



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



Newsletter May 2017

Dear Secretary,
Please let your Committee and club members know that this newsletter is also available on the Association website.

2017 AGM

The Executive Committee elected or confirmed at the 2017 Annual General Meeting is:

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Jan Morgan, Hamilton, is the Immediate Past President

The official Association address for correspondence is

PO Box 5188, Papanui, Christchurch 8542

Correspondence, entry forms, payment advice etc. can alternatively be emailed to

secretary@rocknroll.org.nz or brendaneill@xtra.co.nz

The address for assessments advice and judging sheets is: headjudge@rocknroll.org.nz

Judging sheets etc. can be posted to 201 King Street, Cambridge, 3434

The Association Website is www.rocknroll.org.nz

The Executive sincerely thank Jan Morgan for her time and expertise while holding office on the Executive committee, over many years and in many roles, and wish her the very best for the future.

Affiliation Fees

The Affiliation Fees for the 2017/8year are due by 1st August 2017 and accounts will be emailed to clubs in due course. Please bring this to the attention of your Treasurer and Committee, and get the fee paid promptly to avoid the 10% penalty for late payment. The amount due is \$300.00.

For clubs paying by Direct Credit, the Association Bank Account number is on the invoice. Please ensure the club name is included as reference.

Alternatively, send your payment to The Treasurer, PO Box 5188, Papanui, Christchurch 8542.

2018 AGM

The date for the next Annual General Meeting is Saturday 19th May 2018 at De Haviland Room, Conference Centre, Wellington Airport.

2019 Nationals Host Clubs

Congratulations to the following host clubs for the 2019 National Competitions

Junior Nationals, 19th – 22nd April 2019 will be hosted by Invercargill Rock'n'Roll Club at the Southland Stadium, Invercargill.

Senior Nationals, 25th – 27th October 2019 will be hosted by Christchurch Rock'n'Roll Club at Lincoln Event Centre, Christchurch

Information about these Nationals will be loaded on the Association website.

A sincere thank you also to City of Sails and Wanganui for their generous bids to host future nationals. The number of clubs willing to host a nationals illustrates the good heart of Rock'n'Roll in New Zealand

AGM Report

Please refer to your delegate/s for a full report. The AGM Minutes and the 2017 Rulebooks will be loaded on the website when the alterations are made and editing is completed. All Rule Book changes are effective immediately. Once completed, Clubs may request a hard copy from the Association Secretary if required.

Rule changes of note that were passed at the AGM

1. For Junior championships, the age of entrants will be as at the date of Good Friday in the year of the Competition
2. By changing the words "entrant or competitor" to "couple", the Rule around dancing in both Restricted and Age categories now reflects the intent of the rule; that it is to be with a different partner.
3. A new rule makes clear how many dancers are called back to quarter finals, semi finals & finals. The new Rule will read:

*"5.1 (c) No more than four couples will proceed to each of the quarter finals, semi final(s) and final, unless there is a tie for 4th place.
No more than three triples teams will proceed to each of the quarter finals, semi final(s) and final."*
4. The rule about finalists medals being awarded is reinstated after inadvertently being removed last year.
5. The range of years from which Nationals songs can be selected has been extended from 1951 to 1964.
The song list was further discussed in General Business, with clarification on how music is selected for the list from songs submitted for consideration. The process for this will be included in Book B. It was noted that clubs can ask for songs be reconsidered for either inclusion or removal on request to the Executive Committee.
6. The current practice of having seven official judges judging the Sunday best dressed parades has been added to the Rule Book.

Other Items of Note

1. To be trialled at the 2017 Senior Nationals, the presentations for Best Dressed and dancing on the Sunday of Nationals will be done directly after the final/s of the sections have been held. This will mean presentations will be held throughout the day as sections are completed, and will affect the Best Dressed Male and Female sections, the Same Sex sections and the Triples sections. Top Club and Senior Teams, Novelty and Most Supportive Club presentations will remain at the end of the evening.
2. There was robust discussion during General Business, and a group has been formed to, assist clubs in sharing ideas to increase and retain membership and for promoting Rock'n'Roll both locally and nationally. Clubs not in attendance at the AGM, or which took the information back to their committee for approval can contact Yolanda van Dorrestein if they wish to be included in this group.

