



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



MINUTES OF THE 2025 NZARRA Inc. 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Strathmore Park Community Centre, Te Tuhunga Rau, Wellington
SATURDAY 24th MAY 2025

The Annual General Meeting opened at 10.30 am with a welcome from the New Zealand Association President Theresa Cummack.

The New Zealand Executive Committee was introduced

Vice President	Chloe Lowe
Secretary	Neva Zainey
Treasurer	Malcolm Mazur
Head Judge	Dianne Halstead

Apologies

New Plymouth
Top of the South

The President Moved the Apologies to be accepted.

*Seconded by Hawkes Bay
Carried Unanimously*

The President confirmed at roll call there were 16 clubs and 5 Executive present.
There are no Constitutional Notice of Motions, so the majority for voting on the remits is 11.

The voting procedure will be as follows:

- The voting to accept reports will be by show of hands.
- Voting for remits will be by show of hands.

The President went over housekeeping for this meeting and advised Daniel Zainey from Drifters Rock'n'Roll club to be appointed as Fire Warden.

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

No Matters arising

Moved that the Minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted

*Seconded by Gold Coast NZ
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President's Report

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

No Matters Arising

President Moved that the Report be accepted

*Seconded by Hawkes Bay
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Head Judge's Report

The Head Judge's report was circulated at the meeting.
Dianne read her report to be accepted.

No Matters Arising

The Head Judge Moved the Report to be accepted.

*Seconded by Tauranga
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried unanimously*

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

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

No matters arising.

The Secretary Moved the Correspondence Report be accepted

*Seconded by Surf City
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.
Malcolm read his report out.

Any Matters Arising

Invercargill	Financial sheet - accommodation - Ascot - did you explore other options?
President	Booked prior and not familiar with the areas. Hosting clubs could give suggestions.
exec	Revenue - Judging workshop - amounts accumulating for workshops
COS	So confirming we have money there waiting for combined workshop
Treasurer	Yes, combined workshop will be done this year
Invercargill	How's the finances looking?
Treasurer	Pre-covid it was high and after Covid, and we were unable to hold nationals but there was still other expenses and we paid back a couple of host clubs over the covid period. Not completely out of the woods but much better than last year.

The Treasurer Moved the Financial Report for 2025 to be accepted.

*Seconded by Drifters
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

SENIOR AND JUNIOR NATIONAL REPORTS

Senior Nationals 2024 Report - Christchurch

Circulated prior to this meeting and below:

The support given for the 2024 senior nationals offers some evidence that our sport may have stepped onto the path of recovery after the decline of the 'Covid years'. Competitor numbers showed significant increases when compared with the past few years, as did the overall level of ticket sales. This made it the largest senior nationals since the event was last hosted by Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club at the Lincoln Events Centre in 2019, an achievement of which club members are justifiably proud.

The many clubs and dancers from around the country were generous in their support with both competitors and supporters. As they all are, this was your 'nationals', and you took advantage of the opportunity to make it another outstanding event, a showcase of our best, as you and your supporters filled the venue to near capacity both days.

The facilities were as good as we find anywhere, and the venue operators (Selwyn District Council) were very supportive and responsive in meeting our needs, and this year also offered some grant funding to ensure that the event was successful. We are grateful for the support of the following organisations in providing grant funding:

- *Kiwigaming Foundation*
- *Pub Charity*
- *Aotearoa Gaming Trust*
- *Selwyn City Council*

The new approaches to such issues as catering for attendees also perhaps offer different models that might be considered by host clubs in the future. We applied for and were granted a license to sell alcohol, which we did at very good prices, so it was disappointing that some clubs put our licensee at risk by bringing in their own drinks. It is essential that clubs continue to support hosts by reinforcing this message with their members. The alternative is that host clubs will simply stop applying for liquor licenses.

We take this opportunity to thank the clubs of New Zealand for giving us their confidence and support in granting Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club the opportunity to host the 2024 senior rock 'n' roll nationals. Thank you. We trust that we warranted your confidence, and look forward to being able to do so again in the future.

*Kia tau te mauri
Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club*

Brenda spoke on behalf of Christchurch, in summary:

Felt it went really well, not much more to add to the report. Had a fantastic person in the committee to make sure we have a liquor license. Some clubs don't respect that and it could have put that license and him at risk. Maybe have security at future events. Cafe went really well. Gluten free meals had some issues. Estimated costs based on 300 sales which were based on COS. Great venue. Had an issue with people coming for hr or two but found that hard to track and sorting out levy put an extra burden on the administration.

Further Discussion:

Invercargill	Fantastic nats, just like you to justify the ticket price. Said last year it will be the last time nationals will be at \$100 due to the cost to pay for nationals. However with your ticket price you now have received \$37,000 profit.
Christchurch	We budgeted based on 300 people. We got \$10,000 sponsorship grants which you can't count on so our price was based on COS nationals numbers.
Drifters	Agree with Karl, good nationals. Drifters had correspondence with your club around the ticket price. Indicated it would be 'financial suicide' to run the event without applying for grants. In light of making a profit - two questions - is there any justification to give grants back or give back to clubs that attended nationals. You have mentioned it being a burden - what was the burden? The email you say with covid and the cost of living that you took that into your budget and costing - however in 2019 profit of \$30,000 this time it is \$37,000, our point of view did

- you expect to lose money in the increase of the fees? Did you really think you would take a hit?
- COS Remember they were basing on our nationals and that was 300 tickets. COS made a profit and that will affect how we track as a club and if we look at hosting another nationals. Any profit just doesn't go into the club, it's looking at other things.
- Christchurch As COS said. Hoped we would get more but planned based on previously. Was overwhelmed with how many clubs attended. Our club members work really hard and no one got in for nothing. We are giving back to our club. It's our major fundraiser, even with that sort of profit that's another 5 years with doing nothing else. We are hosting a Workshop soon. Not sure how we could fund back to other clubs. Administration nightmare.
- Invercargill How much was the price of the ticket?
- Wellington \$120 and then \$150.
- Christchurch Ticket agency - worked well but complex. It took this off our committee's hands so made it easier.
- Harbour City Profit in general - may need to consider moving to a different model. Previously we had looked at ticket levy to the Association. Host club takes 50% profit - and Association - the rest - which goes back to all clubs. Something to think about.
- President Constitution?
- Harbour City Not putting anything forward.
- Invercargill What were the actual ticket numbers
- Christchurch Saturday - 536 weekend tickets and 99 gallery tickets. Sunday - 482 weekend tickets and 32 gallery tickets.
- Dunedin Support Christchurch. Making a profit is a good thing. We have run years ago and put our club in a strong position and it helps the Association. Can't predict whether you will make a profit or not.
- Cambridge Thanks Christchurch. Agree it's healthy for a club to make profit - giving back to communities and give back. It covered meals which the Association didn't have to pay for.
- COS If clubs don't take the initiative to host nationals and take the burden of the loss or a profit - we won't have a nationals. Clubs are taking that burden on.
- Drifters Clarify - Drifters - 2020 we had 136 juniors locked in for a good nationals by the time we ran it we had 39 juniors. So our club understands the stress and anxiety and hoped we didn't make a loss. We had clubs turn up unexpectedly so we can came out of it with a small profit - \$7,000 - \$8,000. Not to criticise or put down. Just is there accommodation to consider the wider community.
- Christchurch Right of Reply - Thank you for questions and support. Thank all clubs for their support. Hope it goes well going forward.

