



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



MINUTES OF THE 2026 NZARRA Inc. 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Strathmore Park Community Centre, Te Tuhunga Rau, Wellington
SATURDAY 23rd MAY 2026

The Annual General Meeting opened at 10 am with a welcome from the New Zealand Association President Theresa Cummack.

The New Zealand Executive Committee was introduced

Vice President	Justin Budgen
Secretary	Neva Zainey
Treasurer	Malcolm Mazur
Head Judge	Karen Birch

Apologies

Rocking Robin

The President moved the Apologies to be accepted.

*Seconded by Tauranga
Carried Unanimously*

The President confirmed at roll call there were 17 clubs and 5 Executive present.
There are no Constitutional Notice of Motions, so the majority for voting on the remits is 12.

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 with the exception of the first two remits, the Executive would like to take a poll to agree that these are by secret ballot.

Any further comments

Harbour City
Secretary

Can we have someone outside this room to do the counting?
No - it is only Kapi Mana in the kitchen, so that is not a third party or someone unbiased.

The President took a poll for voting of Remit 1 and Remit 2 would be by secret ballot.

For - 21 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0

The President went over housekeeping for this meeting and advised Paul Morris from Hutt Valley to be appointed as Fire Warden.

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

No Matters arising

President moved that the Minutes of the 2025 AGM be accepted

*Seconded by Hutt Valley
For - 22 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 their report be accepted

*Seconded by Whangarei
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Head Judge's Report

The Head Judge's report was circulated at the meeting.

Karen read her report to be accepted.

No matters arising

The Head Judge moved their report to be accepted.

*Seconded by Christchurch
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried unanimously*

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

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

Neva spoke to the correspondence

Secretary The Executive would like to give a special thanks to Dan Zainey. Most know him as the front man at nationals however he does a lot of background work for the executive and want to acknowledge the work he has done for us such as revamping entry forms, redesigned rule book covers, redesign of certificates and he also designs our tshirts for each nationals. So thank you.

The Secretary moved the Correspondence Report be accepted

*Seconded by Drifters
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Treasurer's Report

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

The Treasurer has advised the Association Fees and Levy should remain the same for the upcoming year.

The Treasurer moved the Association fees and levy to remain the same for the 2026/2027 year.

*Seconded Harbour City
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

The Treasurer moved the Financial Report for the 2025 year to be accepted.

*Seconded by Tauranga
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

SENIOR AND JUNIOR NATIONAL REPORTS

Senior Nationals 2025 Report - Tauranga

Circulated prior to this meeting. Kylee Grigg read out the report on behalf of Tauranga.
No Further Discussion

*Tauranga moved their report be accepted
Seconded by Hutt Valley
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Combined Junior and Senior Nationals 2026 Progress Report - Wellington

Circulated prior to this meeting and Viv Babbington read out the report on behalf of Wellington.

Any Further Discussion:

Hawkes bay	How many tickets were sold?
Wellington	200 but coming in as bulk orders.
Hawkes Bay	Early bird - ok to wait that long? Any indication if the tickets are getting up there.
Wellington	Yes
Tauranga	What is your capacity?
Wellington	600 can go up to 800
Invercargill	Spectators/tables?
Wellington	60 tables and stands for seating
Christchurch	Do we need to bring cushions
Wellington	Most clubs will be at tables and Wellington will be elsewhere to make sure clubs have allocated tables.

*Wellington moved their report be accepted
Seconded by Hawkes Bay
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Combined Nationals 2027 Progress Report - Kapi Mana

Combined National letter circulated prior to this meeting.

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

Formed a sub committee and met several times.

Have two weekends pencilled in with the venue and confirm in a couple days time based on today's meeting. Working on themes and planning in place. Main things are that the campervan cannot be parked at the arena car park but there are other places around where they can go.

Juniors was the smaller stadium - this will be the larger one.

No further discussion

*Kapi Mana moved their report be accepted
Seconded by Hutt Valley
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

ALLOCATION OF 2028 JUNIOR/SENIOR COMBINED NATIONALS

2028 Allocation of Nationals

Any bids:

Drifters bid for Easter weekend

Invercargill bid for Easter weekend

Discussion on Allocation of Nationals:

President As we have two remits that could change which weekend, the Executive will move that allocation of Nationals 2028 be after the remits have been completed.

PROPOSED RULE BOOK A CHANGES

Remit 1 - River Rockers

Seconded by Tauranga

Amend Rule 1.6(a)

National Championships - The Association may organise a Senior Nationals Championship at Labour weekend and a Junior Nationals Championship at Easter weekend or a Combined National Championship at Easter weekend annually, at the discretion of the Executive.

That Senior Nationals (whether combined or split) be held at Labour weekend from 2027.

To Read:

“(a) The Association may organise a Senior Nationals Championship at Labour weekend and a Junior Nationals Championship at Easter weekend or a Combined National Championship at Labour weekend annually, at the discretion of the Executive.”

Reasoning:

After much discussion, the remit comes about due to both a disruption to high level training schedule, and also its proximity to most ‘Club Champs/Challenges’ etc and other standing annual events. Traditionally, training for Senior Nationals begins after partners have had their respective summer holidays, somewhere between late January and early March. You can reasonably expect there to be no further major disruptions to that schedule for the rest of the year. The aim is to have routines roughly ready for early August when our Fun Challenge/Club Champs takes place, and anyone intending on competing at Nationals can choose to be “assessed” or not by Association judges. Feedback from the judges is taken on board and full-on high level training continues for the next few months, up until the traditional Labour Weekend Nationals. The issue we have with an Easter Nationals is that this heavy training period then coincides with the Summer holiday period. This will either disrupt training when you can’t afford there to be a break, or force partners to not take a break during summer. Many passionate dancers will likely not have much of a problem with this, but it will certainly not translate back to a partners family, spouse, children.

Easter itself is also very close to Beach Hop dates. Many Beach Hop attendees book their accommodation for the next years Hop immediately, and we have been hearing of a number of traditional Senior National attendees that will no longer be attending due to their standing bookings for Beach Hop.

We have also been hearing about a worrying number of people from clubs across the country who would normally attend and/or compete at a Labour weekend Senior Nationals that are flat out refusing to attend an Easter Senior Nationals.

Although Easter requires less annual leave to be taken, it is also when retail facilities like supermarkets and food shops are forced to close on Good Friday, when people are arriving and setting up their stay and, in some cases, closed for at least half a day on Easter Sunday.

On a more minor note, Easter also does not have stable dates and can be either in March or April.

