



NZFRS ARTISTIC AGM - CLUB REPORT, TRSC 2018

Tauranga Roller Skating club has had a very busy and successful year. Formed in June 2017 with 4 skaters we have managed to more than double our competitive skater numbers to 10 skaters and our non-skating membership is increasing bringing us to approx 30 paid members total.

We have now sorted our full committee, our new Facebook page & group, are currently in the process of updating our constitution and our new club uniform is gaining us recognition at competitions. We are on a roll.

This year we have been in the local media (newspapers and online) with a focus on finding a home rink for our club. We are currently renting hall time in the various community halls around Tauranga and are finding this is a strain on our skaters as it is not only expensive but limits our training time severely.

In May we put forward a submission to the Tauranga City Council for help to find a solution for this. We have just heard back from them and been approved \$20,000.00 so can reinstate our club to the Memorial Park Rink, which was club grounds many years ago but due to the old club closing reverted back to Council and has since fallen into disrepair. The rink requires resurfacing and removal of skate ramps, jumps etc for us to be able to utilize it. This will allow us the ability for more training time and to also run open skate days, discos etc to help with fundraising and membership growth.

Fundraising is always at the forefront of the committees mind. We have 2 sausage sizzles planned in July and August with several other ideas to look at after Nationals i.e bake stalls, open skate days and demonstrations etc. We are in the process of purchasing 2nd hand rink skates which will enable us to involve the community and grow. We are also looking into applying for grants and sponsorship. A few of these ideas are hinging on the council submission being actioned quickly but we are determined in our goals and will make them happen.

Our primary focus though has been, and will always be, on developing our skaters and ensuring we promote Artistic skating in our area. Earlier this year seven skaters along with our coach attended SK8 Camp in Palmerston North and in June six skaters attended Development Squad training in Hamilton. Both of these experiences were invaluable. Knowledge was gained and friendships formed with other clubs. We have held 2 medal test days this year. Most of our skaters are now looking to gain their level 2 or 3 medals for Figures and Freestyle thanks to the efforts of our club Figure and Freestyle coach Michelle Webb. We have a small handful of skaters who gained Dance medals 1 & 2 that are attending training out of town as they are moving up in the grades. Ideally we would like to have a dance specific coach come in and hope to work towards this in the near future for those skaters who are dance focused.

Despite all of the hurdles we have had and continue to have, we are a strong united team who have performed incredibly well in 2018 at Laurie Hastie, Regionals & Area competitions.

Four skaters competed at Laurie Hastie bringing home 10 medals. Nine skaters went to Regionals in April with 29 placings. We then took 5 skaters to Areas in May bringing home 8 medals, most of which were Gold and have 3 skaters now going on to represent Tauranga at Nationals.

This just builds on the success we started last year and of which our committee, members and skaters can be incredibly proud of.