



# New Zealand Amateur Rock 'n' Roll Association Inc.



## MINUTES OF THE 2016 NZARRA Inc. 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BRENTWOOD HOTEL, SATURDAY 21<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

### Welcome

The Annual General Meeting opened at 10am with a welcome from the NZ President, Jan Morgan.

The NZ Executive Committee present was introduced:

President	Jan Morgan
Secretary	Haley Small
Treasurer	Yolanda Van Dorrestein

The President moved that the voting procedure be as follows:

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

Seconded by Drifters. Carried unanimously.

Election of Officers — Secret Ballot for all positions.

That the Treasurer and a Brentwood Hotel staff member will act as scrutineers for the voting of Executive Officers (except for election of Treasurer, which the President will scrutineer), and that voting papers will be destroyed at the end of the elections.

Seconded by Invercargill. Carried unanimously.

Noted that there were currently 16 clubs plus three Executive in attendance, so majority for voting was 10. Christchurch delegates arrived at 10.10am and the majority became 11.

### Changes in Attendance from list circulated

Dayna Wilson replaced Kim Rosson as Hutt Valley's second delegate. Glen Houlihan is a second delegate for Harbour City.

### Apologies

Vice President Brenda Neil  
Head Judge Shane Taurima  
Top of the South

The President moved the apologies be accepted.

Seconded by Surf City. Carried unanimously.

### Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

The President moved the Minutes be accepted.

Seconded by Kapi Mana, carried unanimously.

There were no matters arising.

### President's Report

The President's report was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising. The President moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded by River City. Carried unanimously.

### Head Judge's Report

The President presented the Head Judge's report on behalf of the Head Judge. No matters arising. The President moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded by Gracelands. Carried unanimously.

### Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

The list of Inwards and Outwards correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting. City of Sails requested that a copy of reply regarding MC sent on 28 July be resent. The President moved that the Correspondence report be accepted.

Seconded by Kapi Mana. Carried unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers Report was circulated prior to the meeting. No matters arising.

#### *Setting of Fees and Levies*

The Treasurer moved that all levies and fees remain unchanged for the 2016/17 year.

Seconded by Wanganui. Carried unanimously.

The Treasurer moved that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded by Harbour City. Carried Unanimously.

## Senior Nationals Reports

### Senior Nationals 2016—Barry O'Donnell presented the report for Kapi Mana

#### NUMBERS

28 Clubs attended the event

Saturday - 676 of which 586 were adult All Weekend plus 4 kids All Weekend

Sunday - 660

<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>87,896</b>
Ticket Sales incl \$4,502 from public sales	61,932
Grant: Hutt Mana Trust for venue hire	2,000
Grant: Mana Community Trust lighting/video	14,773 (some or all may be refunded)
Sponsorship	1,000

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>62,681</b>
Lighting	15,340
NZARRA levy	7,348
Promotion	2,733
Venue Hire	9,798
Videography	7,159

**PROFIT: 25,215**

- MERCHANDISE – loss of \$272, other than badges merchandise sales were low
- LIQUOR – loss of \$202, includes Liquor licence, security staff, sales staff, hire chillers, and alcohol
- DVD – loss of \$92, Sold 84 DVDs. Loss includes extra hireage of TVs and live streaming on Saturday

The President moved that the report be accepted

Seconded by Hawkes Bay. Carried unanimously.

**Junior Nationals 2016— Barry O'Donnell presented the report for Kapi Mana**

**NUMBERS**

10 Clubs attended the event

Saturday 303 of which 163 adult All Weekend plus 103 kids All Weekend

Sunday 305 plus 7 additional kids tickets

<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>32,378</b>
Ticket Sales excluding Public (still to come)	25,657
Grants: Trusthouse Community Trust venue hire	4,000 (some or all may be refunded)

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>21,234</b>
NZARRA levy	3,344
Decorations	2,043
Venue Hire	7,343
Videography	2,750

**PROFIT: 11,144**

- **MERCHANDISE** - None other than competitor badges  
As of mid-February we only had orders for 101 kids tickets of which 98 were competitors, so the decision was made not to have souvenir badges for sale as the set up costs were so high.
- **LIQUOR** None
- **DVD** Sold 26 Loss 625.00

City of Sails asked when DVDs would arrive. Kapi Mana apologized for the delay.

