

MINUTES OF ARTISTIC ROLLER SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Via Zoom, 20 October 2024, 10.00 am – 4.07pm

PRESENT	Yvonne Lambert-Smith, Michelle O’Doherty, Jenny Bailey (10.00 -10.55am) Janine Price, Jenny Lupton, Phoenix Reid (10.00am – 2.00pm)	
APOLOGIES	Di Gunson, Rachael Parkinson-Turner, Sarah Johnston	
ITEM 1	WELCOME	
	Yvonne welcomed the Committee.	
ITEM 2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	ACTIONED BY
	Moved: Yvonne Lambert-Smith/Jenny Lupton seconded, that these be a correct record of the meeting that was held - Carried.	
ITEM 3	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
	Janine to continue plans for central repository/digitising processes for entries/content sheets/results/music etc.	JANINE
	Janine to amend the RollArt booking form. Booking fee now applicable to Regional and Area committees. Once amended Janine will send to secretaries	JANINE
	Officials to double-check if the loophole in the figures warm-up rules has been fixed	JENNY/DI
ITEM 4	CORRESPONDENCE	
	Moved; Jenny Lupton/Michelle O’Doherty seconded, that inward correspondence be accepted and outward confirmed - Carried.	
ITEM 5	MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE	
	Nil.	
ITEM 6	TREASURER’S REPORT	
	Jenny presented the Treasurer’s report. Moved; Michelle O’Doherty/Phoenix Reid seconded that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted - Carried.	
ITEM 7	MATTERS ARISING FROM TREASURER’S REPORT	
	Michelle to send in expense claim from World Team for reimbursement.	MICHELLE
	There are extra, general Artistic Committee funds (interest from previous investments) being held in the Worlds 2012 Term Deposit. This will be removed at the Worlds 2012 Term Deposit renewal date and held to be added to our general funds Term Deposit when that renews.	JENNY B
	Once again, Hamilton Club have submitted questions about the	JANINE/YVONNE

	annual Artistic accounts to the NZFRS Board at their AGM. An itemised reply is being created and will be sent to the club along with a reminder that the appropriate place to raise questions about Artistic accounts is at the Artistic AGM or directly to the Artistic Committee.	/JENNY B
ITEM 8	NZAO BUSINESS	
	<p>Jenny Lupton presented the officials report.</p> <p>The NZAO are continuing work on the Star Skate program in conjunction with the NZAC and contributing towards the 2025 NZ Artistic Rules and NZ Artistic Requirements updates.</p> <p>There has been a lot of input with clubs and regional/area committees to arrange medal testing centres.</p> <p>The “Creating Learning Content” webinar from Sport NZ was very helpful for the team working on online exams/learning content. Work on this is progressing well.</p> <p>A Job Description for Event Managers is being prepared.</p> <p>Officials Zoom sessions and other online/email learning and development opportunities have been arranged and received positively. There are plans to continue and extend this over the summer. Officials sessions are also being planned to follow the Coaches sessions in the online NZ Artistic Seminar.</p> <p>There was some discussion with the Committee around same sex dance couples. This discussion will continue at the Planning meeting.</p> <p>The committee agreed to set up shared files for the use of event managers as a central repository for content sheets, results etc. Janine to arrange and share with the current Event Managers.</p>	JANINE
ITEM 9	NZAC BUSINESS	
	<p>The following commissions were ratified via email:</p> <p>Gabby Pace – CAC - NSA Megan Maurice - CAC - NSA Clarinda Meerterns – CAC - NSA Jessica Hope - CAC - NSA Vicky Xu – CAC - NSA Ruby Parley - CAC - NSA Laura Edney – CAC - NSA</p> <p>The NZAC suggested changing to an online format for the NZ Seminar in November. This was agreed to and the schedule has been sent out to clubs.</p> <p>Coach accreditation annual updating and the production of new coaches passes for 2025 is underway.</p> <p>The new SSL1 and Mentoring program is underway. Online mentoring</p>	