*Christchurch moved their report be accepted
Seconded by Harbour City
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Junior Nationals 2025 Report - Kapi Mana

Circulated prior to this meeting.

The organising committee would like to thank the Executive and everyone who supported the 2025 Junior Nationals. We would particularly like to thank the executive, judges, DJs, MC, coaches, scrutineers, runners, dressmakers and everyone else who helped to make the event the success it was.

Past Junior Nationals were held in the large stadium at Te Rauparaha Arena but with the low numbers of competitors we opted to use the small stadium this time around. We feel that this was a good decision, and that the venue worked well and contributed to the great atmosphere.

We were only a small organising committee but were well supported by other club members over the weekend to help where needed. The Arena staff were particularly helpful, especially with set up and pack down. The club is very fortunate to have Sandra Fisher as a club member as she worked tirelessly on the hall decorations and organising the various meals for the officials, among other things such as coaching. The rest of the organising committee were very grateful for her sterling efforts.

At first there was some concern that we would make a loss due to the low competitors and thereby supporters. Fortunately, Cheryl Horo managed to obtain a grant of \$3,000 from the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust towards the hall hire and \$1,600 from the NZ Community Trust towards the videography costs giving us confidence that we would not end up in the red and could relax the budget somewhat.

We presold 131 all weekend tickets (47 kids and 84 adults), 35 Saturday only (10 kids and 25 adults) and 7 Sunday only (4kids and 3 adults). In addition, we presold 45 Friday only tickets at \$10 each (kids were free).

Over the weekend we sold a further 44 Friday tickets, 40 Public Seating tickets (at \$10 each, kids free), and took \$1,650 at the door. Additional income came from raffles, sale of badges, sale of caps and sausage sizzles.

Our total income was \$25,298.50, including the two grants mentioned above. Expenses were \$13,726.54 plus the National Association levy of \$3,650 resulting in a net profit of \$7,951.96 - a very pleasant surprise.

One of the biggest costs of hosting the National is the videography. Due to the small number of DVDs/USBs sold in past Nationals (both Senior and Junior) we elected not to spend the considerable additional cost in getting these put together. Instead, the whole event was live streamed and able to be downloaded for free. We would like to thank Craig Bain for his work in this regard and his generous discount as a club member. <https://vimeopro.com/withloveweremember/2025juniorrocknrollnationals> If anyone would like specific areas to be downloaded onto a USB, Craig will do this for a fee.

Rule 1.states 'Club/s hosting National Championships are required by the Association to make a DVD of all competition categories and presentations, including all the dancing in all the heats, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of the event to be available for purchase at a reasonable cost to associated clubs'. Given technology has moved on and DVDs are outmoded, Kapi Mana suggests Rule book A - Section 1.10 needs to be reviewed and amended at the 2025 AGM. It is worth noting that not one club has approached us about purchasing a recording of the event.

We wish the Wellington club all the best in hosting the joint Junior/Senior competition in 2026.

Darren Bailey spoke on behalf of Kapi Mana, in summary:

PJ party and Dan with his games was a lot of fun.

Made a profit which was a pleasant surprise. Based on ticket sales and purely down to getting grants. Videographer - club member and did it for free. The DVD didn't have it available as can download for free. Suggest we amend the rule book to change from DVD/digital, could reword. Download it for free as long as it is videoed and available to get. Suggest that maybe look at making it more future proofed, as not all people have DVDs anymore.

Further Discussion:

President

We require an edited copy

Hawkes Bay

Thanks, the live stream was awesome - we liked the option to watch live stream. What is the cost if it's not free? It was amazing, however it would have been a huge cost.

Kapi Mana	He wanted to do it for free. We watched Drifters live stream previously. However, is there another option?
Treasurer	I am in talks for Tauranga Nationals at the moment and can find the cost.
Head Judge	If we live stream will that cut down people attending physically?
Hawkes Bay	No, we enjoyed it. We had people who were unable to attend and could watch.
Hutt Valley	Enjoyed the atmosphere. Were you challenged for a venue based on numbers, being a smaller hall.
Kapi Mana	Other venue was \$4,000 so went with what we did, was suitable and other venue was too big and would have lost atmosphere as too big.
President	We discussed with Kapi about having a smaller hall and floor. We compromised.
Hutt Valley	Nationals we did feel it was compromised with a smaller hall.

*Kapi Mana moved their report be accepted
Seconded by Hutt Valley
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Senior Nationals 2025 Progress Report - Tauranga

Circulated prior to this meeting.

2025 Senior Nationals progress report. Host Club Tauranga Rock n Roll Club.

Progress on the 2025 Senior Nationals hosted by Tauranga and hosted at Rotorua's Southern Trust Sportsdrome is well under way.

The first newsletter has just been released. That had ticket prices and camping info. Along with banner and trophy delivery address. More info will come out in time with ticket order forms.

We have gone with no door sales as we are trying to save people money to get around the stadium's ticket agent. We are also looking at offering pre ordered tee shirts and if they go well will have some at the venue along with raffles. We are also hoping to have a few vendors. This venue has been used twice in the past and we know it works well.

Hope to see you all there more information to follow.

Malcolm Mazur

Tauranga Rock n Roll Club President

Further Discussion:

Invercargill	Theme?
Tauranga	Club colours

*Tauranga moved their report be accepted
Seconded by Drifters
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Combined Nationals 2026 Progress Report - Wellington

Combined National letter circulated prior to this meeting.

Richard spoke on behalf of Wellington, in summary:

Walter Nash stadium - not booked in yet, as soon as confirmed we will let Exec know so they can book their accommodation etc.

Saint Patrick - Porirua

Asking Craig to do the live streaming.

Date - Labour weekend. Letter received from Executive and Wellington advising clubs of this.

Further Discussion:

Drifters	Venue - 3 what would cause the cost, date set? Available
Wellington	Date set - basketball tournament. Dates can't lock anything in and only had verbal discussion with the venues - so just waiting to lock it in. Then look at sponsorship.
Invercargill	The date in the programme says 23 April
Secretary	Sorry yes that is a typo
Invercargill	Confirmed as Labour weekend?
President	Confirm, yes Labour weekend, with discussion with Wellington as per last AGM discussion.

*Wellington moved their report be accepted
Seconded by Hutt Valley
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

ALLOCATION OF 2027 JUNIOR, SENIOR or COMBINE NATIONALS

2027 Allocation of Nationals

Any BIDS for

Junior Nationals 26th – 28^h March 2027

Senior Nationals 22nd – 24th October 2027

Combined Nationals to be held at either Easter or Labour Weekend

Discussion on Allocation of Nationals:

President	Will not be taking a vote, open for discussion.
Drifters	So not asking for vote for junior, senior and combine
President	We won't vote on that today, we will work with the host club and we have a Special General Meeting (SGM) coming up and any issues will be discussed then. As the same as what happened last year with Wellington.
Harbour City	Confirming you are looking for a Junior host for Easter and Senior host for Labour weekend and whichever club has it - will host both Junior and Senior nationals in that weekend. .
President	Yes
Kapi Mana	Has it been locked in?
President	Yes
Kapi Mana	Could it be King's Birthday weekend?
President	Have to be discussed later at the SGM
Cambridge	Potentially have a nationals weekend in 6 months time.
Drifters	Last year Wellington had both juniors and seniors and allow them on the understanding at the later date to decide which weekend - uncharted territory - getting clarity.
President	We have clarity, making the call for the best way forward
Drifters	We can work it out together, and any misunderstandings and be patient.

