



New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



May 2020 Newsletter

Dear Secretary,

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

2020 AGM

The Executive Committee elected or confirmed at the 2020 Annual General Meeting is:

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The Official Association address for correspondence is

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

secretary@rocknroll.org.nz

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

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

The Association Website is www.rocknroll.org.nz

Affiliation Fees

The Affiliation Fees for the 2020/21 year are due by 1 August 2020 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.

Clubs are encouraged to pay by Direct Credit, the Association Bank Account **03 1534 0002945 00**. Please ensure the club name is included as reference.

2021 AGM

The date for the next Annual General Meeting is Saturday 22 May, 2021.
The venue and location is to be confirmed at a later date.

2020 Nationals

As you all are aware this year's Junior and Senior Nationals were cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic. We are living in unprecedented times and it was a hard decision to make but one that the Executive felt was necessary.

The Executive thanks the 2020 host clubs for graciously accepting that this would happen and they have been offered the 2022 National hostings as alternatives.

2021 Nationals Host Club

Confirming the 2021 National Competition host clubs position.

Junior Nationals, 2 – 4 April 2021 will be hosted by Kapi Mana Rock 'n' Roll Revival Club.

Senior Nationals, 22 – 24 October 2021 will be hosted by River Rockers Whanganui.

2022 Nationals Host Club

Congratulations to the following host clubs for the 2022 National Competitions.

Junior Nationals, 15 – 17 April 2022 will be hosted by Drifters Rock 'n' Roll Club.

Senior Nationals, 21 – 23 October 2022 will be hosted by Whakatane Rock 'n' Roll Club.

Information about the 2021/2022 Nationals will be loaded on the Association website.

2020 AGM Report

The Executive Committee thanks all delegates at the 2020 Annual General Meeting; which was held for the first time via Zoom Conference call.

Please refer to your delegate/s for a full report. The AGM Minutes and the 2020 Rulebooks are currently being completed and edited. All Rule Book changes are effective immediately. Once completed, the Rule Book can be downloaded from the Association website.

Please note:

The Executive will circulate a survey that will gauge how the delegates felt about how the 2020 AGM went via Zoom Conference call. This will help the Executive to decide whether this is a viable option going forward when looking to future NZARRA AGM's.

Rule changes that were passed at the AGM

- Junior age criteria is now 5 - 10 years old.
- Intermediate age criteria is now 11 - 13 years old.
- Any couple/triple having achieved National Qualifying assessment may at the discretion of the Executive be allowed to change sections that have equivalent or lower National Qualifying points without having to be reassessed. This does not include Restricted sections.
- Cheerleading will have music without lyrics and have 4 minutes for getting on and off the floor within their routine.

- The Executive has the right if deemed necessary to remove someone for a specified time if that person or persons has been verbally and/or physically abusive towards anyone else attending the event.
- Judges section was tidied up and made clearer.
- 'Reasonable' Insurance for travel costs will be met by the Association going forward.
- Cheerleading teams will receive 1 medal for each team that places, to keep costs down and align with the Novelty section.
- Novice Same Sex couples will be allowed to enter in the Novice section which is held on the Saturday of national competition but will mean they are no longer able to compete in the Same Sex section on Sunday.

General Business Discussion

- Judges sheets - options will be looked at to have a cheaper, easier and environmentally friendly way for clubs to receive these.
- The council discussed assessments for this year being carried over to the following Nationals. Agreed that this would not happen due to Nationals 2020 not being rolled over. So it is a new year, as per normal.
- Discussion around the next AGM being brought forward due to flight arrangements being postponed due to covid 19 this year. Was agreed that clubs will be still able to book their flights within the next year which meant no AGM change is necessary.
- Lifetime Achievement award was put forward. The Council decided it would be something too big and complicated to achieve, however nice it would be.
- Kapi Mana wanted to discuss whether other clubs had public liability insurance. Most clubs do not.
- The cost of National Dvds was discussed and whether there are other viable options, keeping up with the times..Council agreed we do need to look at other options going forward.
- The council discussed allowing an extension or dispensation for those juniors whose last nationals were going to be this year and had unfortunately missed out. The council were sympathetic but as 2021 is not a roll over and is a new year, and are also requiring new assessments so It was deemed unfortunate but not a viable option that could be considered. The Association would have to amend rules in the Rule Book, look into how we would accommodate those dancers at nationals and whether it was fair to other Juniors who are rightfully there already.
- Discussion around the cost of mileage when being reimbursed for a Nationals competition. It was advised that the cost is based on the RA Rating and when clubs reimburse their judges for local competition using the Rule book is a guideline not exact costing.
- Asked if the Association can minimise the amount of songs being put forward a year as some songs are just same-same or not worth listening to. Would like to get better quality songs coming through. Suggestion was 10 songs per club per year. Not all in agreement and something to look at - at a later date. Current songs out for circulation are being put off till next year for decision.
- Question on how other clubs are handling the COVID-19 Pandemic and when will clubs look at opening back up. The council agreed that it's not up to the Association to decide but when the individual clubs deem they are ready to. However it is important to use the government recommendations when they do go back to dancing.

Other Items to Note

Clubs are urged to confirm their accommodation and advise the hosts clubs 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 your club members to the Association website, so they are up to date with any Host Club information going forward.

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 the Association bank account: **03 1534 0002945 00**. Please ensure your club name is on all bank deposits.

If posted, please send to: The Secretary, NZARRA, PO Box 9007, Hamilton, 9180.

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

Judges

This year's combined judges workshop will be held for the first time via Zoom Conference call. The Head Judge will email and post up more information regarding this workshop along with the Zoom link for the meeting closer to the time.

Please refer to the Judges' facebook page or the Association website for more information.

Assessments

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

Kind Regards,



Neva Zainey
Secretary, NZARRA