Juniors are our future, we understand that. However, we feel it shouldn’t be the be all and end all at the expense of the people who are keeping RocknRoll alive now.

River Rockers spoke to their remit.

Further Discussion

Whangarei	For - I have had the privilege from junior to now and seen the pros and cons and juniors trains through the Christmas period is tough and you can lose interest in the dancing as you can be missing out and disruptive through the Christmas period. Expensive weekend with public holiday. It is much nicer to train in the winter period.
Cambridge	Clarity - reasoning talks about Easter and disruption and remit includes the Easter option.
Invercargill	Against - We have a lot of juniors and that time of year for them and parents is difficult as around exams. There has been suggested a weekend such as Matariki and Kings Birthday was discussed last week. Puts Seniors as priority.
Kapi Mana	For - Club as whole has mostly seniors and numbers primarily the bigger number is senior and being at Easter this suits the juniors. Majority will be seniors.
Drifters	Against - some of the things discussed makes sense. Last year - we voted. Change is inevitable and adaptable. Clubs had equal opportunity to change this last year at the Special General Meeting (SGM). We haven't had a chance to see if it works. Admittingly we have a bid for 2028 Drifters which does lead strongly into our decision. Understand from experience the point of view of Whangarei. There is now a copy of this PDF on our website as well. Can still train in winter and gap before summer period kicks in. Beach Hop - they don't care about our events so we should only worry about what affects us only.
City of Sails	For - back at the SGM our clubs was 'for' Easter but having more conversation with club members because the majority of those going would go to Labour. Expense at Beach Hop.
Harbour City	For - to Labour weekend. Need to support our seniors also.
Christchurch	For - this year we got juniors coming so that may not be a problem.
Whangarei	Apologise - SGM last year, I didn't get involved so when I did hear about it I voiced my opinion. As someone who danced since 7 is having a break after nationals. At Easter I will need to take a time out. End of year winding down.
Cambridge	For
Invercargil	Explore other options at Labour/Easter. Our parents have highlighted that kids may not attend if it's at Labour weekend. Seniors are the larger part - but we need to build our juniors or we won't have seniors down the line.
Kapi Mana	Concern for Kapi hosting - numbers may be a lot lower for 2027, asking for everyone to keep training for 6 months. Won't be able to switch off and train for a year. Worried numbers will drop off.
Secretary	As an Executive, frustrated that we are talking about this already. Last year we put in a lot of effort to resolve this starting with a questionnaire sent to your clubs to gauge what weekend preference to help guide our decision and at the SGM we presented the top two options which were Easter with a vote of 18 clubs 'for' and Matariki with a vote of 8 clubs 'for'. Easter was selected as Matariki was deemed too culturally inappropriate. Clubs expressed the need for consistency and reliability for the hosting club, executive and dancers for planning so agreed collectively that we wouldn't look at making any changes until 2029 AGM that included which weekend. This was put in Book B as guidance. The two main reasons the Executive decided to combine Nationals was due to the financial strain and bringing up our junior numbers and looking towards the future of the competition. We also sent an email to your club secretaries back in June 2025 stating our intention and reasoning and I will read out a part of it to make sure everyone here is clear on the reasoning for

combining and why Easter was chosen. All points are logical and some even personal for all however need to remind you that the intent of combining is our future - our juniors. They have expressed that Labour weekend will not work and we have yet to see if Easter will not work for Seniors however they are more flexible as juniors do have exams.

The Secretary read from the letter issued to clubs 28 June 2025.

As an Executive, our role is to look beyond individual needs and consider the big picture. It is human nature to advocate for what's best for ourselves and our immediate teams—we completely understand that. But as your Executive, we carry the responsibility of looking after everyone—both our juniors and our seniors.

The decision to combine Nationals was not made lightly. Nor was it driven purely by financial considerations. The more pressing reason—the one that weighed heaviest is our juniors. They are our future. Without a strong junior base, we will eventually have no seniors. We must protect, support, and prioritise the development of our younger dancers if we want our sport to continue to thrive in years to come.

We have been told clearly by junior clubs that holding Nationals on Labour Weekend risks losing our juniors. On the other hand, we've heard from senior clubs that Easter makes it difficult for seniors to train.

It's a tough situation, and we know we can't please everyone. But we can act in the best interests of all.

We also understand that changes to practice schedules and club championships will be needed, and yes—that brings disruption. But we are in a time when change is necessary if we want long-term survival. Doing things the way they've always been done is no longer sustainable.

We want to reassure you that every decision we make is grounded in one goal: to safeguard the future of our sport, for all national competitors and clubs across New Zealand. This includes difficult decisions like this one—where no perfect answer exists—but where our job is to lead with fairness, and care for everyone involved.

River Rocker

Consider Matariki

*Secret ballot was taken for the voting on Remit 1
For - 13 Against - 9 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Remit 2 - Whangarei

Withdrawn

Amend Rule 1.6 (a)

Combined Nationals to be held over Labour weekend

Remit 3 - Executive

Seconded by Tauranga

Amend Rule 1.8 c (ii) by replacing “thereby qualify for entry to” **with** “dance up into”

To Read:

A Senior section entrant for the Junior Championship cannot dance up into the Senior Championship.

Reason:

Making clear the intent of this rule.

The Vice President spoke to this Remit

No Further Discussion

*Voting on Remit 3
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 4 - CITY OF SAILS
Amend Rule 1.8(c)(ii)

Seconded by Hutt Valley

Add "by adding two years to that entrant's age."

To Read:

"A Senior section entrant for the Junior Championship cannot thereby qualify for entry to the Senior Championship by adding two years to that entrant's age."

Reason:

We believe this makes the rule clearer.

City of Sails spoke to their Remit

Any Further Discussion

Harbour City	Remit needs to be amended for it to pass.
COS	Agree to amendment

City of Sails moved an amendment to add 'dance up into'
Seconded by Harbour City

"A Senior section entrant for the Junior Championship cannot **dance up into** the Senior Championship **by adding two years to that entrant's age.**"

No further discussion on this amendment only.

Voting on amendment only.
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously

No further discussion on the amended remit.

Voting on Amended Remit 4
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously

Remit 5 - EXECUTIVE

Withdrawn

Add new Rule 1.8 (c) (iv)

"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 need to choose to dance in either the Junior sections or the Senior sections at a Combined National Championship. They cannot dance in both Junior and Senior sections at the same Combined National Championship. A birth certificate must be provided. Once having danced in Senior Championship sections, a competitor cannot again dance in a Junior Championship."