Invercargill	Can we do this at the end - can we come back to the allocation after remits?
President	Reasoning
Invercargill	May have a different decision
President	Discuss combined first
Invercargill	Invercargill will put in a bid. We are tentative until we talk to the committee.
President	Can talk in general business for the time of year. Last year we didn't lock a definite weekend going forward. Discussion didn't go further.
Secretary	Last year we didn't lock it in as we only approved the rule allow for a combined without taking the intent which is to not remove the option of junior and seniors as that was a concern last year.
Drifters	Do we need a backup for 2027 or 2028? Drifters may consider putting in a bid if Invercargill is unable to host as a back up.
President	Take a 5 min break

Back from 5 minute break

President	Yes, Invercargill and Drifters - having a second proposal and not successful and can put it forward for 2028, and Combined will be discussed at General Business and then work with the host club concerned.
Hawkes Bay	What happens with junior and senior - is there scope to split them again. If we keep narrowing the option to only combine, it changes the intent?
Christchurch	Disappointed that it wasn't a 1 day junior nationals. That it wasn't considered before Combine. Last year discussion was to look at all possible options and Combine was a last resort.
President	Last year it was about finances and now it's about lack of entries. Costs of that weekend are still an issue also.
Treasurer	Issue for 1 day. Juniors may do 3 - 4 days in one day is alot to expect juniors to do.
President	Any other bid for Combine Nationals 2027
Drifters	If Invercargill backs out, you would still have to put it out to clubs again?
President	Yes
Drifters	Drifters puts forward a bid with same understanding to go back to our committee - we are considered as back up if Invercargill pulls out.
Christchurch	Invercargill - How confident your committee will agree?
Invercargill	100%
President	Drifters, if you didn't get 2027 would you want 2028?
Drifters	Yes - 2028 we would be happy for that.
COS	You can't allocate hostclubs for 2028 as other clubs have the right to put a bid in.
President	Yes, agree.
Head Judge	We may end up needing to have juniors and seniors separately by then.
President	Our goal will be to go back to normal and see how Combine goes for the next couple of years. Intention is to get our juniors back.

President advised will discuss hosting further with Invercargill and Drifters after this meeting. Clubs will be advised at a later date.

PROPOSED RULE BOOK A CHANGES**Remit 1 - Christchurch***Seconded by Harbour City***Amend Rule 1.4 (e)****Replace \$10 with \$11****Remove '\$5 per spectator ticket'****To read:**

"The host club of a National Championship is required to charge a levy of **\$11** for each competition day ticket sold, payable to the Association and forward such monies owing to the Association, no later than one month after the championship."

Reasoning:

On the day, public door sales at a 'Nationals' are unpredictable, random, and often chaotic. Keeping track of them requires an additional layer of administration. Our contention is that the revenue gained doesn't justify this additional burden on the host club.

The ticket sales revenue for the National association from the 2024 Nationals would have been greater if the ticket levy were simply increased by \$1 per ticket. This means that the host club does not need to provide those additional layers of administration, and ensures that the Association receives an equivalent dollar return.

The two scenarios are modelled here from actual 2024 Senior Nationals data.

1. With \$5 levy per public admission ticket

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount NZD
SNR Nationals 2024 Levy Saturday	536.00	10.00	No GST	5,360.00
SNR Nationals 2024 Levy, Saturday Gallery	99.00	5.00	No GST	495.00
SNR Nationals 2024 Levy Sunday	482.00	10.00	No GST	4,820.00
SNR Nationals 2024 Levy, Sunday Gallery	32.00	5.00	No GST	160.00
			Subtotal	10,835.00
			TOTAL NZD	10,835.00
			Less Amount Paid	10,835.00
			AMOUNT DUE	0.00
			DUE DATE	20 Nov 2024

Actual. 2024

2. With no levy on public admission tickets and an additional \$1 levy per venue ticket.

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount NZD
SNR Nationals 2024 Levy Saturday	536.00	11.00	No GST	5,896.00
SNR Nationals 2024 Levy, Saturday Gallery	99.00	0.00	No GST	0.00
SNR Nationals 2024 Levy Sunday	482.00	11.00	No GST	5,302.00
SNR Nationals 2024 Levy, Sunday Gallery	32.00	0.00	No GST	0.00
			Subtotal	11,198.00
			TOTAL NZD	11,198.00
			DUE DATE	

*Income for NZARRA.
If levy increased by \$1.*

While the difference is small, it would have meant less administration and accounting for the host club, and increased revenue for the Association.

Any Further Discussion

Christchurch

The figure is unknown and locating an area for door sales and we needed the public seating for the ticket entries. And had those who are attending to not sit there as allocated for the public. Already been advertised and tried to accommodate and was a nightmare. Price of \$1 would give more money to the Association.

COS

FOR - but would like to see an amendment - remove the \$5 from that sentence and have another sentence. 'However spectator tickets are exempt.'

COS Amendment to read as below:

Seconded by L&P

"The host club of a National Championship is required to charge a levy of \$11 for each competition day ticket sold, payable to the Association and forward such monies owing to the Association, no later than one month after the championship. However, spectator tickets are exempt."

No further discussion

Voting on Amendment

For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

Carried Unanimously

Further discussion to the Amended Remit

Drifters

Against - what other admin is? What is that burden? When it comes to the numbers at 2024 Seniors for example what happens if competition is down but spectator sales are up and screwed the other way.

Christchurch

Historically - spectator is the bread and butter for the host club. \$1000 spectator tickets - but found this year - we had only 2 entries and had our own club sitting there also. Constant admin to write down where they are sitting etc.

COS

Maybe we are talking about the wrong thing. Spectator is for those who can't come onto the floor - not to do with any door sales.

Christchurch - Right of reply

Clarity on what a competition day ticket is. Spectator is to come watch their family dance for an hour. That's the spectator. Have space put aside. Treasurer works real hard and wanted to get it right.

Voting on Amended Remit 1

For - 16 Against - 5 Abstentions - 0

Carried

Seconded by Hutt Valley

Remit 2 - Executive

Amend Rule 1.7 to remove the second sentence:

'National Championship Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 & 17 on the Saturday and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15 & 16 on the Sunday.'

Amend Rule 2.5 (b) to remove the word 'Sunday' in the last sentence

To Read

"This restriction also applies to the Best Dressed Female parade."

