

## **2024 AGM Chairpersons Report - Yvonne Lambert-Smith**

Welcome everyone to the 2024 Artistic Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to present my report on events, activities, challenges and accomplishments we have had over the last year since our last AGM.

### **ARTISTIC COMMITTEE**

As usual a huge thanks to all of the committee members, it has been another immense workload this year and we really couldn't run Artistic Roller Sports in New Zealand without their dedication and hard work.

I have to say though I have been disappointed this year as we have advertised the two vacancies we have on our committee for some time and have had very little, to no response, from our skating community. As most of you know there has been an immense increase in the workload for our committee and the academy's and therefore also our club committees, which we also acknowledge, due to World Skate protocols, procedures and the RollArt scoring system requirements and accreditations. To make sure we keep on top of all of this we are still looking for a Communications Resources Co-Ordinator. As advertised, this is a non-voting role so does not require meeting attendance and requires just a few hours a week to support, our super busy executive, our website updating and also some of our yearly projects. We are wanting to spread the administration workload for our committee.

As we have communicated previously, if you are interested, please approach Janine our secretary to find out more how you can give back to our sport.

We had some sad news late last year with Bev's resignation from the Artistic Committee as the Principal Manager for the NZAC, but we have asked her to stay on the Academy in an adviser's role.

Some highlights over the last year are the running of a successful Artistic Skating Conference earlier this year and recently hosting the 2024 Oceania Championships.

### **SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Artistic sub-committees, the NZ Academy of Officials and the NZ Academy of Coaches, have also been working hard over the past year continuing to develop proficiency programmes, commission exams and ongoing officials and chiefs' meetings and training sessions, the new coach's renewal process, coaches mentoring programme, and identification cards, to name just a few of their projects.

I am sure both Sarah and Rachael and then Jenny and Di will give you some more insights to their academy's accomplishments in their reports.

### **OUR CHIEF OFFICIALS**

A special thanks to our Chief Officials, Leigh, Eileen, Judith, and Hollie who help co-ordinate officials at our competitions and especially our Championships.

### **NZ ARTISTIC TEAMS**

Since our last AGM, we have attended the 2023 WSK Oceania Championships in Melbourne with a team of 36 skaters, managed by Michelle O'Doherty, Megan Hawley with coaches, Kylie Shirley and Lisa Hook. The team skated represented New Zealand very well.

Then just last month we hosted the 2024 WSK Oceania Championships which was held in New Plymouth. New Zealand did a great job organising this large and important event in our calendar and we had some good results from our 50 selected skaters, and Pacific Cup skaters. The New Zealand team was managed by Megan Hawley and then Michelle O'Doherty and Hollie Patete with coaches Kylie Shirley and Macarena Carrascosa. It was nice to have skaters from, Japan, India, Ireland, Brazil, and Chinese Taipei and of course Australia attend. It made for a very international event.

We sent a team to the World Artistic Championships last year, skaters who were selected and travelled to the Championships in Colombia were Phoenix Reid and Aspen Fell for Senior Ladies Solo Dance, placing 26th and 28th respectively and Liam Fraser for Junior Mens Freeskating who placed 12th and Lily Patete for Junior

Ladies Solo Dance who placed 21st. Michelle O'Doherty managed this team with Rachael Parkinson-Turner as the team Coach.

For the first time the World Cup Figures was held. This inaugural event was held in Freiburg Germany. Phoenix Reid and Victoria Edwards were selected for the Senior Ladies Figure Event and Ben Shirley for Youth Mens figures. The Seniors Ladies skated well and Ben came away with a silver medal in his event. This team was managed by Sonja Reid and Kylie Shirley was the team coach.

We all enjoyed the competition; it was a different experience to have just figures contested and at a world level.

The World Skate World Series was again held this year, which consisted of 3 semi-finals but with no final, Aspen Fell completed in one of the semi-finals held in Trieste Italy.

#### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

The committee will be working on a number of further projects this year, some of which are the following;

- Continued artistic policy revamps
- The Star Skate programme finalization and roll-out
- An Artistic Conference
- Revamp of our skating calendar
- The Graeme Sheppard Challenge and Joan Alexander Competition

To finish off I would like to thank the members on the committee, and the academy for their hard work and also to our skating community and the NZFRS for your ongoing support.

Thanks to Everyone,  
Yvonne

**I move that my report be accepted**