

ARTISTIC CHAIRPERSONS ANNUAL REPORT

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Held at the Rotorua Stadium Rotorua

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the Meeting and my twelfth report as Chairperson of the Artistic Committee.

NZ ARTISTIC TEAMS

****2013 World Artistic Championships November Taipei Taiwan**

New Zealand skaters skated to the best of their ability.

****2014 Oceania Championships Arena 2 Palmerston North**

This was an excellent competition reasonably attended by Australian and New Zealand skaters. Australia had a number of competitor's withdraw due to injury. This year New Zealand won five of the six trophies missing out this year on the Trophy. Congratulations to the competitors who were awarded medals.

Again Australia voiced their opinion that a way needs to be found to reduce the number of days required to hold Oceania's but at this point in time nothing concrete has been forthcoming. It should be remembered that this competition is the training ground for both Australian and New Zealand athletes who otherwise would not have any other International experience. And maybe their only International Competition they may attend.

NZ COMPETITIONS MEDAL TESTS and CHANGE OF ARTISTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the separation of Speed with Artistic at NZ Championships forward planning has become a priority. Adjustment to the skating year has taken time and changes are needed to accommodate this change. The date of the Artistic Championships could change each year. This date is governed by the date/s chosen by the Country who is to hold the Artistic World championships in the following year. This adjustment is going to take time and as mentioned above forward planning is of the essence as this impacts on what competitions and when Artistic can select the New Zealand Artistic International teams. Medal tests continued during the year and GS Challenge Competition was held in July this year with a large number of entries.

There have been many changes to the 2013 Artistic Rules and the Artistic Policy for Team selections. Can I suggest that you make yourselves familiar with both documents? They can be accessed on the Skatenz website.

PUBLICITY

Once again I have great pleasure again reporting the enormous amount of National publicity Artistic has had this year. Mary-Anne Thompson is to be congratulated on her work done for the Artistic section. There have been many pages in Newspapers, national & local, of photos and script informing the Public of competitions being held in respective Cities, personal achievements and skater's performances. Including general interest items relating to the particular skater, which

continues to the promotion of skating. I wish to thank Mary-Anne for her many hours of time she spends doing this work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many of the other volunteers who spend their time being involved some way or another with the sport.

COACHES COMMISSION

The Coaches commission now runs the training camps for the Artistic Committee. Beverley Cooper as the Artistic committee representative who reports to the Artistic Committee and who is overseeing the Commission. The Commission is made up of Coaches who utilize their respective technical expertise at any of the specific training camps. I.E. Figures, Dance and Free skating. There is still a lot of work to be done on format of the Coaching Commission. A High performance plan has been written and a 5 & 10 year Development plan is in its early stages of being developed. Information about the Commission can be accessed on the Skatenz website.

GOLD MEDAL 2013 WORLD SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS

On behalf of the Artistic Committee I wish to congratulate Peter Michael in defending his 15km title, 3 years in a row and winning the Gold medal at the 2013 World Speed Championships.

ARTISTIC COMMITTEE

This year the Artistic Committee is to be elected by Club delegate vote. Four (4) positions are required. Five (5) persons have nominated. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are appointed positions. A Treasurer has nominated but a Secretary is still required.

Finally. I wish to thank all members of my Committee for their dedication and time they spend to oversee the Artistic section of Roller sports in New Zealand. These are voluntary positions and I know at times family and social commitments take second place to Committee business.

Two members of the existing Committee have not nominated Vilma Fanthorpe and Bill Hancock.

Vilma has been a member of this Committee for six years and during her time she continued to run the Development squads as part of her position on the Committee. Vilma is a Coach and has over the years coached many skaters to International standard. Vilma is also a Calculator and she controls the trainings at Artistic Committee events. Vilma was recognized for her services to skating by being awarded Life Membership of the NZFRS Board in 2012.

Bill has been a member of this Artistic Committee for 11yrs. Actually, Bill has been a member the Artistic Committee off and on for 40 years. Bill is an International Judge and a Coach. He has over the years also coached skaters to International level. He is the examiner of the theory section of the Coaching exams. Bill will be missed for the fantastic meals he supplied to the Committee for our meetings.

I know we wont be saying goodbye to Vilma & Bill; we will still continue to see them at Competitions helping out in one way or another as skating is their passion and both will still want to be involved in the sport.

Margaret Grant
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