Amend Rule 2.7 to replace

'Sunday Best Dressed parades' with "Best Dressed Female, Best Dressed Junior Female (5-12 years), Best Dressed Junior Male (5-12 years) and Best Dressed Male parades'

To Read

"Failure to comply with Rule 2.5 (b) before the first Call Back in the **Best Dressed Female, Best Dressed Junior Female (5-12 years), Best Dressed Junior Male (5-12 years) and Best Dressed Male parades** will result in disqualification."

Amend Rule 5.5 (a) to remove the words 'on Saturday' and **replace** 'Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 14 & 17, and on Sunday prior to competition sections 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 16' **with** 'all Sections excluding 6 and 9'

To Read

"A best dressed parade will be held prior to the section of competition for **all Sections excluding 6 and 9**"

Reasoning

The above proposed rule changes remove the requirement for specific Championship sections to be held on either the Saturday or Sunday of competition.

This will allow the Executive (in conjunction with the host club) more flexibility to set a program that best accommodates the numbers of entries per section, and to take advantage of the possibilities that hosting a Junior and a Senior Championship on the same weekend offer, by removing the restrictions of specific sections being held only on a Saturday or Sunday.

Existing rules will continue to ensure that when setting the program, there are suitable breaks allowed between any one competitor, perhaps needing to dance again.

The Vice President spoke to this Remit

No Further Discussion

*Voting on Remit 2
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 3 - Executive

Seconded by Drifters

Amend Rule 1.8, third and fourth paragraphs to replace

'as at Good Friday of the year of the competition' **and** 'as at 31st October of the year of the competition' **with** 'as at the Monday immediately following the competition'

Amended paragraphs within rule 1.8 to read:

The age limits are:

Junior Championship – 5 years and under 18 years as at the Monday immediately following the competition except for Section 6 where the age limit is 3 years and under 18 years as at the Monday immediately following the competition.

Senior Championship – 18 years and over as at the Monday immediately following the competition.

Amend Rule 1.8 (iii) to replace '31st October and Good Friday' **with** 'the Monday immediately following a Junior Championship and the Monday immediately following the next Senior Championship'

To Read

"A dancer who is 17 years of age whose birthday falls between the Monday immediately following a Junior Championship and the Monday immediately following the next Senior Championship will be able to dance at Senior Nationals prior to their 18th birthday...."

Replace current Rule 4.3 wording with the following:

"The age of an entrant is taken to be:

For both Junior and Senior Championships, their age as at the Monday immediately following the competition.

Refer to Rule 1.8 (c) for exceptions."

Reasoning

Especially with the introduction of a Combined National Championship, we need to move away from the rules that are currently based on competitions being held at Easter or Labour weekend, while retaining their intention in terms of determining a competitor's age and eligibility to enter a particular section.

These changes will provide clear rules on how a competitor's age is determined in relation to Championship sections, regardless of when that Championship is held.

The change to Rule 1.8 (iii) also removes the option for a Junior to "dance up" when a Junior and a Senior Championship are being held on the same dates, without taking away the opportunity when they are held separately.

The Secretary spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

COS

When it's going to be a combined championship, it reads that it is going to still be separate junior and senior - does 1.8 (iii) still fit in with the wording?

Secretary

Yes

*Voting on Remit 3
For -21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 4 - CHRISTCHURCH

Seconded by COS

New Rule 1.8 (b) Senior Championship Sections

18 Diamond Triples

Add 18 Diamond Triples 60 years and over

Reasoning

The advent of the Diamond Restricted section at senior nationals has uncovered that layer of dancers who would be happy to continue to compete, feel the competitive spirit still, but who have stepped back from national competition because they find themselves competing against those significantly younger than themselves. It has also brought new dancers onto the competition dance floor. We

cannot afford to marginalise these dancers at a time when we are still rebuilding competitor numbers across all ages.

Currently the senior triples section means that at age 65 dancers are likely to be dancing against those aged 40. This disparity discourages more senior dancers from continuing their competitive careers. Introducing a Diamond Triples section levels the playing field somewhat for those of more mature years.

Other Rules to be altered on acceptance of the new section

Rule 1.7Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16 & 18 on the Sunday.....

Rule 4.10 (ii) Senior Championship

Add Section 18 – Diamond Triples – 3 teams

Rule 4.12 (c) An entrant or competitor can only dance in one of sections, 7, 8 or 18 in the National Championships.

Rule 5.4 (a) Alter second sentence to include section 18. Delete the word “Instrumental”

Competitors in sections 7, 8 and 18 (Triples) will dance to one slow medium and then one faster medium song in each stage of the competition.

Rule 5.5 (a) alter to include Section 18.

“.....on Sunday prior to competition sections 5, 7, 8, 18, 13, 15, 16 & 18”.

Rule 9.6 (a) alter to Include section 18, to read:

Non returnable: Each place getter in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18.....

Rule 11.5 (a) & (c) - An Inappropriate Move– Alter both rules to include Section 18

Further Discussion

River Rockers	For - a lot of people asking if Diamond Triples happen. So FOR it.
Kapi Mana	Against - combining, moving forward and looking at logically and with 26 sections and adding now extra sections it's not necessary. Can still enter seniors. If you miss out - you miss out
COS	For - a lot of older members in our club - more like to dance in this and need to add a few things to section 18. More rules to change such as delete instrumental.
Christchurch	Instrumentals is still in there however the songs have been removed from the playlist
COS	Discussion last year was to keep it the rulebook whether there is instrumental songs on the playlist or not.
President	Need to go back to original remit please
Invercargill	On fence - more not agreeing - last year there were only 2-3 triples in that section. Is it required?
Cambridge	For - a lot of older members who would dance - Suggest they dance to one song - good for over 60 plus to keep them dancing.

President	Appreciate the discussion but need to get back to the original remit.
Cambridge	Disagree, was discussion the remit
President	Discussion was about changing it to one song which is not this remit.
Hutt Valley	For - by sitting on the fence having competitors on the floor is good, population of our dancers who dance competition are 60 plus and an exciting section for them to compete in. If it's not working we won't run it. Being more inclusive.
Harbour City	For - agree with COS concern - amendment to put forward.

Harbour City amendment that reads as below:

Seconded by City of Sails

Add 18 Diamond Triples 60 years and over and amend other rules as required.

*Voting on Amendment only
For - 18 Against - 2 Abstentions - 1
Carried Unanimously*

Further Discussion on Amended Remit

Invercargill	Clubs - how many have entries for this. Show hands - Majority - had members attend.
Wellington	Would it be not more of the same.
Secretary	Against - We don't have much participation in the other 2 triples sections and adding a 3rd takes away from the 2 already out there. Now adding another section to the programme also.
Hutt Valley	Agree - manage the entries - should it fall into the grey area. They could move to the senior section. Can be challenge dancing against younger ones.
COS	Look at it different - if the seniors numbers low they could dance in the Open triples grade
Kapi Mana	Defeating the purpose of the Diamond Triples. Whole point is to not have those dancing against their own age group.
COS	Entries on the floor - getting numbers.
Christchurch - Right of Reply	Alot of our members are 65 and are retired. You have time to dance and enter senior nationals and have the dancers. What's bad about it?

*Voting on Amended Remit 4
For - 14 Against - 6 Abstentions - 1
Carried*

Lunch 12.30 pm

The President advised with so much discussion regarding combined, we have moved Remit 14 forward to now for discussion.