Remit 6 - CITY OF SAILS

Withdrawn

Add new rule 1.8(c)(iv)

"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 need to choose to dance in either the Junior Sections or the Senior Sections at a Combined National Championship. They cannot dance in both Junior and Senior sections at the same Combined National Championship."

Remit 7 - CITY OF SAILS

Seconded by Invercargill

Amend Rule 2.4(b) by replacing “agree with,” **with** “agreed with, by”

To Read:

“.....Any other items deliberately removed or replaced between marshalling and competing, or while competing, will, on that replacement or removal being identified, result in disqualification unless it had been previously advised by the competitor’s Team Manager to, and **agreed with, by** the Floor Manager(s).”

Reason:

Better English, as items removed or replaced need to be “agreed with by” the Floor Managers and not just advised by the club to the Floor Managers.

City of Sails spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Kapi Mana	Items deliberately moved. Waist cost and it rips and leave it on. Its dangerous. Risk
President	Talk to the floor manager, use common sense. Over the day not while dancing
Harbour City	Not questioning the rule. Agreed with, by.
Hawkes Bay	Clarification of what items can be removed
President	Is in rulebook Section 2 - things such as shoes, hat etc
Head Judge	Agree with wording, common sense. Floor manager has the right to make the call.
Drifters	Its determining if its been removed deliberately and then being identified as such. Common sense.

Voting on Remit 7

For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

Carried Unanimously

Remit 8 - RIVER ROCKERS

Seconded by Hutt Valley

Reinstate Rule Book A - Section 3 – Assessments

Reason:

The reasoning for removing assessments was to do with increasing the number of competitors dancing at Nationals. We don’t feel that this has been particularly successful, and has instead mostly led to the demise of many local Club Championships, and less opportunity for Judges to attend competitions regularly and complete training criteria within a reasonable timeframe.

Assessments, either at a Club Champs or privately, provided competitors with a marker for where they were standing on their training journey. They also motivated even seasoned competitors to be ready to compete earlier in the year, and then spend the time after assessment to refine their routines and performances.

River Rockers spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Invercargill	For - might help raise the standard, bring competitors into local competitions.
Christchurch	Agree - not having assessments have killed the local competition. Gives something to work towards. Judges need judging as well.

Drifters	Against - numbers aren't there yet - MC position I wouldn't see a considerable drop in quality. We are trying to build our community so remove the road blocks from competing. Novices were amazing to see. Club champs need to be driven by your club - argument in reason assessments can be done privately. Judges do get their training in but still hasn't addressed the club champ problem.
Cambridge	Time might be right, bring value. Helps dancers and judges. Look at focus and drive towards the pinnacle of the year. We have Spotlight - judges and dancers come together. There is a place for assessments.
Whangarei	Still on fence - pros and cons. Self pride assessment or not and you don't put effort you will not get the results. Drop off is not due to not having assessments, just unfortunate.
Wellington	Hit or miss - after covid struggle to get juniors back, bringing back assessments isn't going to bring our juniors back. Promote sessions in our club to get our dancers better.
Secretary	Not sure if For or Against - it will be more admin heavy. If it came through I believe it should be 6 months prior not immediately after the last nationals. I don't agree with individual assessments as that takes it away from club competitions or regionals.
City of Sails	Against - If assessments are done privately it doesn't help with competition. Chased away people over the years. Embarrassment when not passed. Numbers are not great or better.
Hawkes Bay	Against - club champs/fun activity unders and overs. Feeling comfortable on the floor. Assessments will make it hard to do this.
Head Judge	As a judge yes, as an Executive member - different. Workshop on it will be worthwhile but changes need to take back to judges for discussion. Like what the Secretary said about 6 months before. Need to make changes before bringing it back.
President	On the fence. Look at the past assessments for clubchamps. People starting getting assessed privately. Every club were struggling to hold clubchamps. You only got assessed once you missed out. Why have assessments if they can do it more than once. Judges could be asked for feedback to make sure they are ready for nationals. Was originally against losing assessments however have noticed over the last few years there isn't anyone on the floor who shouldn't have been there.
Invercargill	Don't want to exclude anyone. Agree with Neva - assessments only with club champs and would bring the standard up even more. Less competitions every year.
Christchurch	Wellington has 5 clubs, North has heaps of clubs. Christchurch is spread out and had to cancel Regionals - people cancelled cause they didn't have to dance it. Between rock in a hard place. Lot of competitors have to travel along way to compete.
Drifters	All valid points across the board. Systems in place, whether utilising club nights, club champs, spotlight. Club responsibility to help the dancers. Assessments is the standard used in the past and still goes back to your club, coaching, and other dancers. Club champs agree, some new version of assessments that can support the club champs. Judges may be get hardly anything for a private assessment.
Cambridge	Agree with Karen, assessments are valuable, it is just a marker. Need more time to talk about what it looks like. Clubs are adapting to encouragement. Get the balance right.
Whangarei	As a club that doesn't have clubchamps etc, we have to travel as I have passion to dance. Don't go for participation award. Travel cause I want to dance and

	prepared to do that. Some won't want to. Against it now and revisit how it needs to look to make it better. Judges can judge regardless.
Wellington	Assessments put a lot of critique for our dancers. Removal of assessments has helped our dancers and we have put systems in place to raise the standard.
City of Sails	Going back to club champs - more entries than before when we had assessments, people would only focus on that assessment. Less entries. Private ones if they can't make the competitions how do they go about getting assessed? What are the options and costs. Travel a long way may not be able to afford it.
Hawkes Bay	Against - opposite effect - no assessments has improved our competition.
Head Judge	Would like to take to the judges and maybe bring back next AGM.
River Rockers	Stepping stone for where you are, talk to your judges and work with your partner.

*Voting on Remit 8
For - 2 Against - 14 Abstentions - 6
Lost*

Remit 9 - EXECUTIVE

Seconded by Hutt Valley

Amend Rule 4.4

Remove "all" from first paragraph

Add a second bullet point "Best Dressed Male, Best Female, Best Male 5-12 and Best Dressed Female 5-12 entry forms are required 7 days prior to the first day of the National Championship weekend."

To Read:

The closing date for entries (including Novelty) is:

- 60 days prior to the first day of the Championship to which the entries relate.
- 7 days prior to the first day of the Championship weekend for Best Dressed Male, Best Female, Best Dressed Male 5-12 and Best Dressed Female 5-12.

Reason:

To make clear that this deadline is final. No entries will be accepted after this date. Despite previous requests to submit Best Dressed entries early to assist with planning/sheets, late entries were still received as late as 9:00am on Sunday morning at the last Senior Nationals.

