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UHRSC Report to SkateNZ Artistic Committee AGM 2019

Our membership has stayed roughly the same at around 180 members with approximately 100 skaters.

Our club coaches have overseen an overhaul of the patch grades in our Tuesday night Patch class and the addition of a Patch Squad for the more advanced Patch skaters. This squad aims to introduce our Patch skaters to medal tests and competitions while giving the skaters and their parents/caregivers the opportunity to meet our club coaches in preparation for transitioning into private coaching and competition.

Our patch offering has doubled this year with the addition of a Saturday morning class to the Patch Schedule. This class is a mixture of off-skate conditioning training and basic skating skills.

Three of our skaters went to France in 2018 for the World Artistic Championships. Congratulations to Emma Patrick, Senior Ladies Freeskating, Mitsuko Nam, Junior Ladies Solo Dance and Katelyn Kennedy, Junior Ladies Figures. They all achieved good placings, especially Katelyn, whose placing in her Figure event has allowed 2 skaters to be sent from NZ to compete in Junior Figures this year.

The UHRSC had 7 skaters in the 2018 Oceania team. Special congratulations goes to Victoria Edwards who won her Figure event and was named the 2018 Youth Oceania Figure Champion. Also thanks to Team Manager Carolyn Evans and her Assistant Liz Edwards for all their hard work managing the NZ team.

We have many judges and officials at Upper Hutt who have been working hard on implementing the new RollArt system in New Zealand. We were able to use our club Open Day competition in June as a trial of the system before NZ Champs and we have really appreciated the extra experience and education that we have gleaned from this opportunity. We look forward to helping to support this system in 2020.

We have seen strong attendance at our Saturday discos and School Holiday sessions this year. Income from these sessions pays a good proportion of the rental of the rink (over \$97,000.00 p.a.). Private bookings on weekdays and Saturday evenings are very popular, with most Saturdays having a booking. We advertise all sessions at schools and information centres throughout the Greater Wellington region, on our web site, Facebook page, and in different community groups on Facebook. All of our (approx. 210) sessions whether for the public or private bookings, are manned by club members on a voluntary basis. All sessions have 2 – 4 volunteers on duty. We like to make all public sessions very family orientated, so an adult with a child 8 years or younger gets half price entry if they wish to skate.

We have placed a priority on hiring the rink to outside groups this year and have regular bookings from the Rimutaka Roller Derby League, Rimutaka Inline Hockey Club and Wellington Roller Hockey. These groups also hire the rink for games, tournaments and other functions throughout the year.

In an effort to build membership and promote roller sports in the greater Wellington region we worked with Hockey, speed and derby this year to put on a day of skating activities for Kiwi Skate Day. This was a successful event which we hope to build upon next year.



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