NOTE: *Remit 14 was brought forward for discussion to allow for clubs who were leaving early to be involved in this discussion if they wish to.*

Remit 14 EXECUTIVE

Seconded by L&P Rockers

Add new rule 10.21:

"A Combined National Championship is defined as a Junior National Championship and a Senior National Championship that are run in conjunction, hosted by the same host club, on the same days and at the same location."

Reasoning

Although a Combined National Championship was added to Rule Book A at the 2024 AGM and there was general agreement on what was intended, there was no clear and agreed definition.

This makes it clear that a Combined National Championship consists of two separate Championships, with the rules relating to Junior and Senior Championships continuing to apply e.g. sections as per rule 1.8, minimum number of dancers as per rule 4.10 (ii), etc

Further Discussion

Cambridge	On the same days - combined - what does that mean. May have juniors and then seniors or sections together eg All Novice together.
Vice President	This isn't referring to the programme and how combined would happen.

*Voting on Remit 14
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried unanimously*

Remit 5 - EXECUTIVE

Seconded by Tauranga

Replace Rule 1.14 second sentence with:

"No officiating Executive who enters any dance section of the competition shall serve in an officiating capacity on the day of their participation."

Reasoning

This provision permits an Executive member to participate in non-dance sections of the competition such as 'Best Dressed Female', while still retaining their ability to officiate during the official dance sections on the same day.

Further Discussion

Harbour City	Against - current official is either officiating or competing
Gold Coast NZ	This would exclude Malcolm?
President	No, he would be able to still dance one day.
Drifters	Novelty was that included
President	It is a non dance event so yes.

*Voting on Remit 5
For - 15 Against - 6 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Remit 6 - EXECUTIVE -

Withdrawn and place in General Business for discussion

Remit 7 - EXECUTIVE

Seconded by Drifters

Amend Rule 2.5 (b) to add to last sentence:

'and Best Dressed Junior Female 5-12 years parade'

To Read

"This restriction also applies to the Sunday Best Dressed Female parade and Best Dressed Junior Female 5 -12 years parade."

Reasoning

Rule book tidy-up. Adding Best Dressed Junior Female 5 - 12 years to the rule as it should have already been included in the ruling and had been missed.

Further Discussion

Kapi Mana
Secretary

Could you amend it to remove Sunday as well?
It is now already removed as per the earlier remits to remove Sunday? When this remit was put out the original rule still stood.

*Voting on Remit 7
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 8 - EXECUTIVE

Seconded by Drifters

Amend Rule 4.4 to replace

'Junior Championship 6th February
Senior Championship 31st August'

With

'60 days prior to the first day of the Championship to which the entries relate'

To Read

"The Closing date for all entries (including Novelty) is:

60 days prior to the first day of the Championship to which the entries relate.'

Reasoning

To provide clarity on when entries close, regardless of whether the Junior and Senior Championships are being held separately or on the same date.

No further discussion

*Voting on Remit 8
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 9 - HUTT VALLEY

Seconded by Gold Coast

Amend Rule 4.12 (d)

Add 'or Same Sex couple'

To read:

"A couple or Same Sex couple can only dance in one of sections 10, 11, 17 in the National Championships."

Reasoning:

Allows for a Same Sex couple who do not want to do jumps to be able to compete. Currently we allow couples to choose whether to dance in one of the age categories or one of the restricted categories, this has resulted in many competitors competing who otherwise would not. We would like to extend this opportunity to our Same Sex couples for exactly the same reasons.

Over the last few years we have been focusing on ways of getting more competitors on the floor and growing our competition numbers. This is in line with that thinking.

Further Discussion

Kapi Mana	A lot based on the wording of a couple. Definition of couple is 1 male and 1 female - if we change that - Same Sex can dance in that section. Politically correct down the line.
Harbour City	It is defined in the rules at the moment. Which won't allow for the remit Hutt Valley has put forward.
Kapi Mana	2 males can dance in Open if they want.
COS	This means that they can dance Open or Platinum which is not the intent of this ruling.
Invercargill	Against - judges said the dancing to different between Couple and Same Sex. Too different but maybe Same Sex restricted stand alone section.
Wellington	Example Hutt Valley - what could they dance?
Hutt Valley	Restricted same sex
Wellington	Example of a couple?
Hawkes Bay	For - Currently Same Sex can dance in Novice - which that would allow one of those couple to then dance in Restricted then going into Same Sex, if they can't do the lifts in Same Sex. See the benefit.
Vice President	There is no requirement to do lifts in Same Sex.
Hawkes Bay	Its perception
Vice President	Only requirements are for timing, harmony and variety.
Harbour City	For - does it mean Same Sex can dance in Restricted and that they can't dance in a non Restricted section.
Hutt Valley	Yes.

Voting on Remit 9

For - 13 Against - 8 Abstentions - 0

Carried

Remit 10 - HUTT VALLEY

Seconded by City of Sails

Amend Rule 4.12 (f)

Add 'or Same Sex couple'

Add '13,16'

To read:

A couple **or Same Sex couple** who competes in one of the sections 10, 11, 17 cannot also compete in one of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, **13 & 16** in the National Championships.

Reasoning:

This aligns the rules governing Same Sex couples with Couples.

If the above remit passes, then a Same Sex couple that dance in a restricted section should not be allowed to also compete in the non restricted sections.

Further Discussion

Christchurch	Clarify - they have to change dance partners to dance in another section.
Hutt Valley	Yes.

Voting on Remit 10

*For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1
Carried*

Remit 11 - EXECUTIVE

Seconded by Drifters

Amend Rule 5.1 (a) to remove

‘The Senior Championships and the Junior Championships shall start on a Saturday.’

Reasoning:

Allows the flexibility for the setting of the programme.

Further Discussion

Harbour City	Against - as it currently stands. It could mean that Juniors or Seniors on a Friday. Good to know the reasoning. If intent to start on Saturday or Sunday. Is intent to allow for Friday. Should it say Saturday morning?
Vice President	Intent to allow for the possibility on Friday evening - Which you would know well in advance.
Harbour City	Exec discretion? By saying Friday does that mean Friday morning, Friday evening or Friday. In the future new exec would need to understand the intent of the rule.
Drifters	Combining - change is change and give Exec flexibility. Friday morning wouldn't be the intent but maybe Friday evening. Something has to give.
Wellington	For - give the Exec to have the power to sort programme - however entries close 60 days prior and some people book well in advance and may not have prepared to start on a Friday.
Hutt Valley	For - reiterate Wellington - the nature of the labour weekend logistically the weekend would be harder to get people there if the exec use friday nights.
Secretary	The intent is for us to use Friday night if absolutely necessary. It would be worst case scenario, because we will already be maximising Saturday and Sunday, trying to do the best but allowing Friday evening for some of the fun sections will give flexibility to the programme.
Harbour City	Want to put an amendment forward to read that it can start from Friday evening.
Harbour City Amendment to read as below:	

Amend rule 5.1(a) to read:

Seconded by Hutt Valley

‘The Senior Championships and the Junior Championships may start on a Friday evening.’