With time restraints and ensuring the event runs efficiently, all entries must be submitted before the deadline - no exceptions will be made. The best dressed sections as above - does not cost and those who enter will already know ahead of time that they will be entering so it is fair to request that if interested in entering that you submit the form prior to Nationals.

The Vice President spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Kapi Mana	Missed 'dressed' in the change - clerical error
Secretary	Yes, we will fix it
Harbour City	Amendment to add 'Dressed'

*Harbour City moved to add 'Dressed' to the remit
Seconded by Hawkes Bay*

Discussion on amendment only:

Harbour City	Also need to remove the second bullet point and make it into one sentence.
Christchurch	Do we need the bullet point? Take it out. Remove the collen.

Amendment to remove the bullet point so now reads:

“with the exception of Best Dressed Male, Best Dressed Female, Best Dressed Male 5-12 and Best Dressed Female 5-12 which is 7 days prior to the first day of the Championship.”

Seconded by Hawkes Bay

*Voting for the amendment only
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstention - 0*

Further discussion to amended remit

Harbour City	Against this remit. Like being able to encourage people on the day. Organise the programme that would get so many entries on the day.
Invercargill	How hard
Secretary	Want to make clear that Best Dressed entries are required 7 days prior not on the day. We have given a longer turn around than other entries however to streamline the programme by taking entries on the day makes this harder. It worked well last Seniors. Only issue we had was two clubs had entries turn up after 9am wanting to enter, this is not going to work going forward.
President	Working perfectly, had 2 clubs on the day. Streamlined so nicely on the day. Found dancers on the day. Most women and men get prepared well in advance. Tidied it up on the day.

*Voting on Amended Remit 9
For - 20 Against - 1 Abstentions - 1
Carried*

Remit 10 - HUTT VALLEY

Seconded by Tauranga

Amend Rule 4.10 (ii) Junior Championship

Change number of entries from “3” **with** “1” under Cheerleaders

To Read:

“9 Cheerleaders 1 team”

Reasoning:

If the number of entries falls below minimum then the Executive have the option to reopen entries to that section.

There are only 3, (or maybe 4) clubs that have the minimum number of juniors to be able to put together a team. To meet current minimum criteria every one of those clubs would have to find 6 eligible entrants. If it was 2 or 3 entrants sure but not 6. And possibly over two other clubs. That is near impossible less than 60 days out from Nationals.

In the past the Exec have also allowed the entrant(s) to a non compliant section to enter into another section. That is not an option with Cheerleaders.

This is not a dancing section. It is there for a bit of fun, to add some atmosphere and life into the competition, to open on a high and set the tone for the weekend. We have not had any entrants in this section for years and why would you enter when the chances are that there will be no

possibility of bringing anything home.

If we want this section to come alive again, we need to start with some encouragement for the first team to give it a go. Changing the criteria is essential for this to happen.

This section allows for juniors of all ages that have not been able to find partners to be able to participate in the competition. They also come with an entourage of parents, family, support crew etc. This just adds to the competition and the host club's bottom line. We are trying to build the sport and this section does that. There are no downsides to this amendment.

Hutt Valley spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Christchurch	If 1 team enters, no trophy awarded. No competition
City of Sails	At least 2 teams - same as Christchurch. Still showcase
Drifters	Agree with comments that no trophy if only 1 team still be able to showcase and get some type of participation award.
President	Intent in the remit is making it 1 entry not 3
Harbour City	Against - clubs prepared and then found out they can't. Can clubs declare their intent to dance early.
Secretary	Agree with Harbour City - declare their intent prior to help those wanting to enter.
Whangarei	It's a competition. Has to be treated as a competition.
Kapi Mana	Cheerleaders are different from other dance sections. They can't do anything else if they aren't dancing.
Harbour City	Can we change it to 2 entries?
Secretary	Against - Executive can have discretion to run section with 2 entries, we have done this before. 1 entry is not a competition so we usually offer the club for the team to do a demo and have offered this in the past. Another option is to have a participation trophy - separate from the normal trophy for the section.
Drifters	Is it about trophy?
Hutt Valley	No about dancers.

Voting on Remit 10
For - 6 Against - 15 Abstentions - 1
Lost

Remit 11 - HUTT VALLEY

Withdrawn

Amend Rule 4.10 (ii) Junior Championship and Senior Championship

Change number of entries from "3" **with** "1" under Novelty

To Read:

Senior Championship		
"6	Novelty	1 team"
Junior Championship		
"6	Novelty	1 team"

Remit 12 - CITY OF SAILS

Seconded by Invercargill

Amend rule 4.12(e) by replacing "& 16 (Top Club, Novelty, Triples, Same Sex sections, Cheerleaders & Senior Team)" **with** ",16 & 18 in the National Championships."

To Read:

"A Novice couple in Section 14 (Novice) cannot compete in any other section except 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16 & 18 in the Nationals Championships."

Reason:

'18' was missed from being added into Rulebook A when Diamond Triples was introduced. We are also removing the description of each number to align with the rules.

City of Sails spoke to this Remit

No further discussion

Voting on Remit 12

For - 22 Against - Abstentions - 0

Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Cambridge

Remit 13 - Kapi Mana

Remove Rule 5.1 (d)

Currently reads:

"Provided Rule 4.10 is adhered to, a semi-final will be danced in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 & 17 irrespective of the number of competitors entered".

Reason:

As raised at the 2025 National AGM, with the combining of Junior and Senior Nationals, we now have to try and fit 27 dancing sections into the weekends programme.

Compromises need to be made to be able to run this programme successfully. We propose that in a section where the number of entries does not exceed four couples, as per Rule 5.1 (b), that we return to a straight final.

The argument of these couples having trained all year to only dance once doesn't stack up. In a section of, say, 6 couples. 2 couples who have trained all year, only get to dance once. We understand the other argument of it being a great way to "shake off the nerves etc", but that is unfair. In sections where there are 5 or more couples, they are not afforded the luxury of dancing a semi with zero consequences (i.e. they make the final regardless of how well or badly they dance).

