above 5th place so still get 4th place.

Treasurer They are still awarded a place and that would be 4th place.

Cambridge The way we treat finals in Restricted, they are still placegetters.

*For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 2
Carried*

Timaru have left the meeting. Voting strength is now 23.

4. Update 6.5 to remove “and including”.

Seconded by City of Sails

No further comments.

*For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1
Carried*

Treasurer Thanks City of Sails - Jeanette in particular with helping find the rules to be amended.

2023 AGM

We have a tentative venue booked for Brentwood for Saturday 27th May 2023.

The Executive will notify all clubs of the confirmed date and venue at a later date. To be advised via your Club Secretaries, Facebook and on the Association website.

Closing of Meeting

The President thanked all the Delegates for attending the meeting and would like to thank the Executive for their support. Had robust conversations and ideas moving forward. The next Executive meeting we will have things we will need to talk about. Change is good, you have twelve months to think of who you would want on the Executive next year, would be lovely to see more people put their hand up. Thank you for your participation and contribution today.

The Meeting closed at 3.40 pm.