



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



Newsletter May 2015

Congratulations to the Executive Committee elected at the New Zealand AGM on 16 May 2015:

President—Jan Morgan (markjan.morgan@xtra.co.nz)

Vice President—Brenda Neill (brendaneill@xtra.co.nz)

Treasurer—Yolanda van Dorrestein (treasurer@rocknroll.org.nz)

Head Judge—Shane Taurima (s.taurima@xtra.co.nz)

Secretary—Haley Small (haley.small@clear.net.nz)

A reminder to please post any correspondence to 87 Clouston Park Road, Upper Hutt 5018, Wellington.

The Executive thanks Immediate past Vice President, Robin Sutton, for his work and commitment on the team and wishes him all the best for the future.

2017 Nationals Host Clubs

Congratulations to Wanganui who will host the Junior Nationals in April 2017 and Hutt Valley who will host the Senior Nationals in Wellington in October 2017.

Affiliation Fees

The affiliation fees for the 2015/16 year are due by 1 August 2015 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.

Direct credit to the Association's Westpac account **is preferred** (03 1534 0002945 00) using your club name as reference.

Or you can send payment to 87 Clouston Park Road, Upper Hutt 5018, Wellington.

AGM Report

Please refer to your delegate/s for a full report. The 2015 Rulebooks will be loaded on the website when the alterations are completed. All Rule Book changes are effective immediately.

Alterations to the Constitution have put in place a new procedure for electing the Head Judge, who will now be elected by Association and National Association Judges and the Executive Committee through a postal voting system prior to the AGM.

The parameters for replacing a resigning Executive member have been widened beyond the previous limitations of the AGM attendees to include any member of an affiliated club.

Remits of note that were passed at the AGM

- Who can participate in a Novelty is now clarified and at *Junior Nationals*, any participation in or related to the Novelty section can only be done by Juniors and at *Senior Nationals*, any participation in or related to the Novelty section can only be done by Seniors, except with the discretion of the Executive.
- The age for Junior Triples is now 5–13 years, and Intermediate Triples 14–17 years.
- Top Club and Senior teams can now be made up of couples and/or same sex couples.
- A medical certificate will now be needed for any medication or other substance apart from inhalers required by competitors between the two songs.
- Judges can now attend either a judges' workshop or judge/armchair judge at least one competition per year to stay on the judges list.

Other discussions of note:

- The council agreed that assessment stay in place for the Junior section.
- It has was suggested that Certificates be for each competitor, irrespective of the number of sections danced in.
- The promotion of Rock'n'Roll to increase membership was discussed at length.
- Dance off songs were discussed, remaining with the status quo.
- Ways to increase the pool of Nationals MC's was discussed.

Thank you to all delegates at the AGM — New Zealand rock'n'roll is well served by these committed participants. The full minutes will be available on the association website shortly.

2016 AGM

The date for the next Annual General Meeting is Saturday 21 May, at Brentwood Hotel in Wellington.

Upcoming Senior Nationals

Early bird ticket prices

Adults and children 12 and over, all weekend: \$85 (until 31 July 2015)

Children 12 and under: all weekend: \$60 (until 31 July 2015)

Adults Friday Dance: \$10

Adults Saturday and/or Sunday only: \$50

Venue tickets are purchased from the Host Club. Order forms are available on the website.

Competitor entries

Entries need to be in to the Secretary by 31 August. A scanned email copy is preferred.

Please send to haley.small@clear.net.nz.

Alternatively, send you club's entries to 87 Clouston Park Road, Upper Hutt 5018, Wellington. Please make sure you write clearly so it's easy to read!

Online payment is also preferred. The Association bank account (details below). Remember to enter your club name as the reference so we know where the money has come from.

The cost is \$50 for couples, \$75 for teams.

Bank Account for Direct Credit: 03 1534 0002945 00

The NZ Amateur Rock n Roll Assn

Also, a quick note to let you know we're working on digitising forms and hope to have a more convenient system in place shortly.

Trophy returns

Trophies won at the 2014 Senior Nationals are to be returned, clean and engraved, no later than 31 August 2015. Please package them well so they're not damaged in transit and send to Haley Small, 87 Clouston Park Road, Upper Hutt 5018, Wellington.

Medal sponsors

Clubs are invited to sponsor medals for Senior Nationals, forms are available on the [Forms](#) page of the Association website. Sponsors pay \$10 per medal, for a complete section (i.e. Best Dressed couples is six medals totaling \$60, or couples dancing is eight medals totaling \$80). A club can state a preferred section/s they want to sponsor but the allocation of that section/s cannot be guaranteed.

Team songs reminder

The **Top Club** song for Senior Nationals is 'Come on Let's Go' by Ritchie Valens, 162 beats per minute, 2 minutes 1 second long.

The **Senior Team** song for Senior Nationals is 'Hook, Line and Sinker' by Bill Haley, 142 beats per minute, 2 minutes 32 seconds long.

Copies of the team songs are available on request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Small', with a stylized flourish above the 'H'.

Haley Small, Secretary
New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association