3. Floor etiquette was discussed and while there is a penalty for interference with another couple, it was noticeable that at times there are close calls. Most clubs in attendance agreed that consideration of other competitors should be taught within clubs and cannot be enforced.
4. The delays between marshalling and sections being called to the floor at the 2017 Juniors were at times considered too long. It was agreed that general dance music could be stopped as soon as marshalling is completed to allow the Best Dressed parade to commence.
5. Based on indications of either support from the clubs or that they were unsure and wanted it discussed, seven items from General Business #2 were discussed (see the AGM minutes or your club delegates for details). The discussion did not result in any changes being made to Rule Book A
6. It was noted that there are a number of non-affiliated clubs throughout the country and it would be of interest for future planning to find out the reasons they are not affiliated. To that end, we ask clubs to let the Executive know of any non-affiliated Rock'n'Roll clubs in their area so we may reach out to them. Please send contact details to yvdorres@vodafone.co.nz

The Executive Committee thanks all delegates at the 2017 Annual General Meeting; New Zealand rock'n'roll is well served by these committed participants.

Upcoming National Competitions

Seniors 2017 - 20th – 22nd October 2017 – Host Club Hutt Valley Rock'n'Roll Society
Venue: Walter Nash Stadium in Lower Hutt

Juniors 2018 – 30th March - 1st April 2018 – Host Club City of Sails Rock'n'Roll Club.
Venue: Somerville Intermediate School, 39 Somerville Road, Howick, Auckland

Seniors 2018 – 19th – 21st October 2018 – Host Club Wellington Rock'n'Roll Club
Venue: Walter Nash Stadium in Lower Hutt

Information regarding these Nationals is available on the Association website www.rocknroll.org.nz

Clubs are urged to confirm their accommodation and advise the hosts clubs urgently of their club contact person for the appropriate Nationals. Once your club's team manager is appointed, please provide their contact details to the Association Secretary.

Please direct members to the Association website, so they are up to date with any Host Club information

Senior Nationals 2017, Walter Nash Stadium, Host Club Hutt Valley

Entries

Fees for Senior Nationals entries are \$50 for Couples and \$75 for Triples and Teams.

The closing date for entries is Thursday 31st August.

Entry forms are available on the Association website, please download and complete as required.

Entries can be emailed to secretary@rocknroll.org.nz with confirmation of payment to bank account 03 1534 0002945 00. Please ensure your club name is on all bank deposits

If posted, please send to: The Secretary, PO Box 5188 Papanui, Christchurch 8542.

It is recommended that a tracked courier envelope is used as normal post can be up to a week in transit.

Trophy Return Senior Nationals

Please return all trophies won at Surf City Senior Nationals, engraved and polished, by Friday 25th August 2017

Please use track and trace courier and send to:

Yolanda van Dorrestein, 46 Lyndfield Lane, Newlands, Wellington 6037

Assessments

Please ensure that the Head Judge is advised of all assessments for National competition, and that the judging sheets, results sheets and Assessment cover sheet are sent to the Head judge within a week of the assessment.

Club Name Change

Please be advised that the club formerly known as Wanganui Rock'n'Roll Club, has changed the club name to River Rockers Whanganui, to take effect immediately. All contacts, colours etc. remain as before.

Judging News

New National Association Judge

Congratulations to Terry Neil, from Ramblers Club, who has completed the criteria and is now a fully qualified National Association Judge

New Association Judges

Also congratulations to Paula Mosen (River Rockers Whanganui) and Chloe Kuriger (Drifters) who have passed the judging examination and are now Association Judges. As such they can now assess dancers for National competitions.

Retiring Judge

We are sad to announce that Mary Sayers is resigning from the judges list. Mary has given many years of dedication to Rock'n'Roll, both as a judge and dancer, we wish her well for the future.

Workshops

Judges workshops are being held as follows:

Christchurch Saturday 17 June 10.30 am to 3pm

Wellington Saturday 1 July 10.30 am to 3pm

Hamilton Saturday 29 July 10.30 am to 3pm

Judges will be advised by email the venues where these workshops are being held.

Trainee Judges

Clubs are urged to assist with the training of new judges by making available news of upcoming competitions, and allowing trainees to armchair at these competitions. Email the dates of your future competitions, club and regional, along with a contact phone number or email address, to the secretary@rocknroll.org.nz and these can be listed on the Association website.

Mileage Rates

Mileage rates have been altered to 40c per KM to more accurately reflect the costs for officials driving to National events. Book B will also be updated to reflect this change. Note that this rate applies only for travel to National competitions.

Clubs inviting judges to local competitions need to discuss and agree reimbursement with invited judges/officials.

Yours in Rock



Brenda Neill
Secretary
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