Kapi Mana spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Cambridge	Against - for the reason of fairness - potential to get to dance twice. Judges judge on points and only finals we have placings that might have a bearing. Time frames are really consideration as previously not an issue.
Christchurch	Against - Points only time they get that opportunity for heats and semi finals. Need to have that opportunity and not just dance for placings.
City of Sails	For
Harbour City	For - dancers seeing points - other opportunities for dancers to see their points. Doesn't seem right that they get to dance twice. Warm up song can be used to get nerves out.
Whanagarei	For - supporting Kapi mana, been on both sides of the scale. You can use the warm up lounge. 6 couples - 2 miss out.
Cambridge	What's fair for the dancers - are we giving that the same opportunity for dancers
Christchurch	Disagree that they have other opportunities for points. Should have the opportunity

City of Sails	Points - this is the pinnacle during the year - is when you see it. That's what your there for.
Whangarei Secretary	3 or 4 in a section - they all get in. Time issues - do they need to be considered? Should have the opportunity to dance twice. Programme will be fine however it will provide more room to breath and streamline so neither for or against remit.
Kapi Mana	It's not fair - which does not have the bearings on the result.

*Voting on Remit 13
For - 7 Against - 11 Abstentions - 4
Lost*

Remit 14 – City of Sails:

Withdrawn

Remove Rule 5.1(d) and renumber the rest of the rule accordingly.

Remit 15 – City of Sails:

Seconded by Invercargill

Add new rule 5.7 (a)

At a Combined Nationals, competitors in the Senior Novelty section can be aged 3 years and over but there must be a minimum of one Senior competitor aged 18 years and over.

Reason:

To allow clubs to combine Senior and Junior competitors in the same Novelty.

City of Sails spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Drifters	Combined is just an umbrella so separate competition. Do you mean a whole new section of combined nationals?
Secretary	Combined Championship is the umbrella of both Junior and Senior nationals. They are separate competitions.
City of Sails	So this one and next one may need to be removed.
Kapi Mana	Leave as is or 1 novelty for both juniors and seniors
President	Intent - still 2 competitions and running on same day and be treated them as they always have. When we go to split back we will have to remove the rule.
Harbour City	Would have to change the definition of combined
President	Crossing over to big problems, keep as simple as we can. May be later years we can look at more specific rules.
Cambridge	It requires a whole new remit and can't do that now
Invercargill	Maybe it's the wording.
President	You're still allowing junior to dance in the senior section, which is incorrect.
Whangarei	We have established we can't do it
Drifters	Agree with Whangarei and see how Combined goes.
Harbour City	Can take remits from the floor and Harbour City is against
Whangarei	Was for it until understanding we can't even do it. Need to make it fun.
Secretary	Juniors dancing with seniors - no - Senior nationals - Novelty is risky and juniors shouldn't be involved in that.
City of Sails	Getting the point that not everyone is for it and maybe pull it.

Non binding poll taken to determine if clubs want to vote on this remit.

For - 1 Against - 21 Abstention - 0

City of Sails	Withdrawn this remit
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Remit 16 – City of Sails:

Seconded by Harbour city

Add new rule 5.8 (a)

At a Combined Nationals, competitors can be aged 5 years and over but there must be a minimum of four Junior competitors aged 5 years to 17 years.

Reason:

This is to allow more club participation and to get club members of all ages involved.

City of Sails spoke to this Remit

Can't go in but it's for the Cheerleaders. Originally it was a junior section. Those who have not many juniors but have Seniors being involved.

Further Discussion

Whanagrei

Can't change it

City of Sails

Can we have a non binding vote

For - 1 Against - 21 Abstention - 0

City of Sails - Withdrawn this remit

Meeting paused for lunch 12.20 pm

Remit 17 – Executive / Judges:

Seconded by Tauranga

National Championship Judging System

Remove Rules 6.1 and 6.2

Place in Rule book B for future reference

Reason:

Judges receive comprehensive training to assess Timing, Harmony, and Variety throughout their progression; however, at national competitions, they are required to evaluate only one specific category at a time.

As Timing is afforded the highest score by judges, individual allocations for Timing, Harmony, and Variety can sometimes result in significant differences.

The practice of awarding points across all three categories is considered beneficial for dancers, as it promotes greater consistency in scoring.

Many judges are of the view that this remit enables them to fully exercise their expertise. Panels inspire more confidence than individual evaluators; thus, having judges assign marks in all categories during heats, quarterfinals, and semifinals enhances the process.

If the above rationale is accepted, and judges are permitted to score Timing, Harmony, and Variety individually. It is recommended that this approach be trialled at the next National competition.

There is no change proposed for FINALS, which will continue to be on placing

If the above remit is passed the following remit will need to be actioned also.

Head Judge spoke to this Remit

Read her report regarding the judges agreeing to these remits.

Further Discussion

City of Sails

Against the remit - this year is not the year to trial something like this.

	Maybe later as this will take judges longer to judge three categories not 1. As a judge we do look at all 3 when marking anyway. With extra competitors and extra sections over one weekend. Have those who are armchaired out to do the 3 categories to gauge
Harbour City	Unsure - what problem this is trying to solve, what do we need to address. Is this too much change at once. Why is it recommended to be a trial are we not confident?
L&P	One judge has more sway and can stretch out and clubschamps - One judge looked over it.
Invercargill	Who are the judges in the room?
Christchurch	Against - same reasons for City of Sails. Why at this nationals. What are you going to fix. Not the time. As a judge, always considering everything. Scrutineers will take longer and too much room for error.
Whangarei	Explain the questions before we do the second round. Her reply might help us understand it better
Head Judge	Problem - there is no current issue, just the system we have been using is at clubchamps were always taught timing, harmony and variety and at nationals its just one. At the recent workshop we had a good discussion about it. Judges decided there was a couple who weren't in favour. Judges want to judge the whole dance and make it fairer to the dancers. Description at the marks. Timing - 2 scrutineers at the workshop didn't see it as an issue. Some judges may take it longer and we take account for those judges. Trial - wanted to bring it in - sold it at as trial - more in favour - not a problem. We may have 10 judges. Time is right and making changes. Judges have earned the right to judge on all 3 categories.
Cambridge	For - in its essence. Combined workshop majority of judges felt this was the wise and full spectrum and compartmentalise and reflecting the whole dance and more accurate average potential. Scrutineers - they do that at club champs so no one was sure why it is different at nationals. What is better for the dancers and accountability for the judges.
Harbour City	Decompartnelise - you are still giving the 3 categories. Fair and accurate which is it? It's now implying it's not fair. We do expect judges to consider all but need to mark for 1 area only.
Whangarei	Consider if the judges workshop are confident to make it work need to install the confidence in them and think it's fairer. Us dancers want to be treated fair and reasonable then I am For.
Cambridge	Cognitive together - no part stands alone. Dancers deserve the best marks relative to each other.

Right of reapply: Had asked why this system was in the place - not had any answer from any previous head judge or senior judge to tell me why it's different from club champs. Unsure why we use it and like to see this one pass.