Discussion on the Amendment

Drifters	Define Friday evening?
Secretary	My intent when looking at everything is to ensure we are doing the best for the programme and dancers. Intent would be to not start on a Friday morning. Friday as it stands wouldn't change regarding timing. If it were to be utilised it would be 6 - 6.30pm with conjunction with host club on opening as per normal as it does now. It would be more likely to be things like best dressed, the Novice section or fun sections of nationals.
COS	Will this impact the host club?
Wellington	No, it would not impact the facility, the workers or us.
Cambridge	Suggest removing the last sentence?

Harbour City	Clarify - its to 'now read' now not remove
Head Judge	Judges' meetings would be impacted as they are in the afternoon
Secretary	They wouldn't be impacted as there is no change to Friday times. Judges meetings, setting up nationals, starting around 6ish just like normal would not change. It would be that the programme starts then and not a social/meet and greet night.
Invercargill	Easter weekend would work for this as you can get Friday off - could look at Thursday?
Secretary	Not wanting to complicate it. Keep it to the status quo regarding Friday.
Treasurer	It would cost more to start on Thursday.
Wellington	If you think need to start Thursday that means entries are getting bigger and then we need to look at going back to separate nationals.

Voting on Amendment only
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously

No further discussion

Voting on Amended Remit 11
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1
Carried

Remit 12 - EXECUTIVE/HEAD JUDGE

Seconded by Wellington

Amend Rule 8.9

Amend first bullet point - from 'six' to 'four' and 's' to end of competition

Amend second bullet point - from 'four' to 'two'

To read:

"The criteria to qualify as an Association Judge is as follows and must be completed:

- Armchair judge a minimum of **four** competitions, all using the Association rules and judging guidelines;
- Officially judge a minimum of **two** competitions, all using the Association rules and judging guidelines;

Reasoning:

There are now fewer local competitions, which leads to less opportunities for trainee judges to be able to meet the current criteria. These changes will make it easier for aspiring judges to be able to complete the training required to become a Association and a National Association Judge. The intention of this rule is for trainee judges to be able to meet the criteria of judging competitions.

Further Discussion

Head Judge	We had a lot of club champs and don't have that now
Hutt Valley	Question - how long would it take a judge to take.
Head Judge	As it stands 6 competitions
Hutt Valley	How long?
Head Judge	2 year
Vice President	Could be 3-5 YEARS
Head Judge	Yes cause some of them are dancing

Hutt Valley Wellington	So its reducing it down to become a judge If passed - a judge who has done 5 - 3 - would they have to stick to 6 - 4?
Head Judge Wellington	Would still have to sit their exam and then qualify If they have done their 5 would they pass
COS Cambridge	Can the new Head Judge be given speaking rights? Minimum requirement so be up to the Head Judge opinion of whether they are required. Taking away the minimum.
Christchurch Head Judge Elect - Karen	Their judges can take about 3 years based on their local comps. It is the minimum and up to the Head Judge and trainee and if they are ready
Drifters	For - sooner we get judges out there. With the Remit 14 passing already we now have the definition of combined.
Hutt Valley	Against - like to see more Regionals Competition and get judges to them.
COS	Where against as it's important that the judges know what they are doing out on the dance floor. 1 - 2 years that's too soon. Even with lots of competitions, it can take judges 2 - 3 years. We have 27 judges - alot for one competition. May have some people coming off the judge panel but still have reasonable numbers even with combine. Important that the judges know what they are doing.
Harbour City	Association Judge - they can't dance nationals - we are FOR as there is not a lot of competitions and then again for National Association Judges.

*Voting on Remit 12
For - 19 Against - 2 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Remit 13 - EXECUTIVE/HEAD JUDGE

Withdrawn

The Head Judge advised this was put forward prior to combining passing so we would put it back to the judge to discuss. Combined workshop they can discuss it further.

Remit 14 was moved to earlier in the minutes

Remit 15 – Executive:

Seconded by Tauranga

Amend Rule 11.5.1 to add 'and 17' after 11

To read:

In Section 10, 11 **and 17** only (Restricted), an illegal move is one where one person in the couple takes the weight of the other person while that person is not in contact with the floor.

Reasoning:

Tidying the rule to line up with what already is in place as per 4.10 (ii) 17 Diamond Restricted

No further discussion

*Voting on Remit 15
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

End of Remits

1.56 pm - Break for 10 minutes

2.10pm - Returned to the meeting

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President advised that herself, Neva Zainey and Malcolm Mazur were reconfirmed as Association President, Association Secretary and Association Treasurer respectively. Justin Budgen was appointed as Association Vice President prior to the AGM.

The President thanks Chloe Lowe for her service on the Executive.

CONFIRMATION OF HEAD JUDGE

Karen Birch was confirmed as Head Judge.

The President congratulated Karen on her position and thanked Dianne as outgoing Head judge.

GENERAL BUSINESS

COMBINED NATIONALS - Invercargill

Invercargill	Time for the year - Junior Nationals at Easter has worked well. I wouldn't want to see a combined nationals at Labour weekend - have a good contingent but we may not have a big number as close exams, focus on Christmas and farming. Lots happening. Another option for combine - Matariki weekend
COS	Easter - yes shops closed at easter however we simply shopped the day before - so a non shopping day isn't an excuse to host Easter weekend.
Christchurch	For Labour weekend - Easter accommodation and holidays are more expensive, do support matariki weekend for combine.
President	SGM - optional of a different weekend could be discussed
Harbour City	Matariki is on Friday - Kings being a better option.
Hutt Valley	King's birthday weekend - Monday holiday - ideal, Labour weekend most ideal but King's birthday weekend would be good. Good space to drive club competition
L&P	Kings Birthday weekend - Australia they bring a big contingent over and have a competition that weekend also.
Secretary	Australian dancers would miss out. They bring a huge crowd to support and dancers to compete and would hate to lose that if we use a weekend that they already use for their Worlds.
Invercargill	Friday you take off so Monday you would take of instead
Hutt Valley	Australia - their competition can be moved around depending on their date - can be biannual.
COS	Focus on the current 2 options as the idea that we go back to separate.
Tauranga	If you have it at Kings Birthday weekend - you would have a 9 month buffer - and if it changes back you only have 6 months for expense. If in the middle of the year you have lead way.
President	Non binding vote - just to get a direction of what clubs want to do on whether we add King's birthday on a non binding weekend.
Christchurch	Say middle of year and decide later
Wellington	Do we need to take a non-binding vote? Would like to go back to the

- clubs to see what direction.
- Drifters Why not both - get a feeling from here and then back to clubs and they could raise different points and advise exec of those points.
- President Part of the decision with Wellington - it gave us a guidance - which is what we are looking for from Invercargill. Had hoped that you may have discussed with your club
- Hawkes Bay Not at the AGM last year - small club - not many competitors and gutted on missing out on the discussion. Not allowing clubs to have a voice is detrimental. Disappointed not to be able to be involved in the discussion.
- President It's a gauge from the majority of the clubs attending
- Drifters Agree with the president - non-binding - on all ideas and then give you a gauge. Then send out to affiliated clubs and get them to come back by a date to get their feedback to give a good basis.
- Christchurch Concern on alternative weekends - taking away the thought we might be having a Junior and Senior weekend only. Labour weekend. Another time it looks like this is it and not going back to normal.
- COS Club Champs for us is in August, other clubs have them around. We are asking exec to make decision about our competitions when our club competitions are.
- President Get an indication from today. Clubs here can go back from today after discussing with their clubs and let us know. Still do a non-binding
- Harbour City Only vote in principal for 1, 2, 3 options. e.g Mid year, Easter and Labour weekend
- Drifters Clarifying - non-binding vote on each and then gives scope over all. Can vote on all.
- Non binding -
Labour weekend/Combined nationals. For - 18, Easter weekend For - 4, Mid year For - 14