The President moved that the report be accepted

Seconded by Wellington. Carried Unanimously.

**Senior Nationals 2016 progress report—Wendy Cossgrove presented the report for Surf City**

Everything is going smoothly. Order form now available for early bird tickets (until 1 July).

Report circulated at AGM. River City questioned if cheques will be accepted - yes.

**Junior Nationals 2017 progress report—Donna Burns presented the report for Wanganui**

Venue confirmed as Memorial Hall. Ticket sales price approx. \$85. Information will be shared with clubs shortly.

Note the club have recently reviewed and confirmed the spelling of the Wanganui club name with no 'h'.

**Senior Nationals 2017 progress report—Huia Tavite presented the report for Hutt Valley**

Being held at Walter Nash stadium. The club are in negotiation with Hutt Valley netball courts for parking on netball courts. Theme is 'Summer Holiday'.

**Allocation of 2018 Junior and Senior Nationals**

Senior Nationals, 19–21 October

Interest from Wellington, Invercargill and Christchurch

**Richard Reder presented for Wellington**

2018 will be Wellington's 40th anniversary as oldest club in NZ, hosting nationals will celebrate this, probably at the Horticultural Hall—a renovated venue. Subcommittee formed to confirm venue etc. Friday will be a nationwide reunion celebration.

**Nola Calvert presented for Invercargill, reading an email from Club President Karl Herman**

“In 2014 the Invercargill Rock n Roll Club were lucky enough to host the senior Nationals where, from all over New Zealand, dancers had the great opportunity in being part of the first event to be held in one of New Zealand's newly built state of the art stadium (Stadium Southland) equiped with a brand new wooden floor, large amounts of space, fantastic sound system, a four screened central viewing display above the floor and I'm sure everyone can remember the great live streaming that was seen by viewers across the world all weekend. The whole weekend from Friday night through to Sunday evening dancers, supporters and spectators relished every minute of the great atmosphere, fantastic dancing and warm and inviting southern hospitality.

With a keen and eager club from the deep South ( were it's jam packed full of warm and friendly Southerners), we would like to put our hand up to host the 2018 senior nationals. 2014 was the last time a senior nationals was held in the South Island, so we think it's time for this event to venture back down south from the North Island.

Attractions such as Fiordland, Queenstown and Stewart Island surrounding Southland and with sites to visit such as the famous Burt Munro Museum, our large and beautiful Queens Park and Henry the Tuatara, are places not to miss. But recently added is the first in Australasia and the biggest collection of it's kind in the World which is the Bill Richardson's Truck Museum which houses over 300 trucks, a vast collection of new and old cars as well as 300 odd old and new motorbikes. The museum can easily take up to 4 hours to see all whats inside, it's a must see in your visit to Invercargill.

Along with all the attractions, we have plenty of accommodation within a 5 min walk to the venue and a large selection for eating out.

As it was mentioned, it will be 4 years since it was held in the South Island so please consider Invercargill for the 2018 senior nationals and join the many Southerners that know how to have a great time!!”

**Karyn Thomson presented for Christchurch**

2007 was the last time hosting nationals. Would host at Lincoln Event Centre.

*Delegates voted and the 2018 Senior Nationals will be hosted by Wellington.*

Junior Nationals, 30 March–1 April

Interest from Christchurch and City of Sails.

**Karyn Thomson presented for Christchurch**

Again would be held at Lincoln Event Centre. Would be a fantastic event. Come back to Christchurch and see how the city is advancing.