*Voting on Remit 17
For - 16 Against - 5 Abstentions - 1
Carried*

Remit 18 – Executive / Judges:

Seconded by Hutt Valley

Amend rule 6.3

Add to first paragraph “for each category of Timing, Harmony and Variety” **after** “0 – 10 points”

Remove “With six judges and two songs the maximum that can be scored is 120 points in each instance”

Remove in third paragraph - "Please note: This points system is similar to but different from the points system used for National qualifying"

To Read:

"POINTS SYSTEM

The heats, quarter-finals and semi-finals are judged on a points system from 0-10 points **for each category of Timing, Harmony and Variety**. Each Judge marks each song (1 slower, 1 faster).

The highest scoring competitors proceed to the next round of the competitions, and if necessary a dance off will take place to resolve any tied placing."

Reason:

Judges will now be scoring a maximum of 10 points for each category, timing, harmony and variety. There is no longer a requirement to have a minimum of six judges (2 x Timing, 2 x Harmony, 2 x Variety)

The third paragraph - refers to the previous assessments process to qualify to dance at a national competition, which is no longer required

The Head Judge spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Kapi Mana Amendment maybe. Thought you were judging all 3 out of 10. In brackets up to 30 points for.

Kapi Mana moved an amendment to add "(up to maximum of 30 points per entry per song)" after the first paragraph.

Seconded by Cambridge

Discussion on the amendment only

Gold coast NZ It says for each category.

*Voting on amendment only
For - 16 Against - 2 Abstain - 4
Amendment Carried*

Discussion on the amended remit:

Harbour City	Why are we moving the 6 judges?
Head Judge	Yes, we will have 6 or more judges, we don't need it there that's why asking for it to be removed.
Harbour City	says minimum of 6
Secretary	There is other rules advising this. They are appointed that doesn't mean they have to judge
City of Sails	7 uneven number in the final. We only use 6 in heats. Nowhere else says we need minimum of x amount of judges.
Harbour City	Is the intention of having minimum number on the floor?
Head Judge	We would have 7
Harbour City	Appointing doesn't mean they will judge. Need something somewhere saying the minimum

Harbour City moved an amendment to add "using a minimum of 6 judges" to read: "(up to maximum of 30 points per entry per song) using a minimum of 6 judges."

Seconded by Hawkes Bay

No further discussion to this amendment

*Voting on amendment only
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstained - 0
Amendment carried*

No further discussion to the amended remit

*Voting on Amended Remit 18
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1
Carried*

Remit 19 – Executive / Judges:

Seconded by Tauranga

Amend rule 6.3.2 (a)

Add to first sentence the number “16” **after** the number “11”

Remove “Regardless of which categories they are judging (Timing, Harmony and / or variety)”

To Read:

“In any stage of the competition preceding a final in Section 10, 11, 16 and 17 (Restricted) if a judge sights an illegal move as per 11.5.1 then that judge will give the couple an “X” and in addition will deduct 2 points for that song. If two or more judges’ sight”

Reason:

Number 16 was missed when Rule Book B was updated.

Judges will no longer be judging specific categories so this needs to be removed.

Head Judge spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Kapi Mana	Is 16 the right section
President	Yes, admin

*Voting on Amended Remit 19
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 2
Carried*

Remit 20 – Executive / Scrutineers:

Withdrawn

Remove Rule Book A 6.3.3

Remit 21 – Executive:

Withdrawn

Remove Rule Book A 6.3.3 (b)

Remit 22 – Executive / Judges:

Seconded by Cambridge

Amend Rule 6.4 (c)

Remove “and not separately as in the heats, quarters and semi-finals

To read:

“The three categories (Timing, Harmony and Variety) are judged together.”

Reason:

Judges will now be judging all 3 categories in the heats, quarters and semi finals

Head Judge spoke to this Remit

No further discussion

*Voting on Remit 22
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 23 – City of Sails:

Seconded by Invercargill

Amend Rule 6.6

Remove the words “section e.g. Platinum, Top Club, etc” at the end of the first sentence.

Reason:

Only six judges currently judge heats, quarters and semis (in sections like Platinum).

City of Sails spoke to this Remit

There may not be 7 judges judging a particular section. Not necessary that many are judging the section

Further Discussion

Cambridge	Against - interpretation - appointed may be still correct. Any of those 7 judges can be appointed. Interpretation.
Harbour City	Wording appointed is up for discussion - doesn't mean they have to judge. Platinum applies the whole way through from heats to finals. Don't need the clarification. Against remit.
Invercargill	Is the wording appointed up for discussion? Is it about removing the words.
President	Yes, agree
Cambridge	Appointed cause it can be any of those 7 judges which will happen in the rotation.
President	It's just about removing these words.
City of Sails	If we take off those words, if we do have 7 judges in the heats, semis and finals in sections for Platinum. How do you make that up afterwards. We know its minimum of 6 and final 7 judges.
Cambridge	Thank you City of Sails

*Voting on Remit 23
For - 22 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 24 – City of Sails:

Withdrawn

Add new Rule 7.9 (a)

However, at a Combined Nationals, Junior competitors will be allowed to compete in the Senior Novelty section under the terms set out in rule 5.7 (a).

Break 1.55 pm - 5 min break

Back at 2pm.

Remit 25 – Executive / Judges:

Seconded by Tauranga

Amend the second bullet point in Rule 8.11

Add at the end of the sentence “or two Combined National Championships”

To Read:

“Armchair judge at least one Junior and one Senior National Championship or two Combined National Championships.”

Reason:

Current Rule states Judges must Armchair one Junior and one Senior National Championship, and currently this is not possible with the Combined Championship being held annually.

Head Judge spoke to this Remit

Request to defer this remit till later as need to check some details.

Remit was deferred till later - Voting strength is 21 for this remit only, as Hawkes Bay left the meeting at 2.30pm.

Further Discussion

Head Judge Amendment

The Head Judge moved an amendment to remove “or two combined championships” in this remit and add “held on different weekends”

Seconded by Tauranga

To read:

“Armchair judge at least one junior and on senior nationals championship held on different weekends.”

Any further discussion on the amendment only

City of Sails For the amendment to change to “different weekends”

Vote on amendment only

For - 21 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Amendment carried

No further discussion on the amended remit

Voting on Amended Remit 25

For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0

Carried Unanimously

Remit 26 – Executive / Judges:

Seconded by Christchurch

Amend the second bullet point of rule 8.12

Replace “per calendar year” with “every two years”

To Read:

“Be available to judge at least one National Championship every two years.”