Easter	Labour
Stuff closed on Friday so tricky to get organised - Get organised the day before	Junior struggle with labour weekend due to exams High cost close to Christmas Cheaper flights and accommodation
Matariki	King's Birthday
Doesn't change each year Suit most people Holiday on a Friday – requirement for people to have to take Monday off.	Monday holiday. Clashes with Australian comp. Mid year, works well as part of comp season

UNDER AND OVER'S - Executive

Some of the conversation online was around whether we could have an under and overs section at a combined nationals. What are clubs thoughts on this?

Further Discussion

- COS Yes, but not for the first one and could be at junior nationals to get more numbers.
- Hutt Valley Muddies the waters for parents to monitor - just adding too much
- Kapi Mana Streamline - prob get more entries but more fun at club level - not

	needed to add to the event.
Treasurer	Agree with Kapi - Club level thing, need to see if the combine nationals works.
Drifters	Leave it for a fun thing - mix and mingle but not in the competition
Head Judge	Agree with Malcolm - triples have been added - however stretching the programme.
Wellington	Definitely don't need at this nationals or at all. If we start promoting juniors we don't need under and overs. Do it at Regionals and have a Under and Over's night. Keep at that level
COS	Back in the day was a serious competition club level - if we did it at junior national you could run 2 different sections. Split into different categories.

Bullet points from the discussion:

- Not at first Combined. Could add to Junior to add competitors to championships.
- Separate out the sections, to have junior boys vs junior girls
- Fun thing at club level – not a national event
- The MC could use this as a fun thing.

PROGRAMME FOR COMBINED NATIONALS - Invercargill

Have heard talk that it could be Novice together and don't see that working. Could be a mess. Might not have entries, I wouldn't dance. May be interesting to see. But at the same time it is good to have seniors supporting juniors.

Further Discussion

Drifters	Is this an Exec question
President	Novice Junior/Senior and go through the programme. Kids getting support from the adults. If we do it separately the exec has discussed and believes that the seniors won't come until they have to be there. Losing the atmosphere that we are trying to build back up with clubs. Be apart as a family unit. It may be difficult, the challenges are good - kids will love to see their parents out on the floor.
Drifters	Bring your community - comes down to who we bring. Kids dancing then you bring the family community who can then be helping. Which brings more numbers at nationals. Change is change. Find a way around it. Kids give a buzz competing and they deserve to see their parents dancing too.
Hutt Valley	Concern around this - struggling to keep the numbers in the game - the nationals have really changed when we used to have parades down the street to now combine cause numbers have dropped. Having the ability to have all the hats on. As coach, dancer and parent is a challenge. Might affect the culture of the nationals. Big challenge with the exec getting the programme right.
Invercargill	Nationals combine - financial reason - they wouldn't be there anyway. Judges in our club have advised it may be a nightmare
Head Judge	Agree - a lot of work putting the sheets together. Not muddled up with the seniors.
Christchurch	Agree with mix and match - however finals the little ones through the

	finals earlier in the night. Tighten best dressed parade together. Will there be a larger judge panel?
Head Judge	Maybe 9-10
Secretary	The kids will not be doing finals late in the night. I'm doing different versions of the programme to be able to see how we can do this. At the moment, we have already been combining best dressed sections which is already saving time.
COS	You will need to integrated for scheduling purposes. You already have to spread them out. But if you have lots of sections then you just run all the heats together. Judging - back in the day we were judging a lot of sections and we did it then. The only reason that you would need nine judges, if there are conflicts of interest to manage that. You might have extra conflicts to manage.
Secretary	There is certain things that give us guidance in the rulebook that we have to follow which has to be taken into consideration also.
Hawkes Bay	As a small club you have less number doing all the jobs, it would be easier for us if it wasn't integrated. The support we got for our juniors was family. The rollover effect of integration would be negative for a small club. More people need to help Neva - because this cannot be all on her. You need all of those perspective to do a good programme
Secretary	To be clear, the programme is not solely on my shoulders. We as Executive finalises it together.
Kapi Mana	Senior nationals has 16 sections, and Junior has 11 now adding in another. We are going to have to make compromises. Such as the semi final - if there are not enough couples for a semi, they should go straight to a final to save on time. Based on the last couple of years that might save on 4 - 5 sections. With best dressed - marshalling of best dressed takes so much time. Do all the judging of best dressed in the marshalling area and then go straight to the warm up song. Then do the best dressed parade at the presentation time. Think about the warm up song - people don't even really use it. So why not remove it, as most people are already warm.
Christchurch Head Judge	That is in Rule Book A - 5.1 d - is a requirement. Marshalling at the back - need to look real close it's really important to Also get a look further back of the petticoats etc. Hard to see in marshalling. Hard to see the detail - that's the reasoning for marshalling. Semi - when you practice for 12 months to get to nationals - you only gonna dance once is not fair that they don't get a second chance. Hate to see semis taken out.
Secretary	Marshalling - is also for the floor managers also. Time to get the dancers ready and organised to go out on the floor. We rely on clubs to get their dancers to us - this takes time sometimes.
Kapi Mana	That happens in the semi - someone dancing only once if there is a semi.
L&P	Agree with semi and Best Dressed marshalling - do 3 or 4 best dressed. Sometimes you are only lucky to get to dance once - works both ways. Needs to be competition. Section should be a minimum of 4.
Tauranga	Kylee - Like the idea of semis as that's where your nerves are sorted out.

Tauranga	Rana - Different opinion to Kylee - Olympics you only get one chance. It's just the way it happens.
COS	Judging panel - Best Dressed marshalling there is not enough room to do this, need the floor. Cutting out semi final used to be a straight final and then we had plenty of time. If this came through Combined this could save time.
Christchurch	Could also letting dancers know that they are in the finals in the team Break.

OLD TROPHIES - Executive

What are the expectations of clubs regarding the old trophies that have been replaced. What do the clubs want the Association to do with them?

Further Discussion

Christchurch	Thought there was a process in place. Contact the donor - if they don't want it dispose it
Secretary	Yes, this is if that process doesn't work. We don't want to dispose of it.
Harbour City	Could they go on Association website - and then get rid of the trophy
COS	Give to last person who won it
Invercargill	Same as COS - offer to those who won it last
Drifters	Give to the person who won the trophy the most.
Hutt Valley	All suggestions so far are good. All steps in the best interest.
President	Looked at resurfacing and it can't be done
Head Judge	It is hard to get the names off the trophies as they are rubbing off.
Secretary	Have a spreadsheet with all the winners that is added to each year.
Christchurch	An honors board on the website would be nice.

