

MINUTES OF NZ ARTISTIC ROLLER SPORTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Te Rauparaha Arena, PORIRUA
15TH JULY 2024 AT 6.07pm

PRESENT:	Yvonne Lambert-Smith (Chairperson), Michelle O’Doherty, Di Gunson, Jenny Bailey (Treasurer), Janine Price(Secretary), Jenny Lupton																																												
WELCOME:	<p>Yvonne Lambert-Smith welcomed the delegates and observers to the AGM.</p> <p>Club Delegates</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Auckland Waitakere</td><td>Leanne Burling</td></tr> <tr><td>Blenheim</td><td>Dave Winterburn</td></tr> <tr><td>Christchurch</td><td>Apologies</td></tr> <tr><td>Franklin</td><td>Apologies</td></tr> <tr><td>Hamilton</td><td>Russelle Knapp</td></tr> <tr><td>Hastings</td><td>Vanessa Campbell</td></tr> <tr><td>Hawera</td><td>Lisa Cudby</td></tr> <tr><td>Morrinsville</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Manawatu</td><td>Hollie Patete</td></tr> <tr><td>Mt Wellington</td><td>Theresa Fox</td></tr> <tr><td>Nelson</td><td>Hayley Nam</td></tr> <tr><td>New Plymouth</td><td>Amy Stephenson</td></tr> <tr><td>North Shore</td><td>Patricia Pena</td></tr> <tr><td>Rollerland</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Rotorua</td><td>Ngairie Tucker</td></tr> <tr><td>Tauranga</td><td>Amy Cheetham</td></tr> <tr><td>Te Moana-a-Toi</td><td>Sarah Johnston</td></tr> <tr><td>Tokoroa</td><td>Dave Witters-Gillett</td></tr> <tr><td>Upper Hutt</td><td>Sarah Healey</td></tr> <tr><td>Waitaha</td><td>Alana Caunter</td></tr> <tr><td>Wanganui</td><td>Brenda Gunn</td></tr> <tr><td>Whakatane</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>A number of observers.</p>	Auckland Waitakere	Leanne Burling	Blenheim	Dave Winterburn	Christchurch	Apologies	Franklin	Apologies	Hamilton	Russelle Knapp	Hastings	Vanessa Campbell	Hawera	Lisa Cudby	Morrinsville		Manawatu	Hollie Patete	Mt Wellington	Theresa Fox	Nelson	Hayley Nam	New Plymouth	Amy Stephenson	North Shore	Patricia Pena	Rollerland		Rotorua	Ngairie Tucker	Tauranga	Amy Cheetham	Te Moana-a-Toi	Sarah Johnston	Tokoroa	Dave Witters-Gillett	Upper Hutt	Sarah Healey	Waitaha	Alana Caunter	Wanganui	Brenda Gunn	Whakatane	
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APOLOGIES:	Rachael Parkinson-Turner (Coaches Rep), Phoenix Reid (Skater’s Rep), Michelle O’Doherty, Kylie Shirley, Joan Blackler, Katelyn Kennedy																																												
ITEM 1	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING																																												
	Moved : Patricia Carrascosa/Liz Edwards That the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be approved as a true and correct record. Carried.																																												
ITEM 2	MATTERS ARISING																																												
	Nil.																																												
ITEM 3	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT																																												
	Yvonne Lambert-Smith presented the Chairperson’s report. Moved: Yvonne Lambert-Smith/Dave Winterburn That the Chairperson’s report be accepted.																																												

	Carried.
ITEM 4	TREASURER'S REPORT
	Jenny Bailey presented the Treasurer's Report and Draft Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30 June 2024. Moved: Jenny Bailey/Sarah Healey That the Treasurer's report and Draft Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30 June 2024 be approved. Carried.
ITEM 5	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT
	In a future communication, the Artistic Committee will send out information comparing artistic registrations year on year.
ITEM 6	ARTISTIC OFFICIAL'S REPORT
	Jenny Lupton presented the Official's Report. Moved: Jenny Lupton/Hollie Patete That the Official's report be accepted. Carried.
ITEM 7	NEW ZEALAND ACADEMY OF COACHES REPORT
	Janine Price presented the New Zealand Academy of Coaches report. Moved: Rachael Parkinson-Turner/Dave Winterburn That the New Zealand Academy of Coaches Report be accepted. Carried
ITEM 8	CONFIRMATION OF OFFICERS
	Committee Chairperson: Two (2) nominations were received for Yvonne Lambert-Smith Committee Member – NZ Academy of Coaches – Principal Manager: One (1) nomination was received for Sarah Johnston As these positions are not being contested, no vote of delegates was required and the nominees were duly appointed.
ITEM 9	JOE BRIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR SERVICES TO PRECISION SHOW AND QUARTET
	One nomination was received for this award; Emily Clague. As this award is not being contested, no vote of delegates was required and the award will be presented at the social function at the conclusion of the 2024 NZ Artistic Championships.
ITEM 10	CLUB REPORTS
	Club delegates gave a brief overview of their reports to the meeting. Full reports from the clubs will be sent out with AGM minutes.
ITEM 11	GENERAL BUSINESS
	Domestic Dance Couples Grades Nelson have submitted the following proposal for a requirement change for domestic Couples Dance grades: That all domestic couples events be opened up to any pair of two skaters regardless of gender. <i>Nelson Club would like to see options for same-sex dance couples to compete in dance couples events continued and expanded in 2025.</i> <i>As a club we have had 2 same-sex couples consider competing in these events in 2024. They made the decision not to compete this year because of other time commitments, and they did not think it was a prudent</i>

	<p><i>decision to devote their limited training time to events that can only be competed to regional level.</i></p> <p><i>Our club is aware that potential couples from other clubs have chosen not to compete due to the grades that are offered to same-sex couples only competing to regional level.</i></p> <p><i>While we are aware that there may be some “teething” issues with extending dance couples events to same-sex couples (one being how to differentiate between the “man’s steps” and the “ladies steps”), we believe that these issues would be better resolved by actually having same sex couples on the floor. We are not likely to have many couples to test things on if the grades offered only go to regional level.</i></p> <p><i>We would like to suggest that in 2025 same-sex couples are allowed to compete in all NON-World Skate grades to a National level.</i></p> <p><i>We would also like to suggest a change in terminology for these grades from “Men’s and women’s steps” to “Partner A and Partner B’s steps” With Partner A wearing a white arm band during each dance so that the different partners are visible to officials.</i></p> <p>Yvonne commented that the Committee had introduced a version of same-sex couples up to Regional level in the 2023-24 skating year as a precursor to potentially making this option available in a wider range of grades. The committee will consider these events and how they ran along with opinions from the AGM at the committee planning meeting later in the year.</p> <p>Yvonne then asked for comment and general discussion took place in which the following points were raised:</p> <p>The “duo” option offered in Auckland/Northland Open beginner events has been very popular and it was felt that a same sex couples dance option would also be popular.</p> <p>It was felt that this is another option for skaters to skate compulsory dances which are not available in higher World Skate grades any more.</p> <p>As at last year’s AGM it was pointed out that increasing the couples competing in couples grades will allow officials and coaches to hone their partner coaching skills.</p> <p>Some clubs have current same sex dance couples that will be considering quitting as a couple if they cannot progress past novice grades.</p> <p>Yvonne thanked the meeting for their participation and noted that any decision about this will be made by the Committee. Clubs can expect further communication regarding this later in the year.</p>
ITEM 12	MEETING CLOSED
	The chairperson thanked all for their attendance and contributions.

	Meeting closed : 7:25 pm
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