Reasoning

Due to the combined National Championship there are now limited spaces for judges to be selected to judge at Nationals to meet their annual judging criteria. If we update Rule 8.12, second bullet point - to remove “per calendar year” and replace with “every two years” this will allow judges to meet the required criteria. This will only be until the Association returns to holding two National competitions per year (a Junior and a Senior competition).

Head Judge spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Head Judge	Currently available annually. Doesn't mean they are selected, now combined gonna make it every 2 years
Hutt Valley	Does this impact judges who want to dance
City of Sails	Future proof it, and not chopping and changing it. Be available to judge per calendar or whilst combined nationals.
Head Judge	It's not intent
President	More opportunity to be compliant over a 2 year period not 1 period.
Drifters	Tying them down to 1 year currently and then changing to 2 - correct?
President	Yes
Cambridge	Unsure if for or against - involved combined can see how it impacts other areas of our communities. Wouldn't want to impact other judges coming through to dance. Being flexible.
City of Sails	Concern, in your report we are running low on judges and want to do a drive on judges. If they are only available to judge every 2nd year, are you depleting the judges even more?
Head Judge	Criteria to remain as National Association Judge - only for them only.

*Voting on Remit 26
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 2
Carried*

Remit 27 – Executive / Judges:

Seconded by Tauranga

Amend Rule 8.13

Add after “every two years” and Regional Workshops will be held on the alternative years

To Read:

“The Association will hold a one-day Combined judges workshop every two years and regional workshops will be held on the alternative year.”

Reasoning:

This was omitted at the last update to this Rule

Karen spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

City of Sails	Against - awhile ago - regionals were held every year and didn't have workshops attached to national competition. Great for the regionals for judges and trainees. Now we have less regionals and some judges' workshops are attached to the nationals - if you are not attending and not making the combined you only get 1 workshop every second year. Training to be a judge, that's not a lot of opportunity to judge discussions. Lots of good information got from it.
Drifters	For - omitted - clarify does it already exist and bringing it to our attention.
Head Judge	Understanding before I came on it was dropped off.
President	Workshops - rule book we picked up it wasn't in there even though that is what has been happening. So judges have the guidelines. There's nothing telling them it's there.
Treasurer	Current rule doesn't have anything for regionals. They are required to hold one, technically the Head Judge doesn't have to.
President	Nothing stopping it from happening

Treasurer	Nothing stopping it not happening
Harbour City	It is making it a rule. It doesn't imply discretion. Doesn't say minimum or that it holds in the same year.
Treasurer	Don't want to have a year of doing nothing.
Harbour City	As it is - Combined is clear and the regionals be when ever the judges want to have it.
Tauranga	Used to be two workshops every year - regional. No combined one. Then they did combine.
Cambridge	Recollection - Combined came in but not to take away from regionals. Alternate year we have regionals at the very least.
Treasurer	Is to make sure there is some type of workshop per year
City of Sails	When the combined workshop came in, regional beginning and end and then regional beginning and combined at end. Still getting two workshops. Now nothing unless attached to nationals.

City of Sails moved an amendment to the remit.

"The Association will hold a one day combined judges workshop every two years and regional workshops will be held at least once every year."

Seconded by Harbour City

Further discussion to the amendment only

City of Sails	Will be held at least 1 every year and regionals held at least 1 every year.
Head Judge	Problem - regionals - North Island is ok but South Island not as easy and huge cost.
City of Sails	Used to have three in the year.
Head Judge	Cost to be involved, could have mini workshops. We need to have combined workshop on alternative and regional second year.
Christchurch	Travel is expensive. Minimum requirement and can do other options. To get at least 1 every year of some sort is all you need.
Drifters	Confused - put forward by exec and judges?
Head Judge	Yes, discussed
Drifters	Judges if you have already discussed it why are we discussing it, the qualified people who are in the know - now have a different opinion?
Head Judge	Presented on behalf of the judges and exec
Drifters	Comments here e.g City of Sails - was it discussed as a judge. So already brought up.
Head Judge	All remits have been agreed to voted by most judges
Drifters	City of Sails is a judge so have you not already discussed your thoughts?
City of Sails	I'm only one person in the club, and representing the group.
Drifters	Judges have not voted on the amendment

*Voting on amendment only
For - 4 Against - 9 Abstain - 9
Amendment lost*

No further discussion on amended remit.

*Voting on Remit 27
For - 19 Against - 3 Abstentions - 0
Carried*

Hawkes Bay left meeting 2.30pm so voting strength is now 11

Remit 28 – City of Sails:

Seconded by Hutt Valley

Amend Rule 8.13

Replace “\$1 from the National ticket levy” **with** “\$2 from the National ticket levy”

Reason:

Whilst we are having Combined National Championships there will only be one Nationals in a calendar year from which to collect the “National ticket” portion of the levies for the Combined Judges Workshops.

City of Sails spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Treasurer	Did the maths - the levies are able to covered the judges workshop. All expenses are covered in the account. The money is absorbed by one account. Don't think it's worth it. Membership levies alone covered the judges workshop.
Harbour City	Do we need to remove the \$2 and \$1
Treasurer	No
Kapi Mana	Clarify, would it need to go under Combined Nationals - if it passed.
Treasurer	Yes - would be different codes for xero
Kapi Mana	Doesn't say anything about Combined and back to split.
City of Sails	Separating the account doesn't affect the point of this remit. Only 1 nationals and one lot to draw from we would need to increase cost. Maybe not \$2 but it seemed the cleanest way. Going forward we need to have this due to the increase of prices.
President	Increased prices - we have less cost only doing 1 nationals. Don't have the same costs. Same number of competitors.
City of Sails	Only covering the levy to get judges to combined workshop
President	You said the national ticket levy is going down when it's Combined.
City of Sails	Still going to receive less money coming in
Christchurch	On exec when this was originally brought in - To take it out to reimburse. Still coming from the same pot. Don't see the need to increase.
Kapi Mana	Both Nationals only going to be 1 ticket levy - not getting people who going to one.
Treasurer	It crosses both sides.

Voting on Remit 28

For - 7 Against - 14 Abstentions - 0

Lost

Remit 29 – Executive:

Seconded by Christchurch

Amend Rule 9.2 (c)

Change “\$35” with “\$50”

To Read:

“Recipients’ clubs will be charged \$50 per trophy for each trophy returned later than one month prior to the next championship”

Reason:

In recent years, trophies have been returned late, damaged, or not properly cared for, and in some cases have had to be tracked down when lost. To address this, a higher penalty for late returns will be enforced to ensure trophies are returned promptly and in good condition.