Item 2 - DRIFTERS

Juniors

Ideas on how to retain/gain juniors. What are clubs doing?

Further Discussion

Invercargill	Coaches - to help support them. Outreach to schools lessons through school day or demos at assemblies. More public demos with current songs that they know. Better advertising on social media. Senior club nights we don't get juniors - so we are thinking we have a club night on a Friday to bring them in. NZCA - offers dance credits - looked into it - courses not targeted to couple dance but will let you know if something comes from that.
Hutt Valley	New Zealand credits - we can do this in the school. I teach in my school as a dance unit. Teaching kids to couple dance, which has been our biggest way to get dancers to clubs. School and relationship. Need man power. From experience when reaching schools we need to reach the whanau as they need to support. We are here because of family. Reach them through social media, need to look into that.
President	We have an Instagram page. Need to reach the kids how they are 'reachable.
Vice President	No tiktok yet, Executive were supportive of a tik tok however there is

	no content, which you need. We can't just have older dancers that won't reach the younger audience.
COS	Our local college - 10 couples for the NZCA never saw them as they were into hip hop but there is no family involved.
Vice President	Have also taught in schools - but not much support.
President	Reaching out to clubs for Facebook - have to ask them but it is hard to get anything given to us voluntarily. However, a lot more people on the Facebook page. Excellent tools we can't do ourselves and need clubs to provide content and support.
Drifters	Of all clubs - who attends the promo group? - Show of hands was the majority of the room.
Treasurer	Having people attend depends on the content.
Drifters	Got talented people in social media, get these smart people to help and dominos lined up.
President	Large percentage of clubs have the issue - Gold Coast NZ wouldn't attract younger ones. A lot of the clubs have older members and need the energy in the club to attract the younger ones. How do we encourage those clubs who have one couple to bring more.
Hawkes Bay	Small club - juniors of families. Never been able to retain juniors on their own. Except when we had our own junior club. Did games, prizes etc. we don't have the members, the team or the time.
Christchurch	Our kids aren't interested - parents are brilliant dancers but their kids aren't interested, they don't want to know. Do need to get parents involved.

Bullet point from this discussion

- Juniors attract juniors
- Coach – need more coaches and lessons for juniors
- Reach out to schools – demos & lessons during school
- Public demos with newer music included
- Social media
- Fun for juniors
- NCEA – teaching as part of the dance curriculum. Needs to include family otherwise you won't retain
- Need to keep support for the promo group
- Juniors in some clubs are the juniors in the family of other members

CONSIDER A COMMITTEE MEMBER ON THE NZARRA EXECUTIVE - Drifters

- Treated as a transition position
- Support the other position

Further Discussion

President	To a degree - committee member disagree, however have had Yolanda, Leeyan and Jan helping with the Constitution - so really helpful and thank you. Could be some of the duties for Neva. However we deal with a lot of personal information.
Christchurch	Any past executive member would be willing to help
Hutt Valley	Good merit - exec often the back bone of keeping things to get together.

	Shadows for us would be great. Next step from here to there could be quite nerve-wracking. Encourage that as clubs to talk about your own clubs if they have aspirations.
Kapi Mana	Streamline - can be done. Sent out at all the clubs and at agm only talk about the actual changes. So not working through those remits that need changing.
Harbour City	You would have to change the rule book - already review beforehand to make sure it goes as quickly as it could. Formality at AGM.
COS	Post exec members can help. Would you want them having voting rights? So not a committee member but a helper.
Drifters	Next generation. Come to the Friday and help set up etc, so you see what they deal with in the background. They deal with a lot in the background.

Bullet points from this discussion

- Already get support from non-exec members with things
- Need to be mindful of confidentiality
- Past exec members willing to help. Knowledge and support out there for the exec
- Encourage people to help the exec to ease the burden
- 'observer'
- AGM stuff – can some of the more simple remits be voted on prior to the meeting?
- Thinking about succession planning

3.00pm Cambridge Cruises left the meeting. Flight to catch.

4.12(c) CLARIFY ENTRANT OR COMPETITOR - City of Sails

Vice President	Definition is in 10.7
COS	Needs to be changed to a triple team? Discussion years ago - felt entrant or competitor
President	Can be looked at as a remit.

LIVE STREAM VS PARTICIPATION - Head Judge

Further Discussion:

Head Judge	Thoughts will be they will just watch it and not pay to come to the nationals
Treasurer	Some people who can't get to it - miss out.
President	Could encourage people to want to attend physically
Hawkes Bay	Positive effect for our club. Wanted to support our juniors but couldn't Attend
Vice President	Live stream - have a fomo effect. Social media is the intent that they feel like they missed out and want to attend next time.
Hawkes Bay	Yes agree
Treasurer	Some people who dance in the past make them want to come back
Hutt Valley	Good value and create our own content and make moments of for tiktok etc. Encouraging this at each nationals would be good.

COS Rule Book - live stream a copy will be able to be made and not a massive cost. A good idea. Main idea is a record. If it can be achieved by livestream that would be good.

Hutt Valley Events are being live streamed anyway. If we can control it and done well then that would be good to front foot it.

ASSESSMENTS - Christchurch

At the moment they don't need to do assessments so they aren't competing at club champs/level and it affects judges losing the opportunities for judging. Need to start looking at it again soon. Something to think about - If you want to do nationals you need to compete in club champs.

COS Assessments were the reason they stopped doing club competitions and just did assessments. Agree with Christchurch

Christchurch We contemplated that we would put in their rules you had to compete at Club champs to dance nationals under their club.

EXECUTIVE OFFICIATING ON ONE DAY - Executive

This is from Remit 6 which was pulled and we want to discuss it here.

Unwritten rule between us that you only dance one day of the competition weekend so that you are still officiating some of the weekend. Helping each other. Don't have a problem dancing but it leaves the work to the remaining members and being on here means they do have responsibilities to the Executive also.

Further Discussion:

Harbour City Agree however it can be an unofficial rule and it reads different in a remit. Should stay as an agreement with Exec, it kinda limits what they can if it is a rule. Rule already allows for a minimum of 3.

President Good idea

Head Judge The Head Judge doesn't help as they are judging.

Kapi Mana That's where you lean on others.

Christchurch We are prepared to help as past executives.

END OF GENERAL BUSINESS

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

2026 AGM

Confirm the date and discuss the type of AGM - Physical/Online.

Discussion

The President took a non binding poll to see if clubs want the next AGM to be a physical meeting.

For - 20 Against - 2

Vote was FOR a physical meeting.

Decision for a physical AGM on the 23 May 2026.

Drifters Any hops on that date next year?

Hutt Valley We could look at putting one on.

The Executive will notify all clubs of the confirmed venue via your Club Secretaries, Facebook and on the Association website.

Closing of Meeting

The President thanked the clubs and the Executive. Enjoyed General Business as it is how we learn and give direction going forward.

Justin and Karen were presented with their badges and Chloe and Dianne received a thank you gift for all their help on the Executive.

The President thanked Kapi Mana for lunch and morning tea and Goldcoast for providing the tablecloths.

The Meeting closed at 3.57 pm