**Heather Blackburn presented for City of Sails**

Feel it's time to bring the juniors up North. Host in netball stadium or could look at a second venue if numbers are smaller.

*Delegates voted and the 2018 Junior Nationals will be hosted by City of Sails.*

*End of Reports and Nationals delegation.*

**REMIT: ALTERATIONS TO THE RULE BOOK**

**Remit 1 – Wellington**

Add to rule 1.8:

A competitor may dance in a restricted section (no jumps) and their age group (with jumps) section with a different partner.

Noted that rule 1.8 was not the correct place for this and that other rules would need amending. Suggested that the intent of the remit be discussed and rule changes brought back to General Business if passed.

Moved by Wellington that the remit be discussed in terms of its intent (to allow a person to dance in a restricted section and an age section with a different partner) rather than specific Rule Book changes.

Seconded by Harbour City. Carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Sun City – clarification: a single restricted section? Confirmed, one person can't dance both restricted sections.

River City – if intent is to get more people dancing, then why is this limited to only restricted section? Could be perceived that restricted is a 'fun' section.

Wellington replied restating their intent.

*Voting on Remit 1  
14 for 3 against. 3 abstentions. Passed*

## **Remit 2 – Christchurch**

Delete from section 3.8 junior championships section: 1 – junior – 20%

Alter rule 3.9 (b) to read: Assessment is not required for sections 5 (top club), 6 (novelty), 9 (cheerleaders), 14 (novice), 15 (senior team) and junior championship section 1 (junior).

Moved by Christchurch, seconded by Gracelands.

Discussion:

Wellington – against. Judges need assessment opportunities. Taking away juniors, that's less people they get to assess. Need a minimum standard. Suggestion to keep standard but make assessment deadline later to allow more time for assessment post-Christmas break. The President replied that the Association will consider this.

Surf City - against because it will open the floor to too many dancers on the floor with no timing. We don't want negative feedback to the competing children (i.e. from parents murmuring). Club champs a platform for nationals.

River City - for the motion. Would like a standard, but more important that we consider juniors are the way of the future for Rock'n'Roll so think this is a positive change.

Invercargill - for the motion. Club can use discretion as to whether juniors are ready to be on the Nationals floor.

Treasurer – against. Club champs are the place for juniors to be encouraged.

Harbour City – against. Regional competitions may also offer a chance to get on the floor.

Kapi Mana: Would like Association to consider assessment deadline being flexible based on Easter also varying.

Sun City – neither for or against. Senior Novice are non-assessed. Thinks it is unfair something similar is not available to juniors.

President: Assessment provides experience and practice time for the children and parents.

Right of reply from Christchurch: This would help foster growth, wouldn't put just anyone out on the competition floor, would still expect a standard. Don't think moving the date will work. It's hard getting juniors through with school holidays and Christmas. It's a hard time of year.

*Voting on Remit 2.  
8 for. 12 against. Remit lost.*

**Remit 3 and 4 were re-ordered given Remit 4 would revisit changes made in Remit 3  
Remit 4—Wellington**

Amend rule 6.5 to read:

A dance-off will be held to resolve tied positions only when necessary. Competitors in tied positions are eligible to proceed to the next stage of competition up to and including the final, with a maximum number of four couples or three triples teams in any quarterfinal, semi-final or final.

Moved by Wellington. Seconded by Gracelands.

Reasons:

- Difficulty in judging
- Safety
- Limited spacing
- Attention from judges changes from 25% down to 16.7

Discussion:

Surf City - against. Dance floor has always been the same size. If a competitor has been good enough to get up there, don't bump them out.

City of Sails - against. Used to judge 6 on the floor and across all three categories. If they are good enough to get in the final, then they deserve to be out there. Judges need to do their job.

Sun City - against. As a dancer, doesn't see this as necessary.