Vice President spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Drifters	For - asking why not make it higher if your trying to change behaviour
City of Sails	For - why not make it higher - \$50 is charged to the club its the individual who does not look after it. Option should they leave the venue. Have them stored somewhere and take pictures.
Whangarei	For - what ever the price might be as a club you should be following up with your person who is dancing under your club and for the club. The committee should chase that. Good luck to have a junior to leave their trophy behind.
Invercargill	Against - remit might be the cause of our club. Maybe agree with City of Sails - leaving them with exec. Costs, engraving and posting.
Harbour City President	For - remit is about damage also. Should this include damage. In book B. It's a deterrent. We are finding that clubs do not have them ready when time to send back.
Treasurer	Rulebook B Section 12
Drifters	System/process when you go to send them back, take photo when you send that off and forwarded to Secretary to show it's in good order. You could add where it's about cleaned and polished.
City of Sails President	Could give miniatures instead of trophies. Intent of this remit is the cost not other options

*Voting on Remit 29
For - 21 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0
Carried Unanimously*

Remit 30 – City of Sails:

Seconded by Surf City

Amend Rule 8.13

Amend Rule 9.6 (a)

Add to the end of current Rule 9.6(a) the following sentence; “These may be donated/sponsored by individuals and companies as well as clubs.”

Reason:

To put it in the Rule Book. This is already happening.

City of Sails spoke to this Remit

Further Discussion

Secretary	In Book B
President	Executive to decide
Surf City	So as an individual i cant donate
Secretary	to be clear Trophies are under club, medals and certificates individuals

*Voting on Remit 30
For - 8 Against - 12 Abstentions - 1
Lost*

Remit 31 – Executive / Judges:

Withdrawn

Amend Rule 11.5 (a) - Add ‘17’ after ‘16’

Remit 32 – Executive / Judges:

Seconded by Tauranga

Amend Rule 11.5 (c)

Remove “10,11”

Reasoning:

Sections 10, 11, 16, 17 are restricted sections, and Rule 11.5 (c) does not apply

Head Judge spoke to this Remit

Remove 16, 17 from the reasoning

Further Discussion

City of Sails Cleaner and clearer. Leave it in.

Voting on Remit 32

For - 20 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0

Carried

Break for 5 mins - 3.10pm

Back at 3.15pm

ALLOCATION OF 2028 JUNIOR/SENIOR COMBINED NATIONALS

Combined Nationals to be held at Labour Weekend

2028 Allocation of Nationals

Any Bids:

Invercargill

We have had Juniors and Seniors before. Got the venue - reserved for both weekends. Large capacity without having to lower the spectators. Affordable accommodation. Everything is 5mins Travelling put on a van to pick people up from Queenstown, Dunedin. Basketcourt floor and heaps of room for marshalling.

Drifters

We have sunshine, we have given you a brochure with some details. Held Juniors 2023 eventually due to Covid in 2020. Looking for another opportunity to host. Had locked in Glow box for Easter and pencilled for the same venue for Labour weekend, depending on this weekend. We will have to confirm that moving forward if we won the bid. We have gone to the venue recently and they have a fantastic team. We have to turn up and we have seating for up to 8,000 etc. great location and accommodation. Great venue.

The junior venue it wasn't quite the same. Couldn't fault Glow Box, would accommodate everyone. Would be great to give it a go. Be clear we would have to confirm first.

A secret ballot was taken for the hosting of 2028 Combined Championship.

Voting on Club hosting 2028

For - 13 Drifters

For - 8 Invercargill

The President congratulated Drifters on their bid to host 2028 Combined Nationals at Labour weekend 20 - 23 October 2028.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President advised that herself, Justin Budgen, Neva Zainey and Malcolm Mazur were reconfirmed as Association President, Association Vice President, Association Secretary and Association Treasurer respectively.

CONFIRMATION OF HEAD JUDGE

Karen Birch was reconfirmed as Head Judge.

The President congratulated Karen on her position.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Item1: Christchurch

What would need to happen for Nationals to be split up again. Are you looking now or not until 2029 - should be starting now. Forward thinking

Comments:

President	Been looking at clubs and what they are doing - what juniors are doing. Tried to encourage clubs to rebuild their juniors and feel only maybe 4 clubs using different things to attract juniors. From our point of view we can't do anything - it starts with clubs helping along the way. We don't have the answer to that at this point. Clubs might enjoy combining why would we split it. Too big then no question about splitting it again. Up to clubs we can't get dancers on the floor.
Treasurer	Need to get through the first one and that will dictate looking forward.

Item 2: Christchurch

Music

We had a fun day sorting out the music. Well done for considering a range of music. A suggestion from dancers about medium range. Further cross over down into the slower range. BPM's are quite close. Looked at ages at Nationals, could the faster range come down a bit and come to the medium range and see the medium range extend across the slow and fast.

Suggesting slow 110 - 136 medium 133 - 159 and fast 153 - 185.

Triples dancers would welcome a slower slow and faster fast medium. Do have a remit if we are interested.

Comments:

President	Quite an important one - could go to clubs for next years remit Like to thank the clubs that have been trialling. 31st May to have them back. Exec trialed them also.
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Item 3: City of Sails

Remit for 2027 - an individual could dance in all 3 triples categories. Is it worth bringing it up so that it can happen or are they not keen.

Comments:

President	Well worth putting forward and get club's point of view at that stage. Food for thought.
Treasurer	Bring it next year
Harbour City	Triples is an anomaly, that this isn't already in there. Seems missed in the rule.

Cambridge Is it 1 person or?
City of Sails As long as it's not the team - could be 2 of them. To build up the entries.

Item 4: Invercargill

Allocation of nationals weekend discussion at the SGM

Would like to know if Matariki and if Easter was considered.

Comments:

President Questionnaire - going into the meeting we thought it would be Matariki. So surprised it was Easter. It was confusing for us.

END OF GENERAL BUSINESS

The President thanked all delegates for their valuable input and participation. Love to see AGM about how we grow our clubs especially in general business. We need ideas to increase the number of juniors for nationals. We have been working on building the atmosphere at nationals. A lot of discussion here, that will help move us forward.

2027 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 - 19 Against - 2

Vote was FOR a physical meeting.

Decision for a physical AGM on the 22 May 2027.

Christchurch Could provision be made for some online
President Has been discussed in the past, but makes it harder. Physical meetings are more involved.

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.

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

The Meeting closed at 3.49 pm