Treasurer- against for quarter finals and semi finals. If we had a programme where we had 17 entrants, we would have heats and call back 16 and drop one couple.

Harbour City asked for the opinions of judges present at the meeting:

- Linda Knight acknowledged as a new judge she would feel more comfortable with maximum of 5 on the floor.
- Jan Morgan noted that this was discussed at judges workshops and most thought 5 would be better than 6. In saying that, it wouldn't faze Jan to see 6 on the floor, and nothing would change in her judging.
- Permission granted for Colleen Ryan to address the council. As an experienced judge not a problem having more couples. May be more difficult for newer judges. Dancers deserve to take their earned place.

Right of reply from Wellington: In the Open semi-final last year there were three couples on 96.5 marks in 4<sup>th</sup> place, so why wasn't there a dance off for those couples? If there are more than four couples in the final could extra judges be added. Wellington requested these questions be addressed before voting.

Treasurer: all 3 couples were brought back (making six couples in the final) because that is what the Rule Book currently states should happen. Adding more judges would not increase attention span per judge.

*Voting on Remit 4  
3 for. 17 against. Remit lost.*

### **Remit 3 – Executive**

Amend rule 5.1 (d) to remove 'unless tied', amended rule to read:

"No more than five couples in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16 will proceed to the final."

Delete rule 5.3 (b) and 5.3 (c)

Amend rule 6.5 to replace 'quarter-final, semi-final or final' with 'quarter-final or semi-final'

Moved by the Treasurer. Seconded by River City.

Reason: At the 2015 Senior Nationals, 6 couples were called back to the open final, as there were three couples tied on the same score in fourth position when scoring the semi-final. Feedback from the judges was that it was difficult to judge 6 couples who were all of a very similar calibre and they would have preferred the final be restricted to four, with a dance-off held for the three couples vying for the fourth position going into the final. This remit change addresses that concern by allowing a maximum of five couples in the final.

City of Sails asked for clarification. Confirmed at the moment we can bring 6 couples into the final and this would restrict to five. If there were three couples tied for fourth there would be a dance off to determine the fourth and fifth place who would both come back to the final.

Wellington: Difference between this remit and Wellington's is four to five.

Sun City – for, but questioned why five, rather than four. Treasurer replied that canvassed judges were comfortable with five

*Amendment to replace "no more than five" with "no more than four". Moved by Wellington, Seconded by Harbour City.*

City of Sails - against amendment. Everyone should have the opportunity.

Invercargill – against, thinks a dance off is a disadvantage. They've earned their place in the finals.

Wellington – for the amendment, believe that with such a high calibre, there should be less in final or add more judges.

*Voting on amendment  
5 for. 14 against. 1 abstention. Amendment lost.*

*Voting on Remit 3.  
13 for. 5 against. 2 abstentions. Remit passed.*

*End of Remits*

## Election of Officers

The Treasurer took the chair for nomination and election of President

### **Nominations for President**

Jan Morgan - Nominated by Drifters. Seconded by River City.  
Jan Morgan was elected by a secret ballot.

### **Nominations for Vice-President**

Nola Calvert - Nominated by Invercargill. Seconded by Surf City.  
Nola Calvert was elected by secret ballot.

### **Nominations for Secretary**

Brenda Neill - Nominated by Christchurch. Seconded by Hutt Valley.  
Brenda Neil was elected by secret ballot.

### **Nominations for Treasurer**

Yolanda van Dorrestein - Nominated by Harbour City. Seconded by Kapi Mana.  
Yolanda van Dorrestein was elected by secret ballot.

### **Confirmation of Head Judge**

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

## General Business

### **1. Future AGM venue—Executive**

The Brentwood will no longer reserve an appropriate meeting room in future, and Wellington Airport conference room has been confirmed for 20 May 2016. Would need to consider parking costs and if it could be part of the TES scheme. Delegate list is shared in advance and could be used to arrange car-pooling.

### **2. Song list—Executive**

Suggest overlapping songs from 155 - 156 BPM to be used as mediums or fasts to reduce difficulty picking songs, in particular for young junior sections and novices. This would widen range by up to 17 songs.

Kapi Mana - surprised there's no overlap range already specified.

River City - clarification that medium songs aren't changing. Confirmed.

Gold Coast NZ - could these songs be applied to any section? Confirmed.

The Executive moved to change 5.4 (c) amend wording to be: Fast songs will be from 155 BPM to 185 BPM inclusive.

Seconded by River City. Carried unanimously.

### **3. Dance in any eligible categories with different partners—Harbour City**

Why not allow competitors to dance in any eligible categories as long as they do not dance with the same person twice.



River City – similar to Wellington remit but open to any category? Harbour City – yes.

Drifters - issue with length of the programme and seeing the same routines.

Kapi Mana questioned the intent. Harbour City replied that it is about giving as many dancers as possible a chance to get on the dance floor without forcing a split between restricted and an age category.

No further action taken.

#### **4. How remits are presented—Harbour City**

Every remit submitted should have e.g. a title, reason and exact wording changes, acknowledging that the Executive may need to provide assistance preparing remits (regardless of their view on content).

Sun City - supportive of this change, it makes it easier to inform clubs for discussion ahead of AGM.

Agreed that a template will be provided with next call for remits.

#### **5. Remit 1 rule change wording**

Amend 4.12 (a) to replace “an entrant or competitor” with “a competitor” and remove sections “10, 11”.

New clause 4.12 (d) “an entrant or competitor can only dance in one of sections 10 or 11 in the National Championships”.

The current 4.12 (d) will become 4.12 (e)

Moved by the Treasurer with permission of the council. Seconded by Harbour City.

*19 for. 1 against. Motion passed*

#### **6. Rename same sex to same gender—Wellington**

No support for this suggestion.

#### **7. Dance off songs to be either fast or slow—Wellington**

Competitors want a slow or fast dance off song because they don't train to a medium.

Surf City – a medium song provides a level playing field. It's the decider.

Gracelands - agrees with Surf City, it's a good test.

Sun City - it's known well in advance that it will be a medium, not a surprise. Also, some couples are better slow or fast so medium doesn't give an advantage or disadvantage.

#### **7. Novice assessment—Sun City**

The intent is to encourage Novice couples to move into age grades.

Suggestion that the marks achieved at Nationals be translated into having passed assessment for the following Nationals. They could receive a certificate that lists the categories they're eligible to enter for and wouldn't need an assessment to compete the following year. Would only apply to the partnership.

Wellington commented that it could open a can of worms with regards to how other couples would feel about it, why are Novice exempt.

Treasurer: need to consider how else we can encourage Novice to come back.

Harbour City questioned if assessments is a barrier for Novice coming back.

Drifters suggested that Novice winners could be introduced including what section they could go on to.

Hutt Valley - it is a club's responsibility to encourage dancers to return.

Gracelands - there is a risk that having assessment at Nationals will impact level of dancing the following year, assessment being too early.

Harbour City - it's important to go through the experience of being assessed.

No further action taken.

*End of General Business*

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

**The Annual General Meeting closed at 1.45pm. The date for the 2017 AGM is Saturday 20 May, 10am, Wellington Airport Conference room.**

**Reconvened at 2pm with those delegates who were available, to discuss Remit 1 rule change wording.**

It was noted that the amended wording passed in GB item 5 does not prevent one couple dancing in more than one age section – but this was very clearly not the intent of the original remit or the proposed wording put forward in GB.

Rule Book A cannot be revisited and updated until the next AGM, but the expectation in the meantime is that a competing couple can enter only one of sections 1,2,3,4 and 12 (age sections).

Agreed that the intent was passed and clear, and the rule book still needs some work to reflect the wording e.g. sub-clause that intent is to dance with a different partner.

**Closed 2.10pm.**