	<p>sessions will begin in November.</p> <p>Work is ongoing on SSL2 exams however, in the absence of an exam, the NZAC would like to nominate the following coaches to be awarded an SSL2 Accreditation due to their experience and clear commitment to learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mercedes Carrascosa - Dance & Freeskating - Phoenix Reid - Figures & Dance - Lisa Thomas - Figures & Freeskating - Alana Caunter - Dance <p>The Artistic Committee agreed to the proposed coaches being awarded an SSL2.</p> <p>The Artistic Committee would like to see a robust process in place for SSL2 and World Skate candidate selection. NZAC to develop pre-requisites/candidate requirements and present these at the Artistic Committee planning meeting. The Committee will review the rules and country allocations as dictated by World Skate and will address this further at the Artistic Planning meeting in November/December.</p> <p>NZAC Policy review is complete</p> <p>Amy Stephenson has been offered the role of NZAC - Support Coach, with a trial period to allow her a chance to see if the position is something she is interested in long term. She has accepted and we look forward to working alongside her over the next few months.</p> <p>The NZAC requested that the Projects Co-Ordinator role be changed to a "Secretary" position with the Job Description being changed accordingly.</p> <p>The Artistic Committee ratified the change from "NZAC – Projects Co-Ordinator" to "NZAC – Secretary". Janine to advise the NZAC and retain the updated Job Description for our files.</p> <p>The NZAC have requested access to Xero to enable them to do their own invoicing. The Committee are in favour of this. Janine to confirm exactly what access they require and then Jenny will arrange.</p> <p>Work on the Star Skate program is ongoing. All documents have been shared with the NZAO Star Skate Team for review and feedback.</p> <p>The NZAC requested the waiver of coach accreditation fees for coaches on the NZAC. The Committee discussed this request at length and decided to decline the request. The committee continues to be willing to discuss and plan for the recruitment of further support coaches and administration volunteers to help balance the workload. Janine to respond to the NZAC with this decision.</p> <p>Janine to respond to Kylie regarding the ongoing situation with the recognition of her World Skate Accreditations.</p>	<p>NZAC JANINE/YVONNE</p> <p>JANINE</p> <p>JANINE/JENNY B</p> <p>JANINE</p> <p>JANINE</p>
ITEM 10	SKATER'S REPRESENTATIVE	
	Phoenix will collect feedback from skaters regarding world level competition experiences.	PHOENIX

ITEM 11	TEAMS AND EVENTS	
	<p>NZ Artistic Seminar The NZ Artistic Seminar will be held online. The schedule has been released to clubs. Jenny to approach officials about further sessions that might be beneficial, either on the Wednesday time slot or in the existing Sunday time slot.</p> <p>There will be a New Rules/Requirements session on the 8th of December with Yvonne and Janine.</p> <p>Di and Jenny will confirm a possible session with Tony on the 15th of December to communicate his reflections and feedback to our skating community after officiating at World Champs.</p> <p>Oceania/Pacific Cup 2025 We are still awaiting a ratified date and venue for this competition.</p> <p>Uniforms The Artistic Committee will roll out new International Teams Uniforms in 2025. This will be led by Michelle. Janine to contact Paula regarding discontinuation of current World and Oceania Team uniforms.</p> <p>The committee discussed the current Pacific Cup open entrant nomination process and protocols for entries and participation. The requirements will stay the same for 2025. Artistic Committee will aim to provide very clear communications about the expectations for Pacific Cup open entrants in terms of being self-sufficient with travel, managing themselves in the marshalling area etc. Further discussion will happen at the planning meeting.</p> <p>The committee discussed qualifying competitions for Oceania/Pacific Cup team. For 2025, the qualifying competitions will be Graeme Sheppard Challenge/Joan Alexander Champs and NZ Champs. Janine to send this information out with the 2025 NZ Rankings and High Performance Squad information.</p> <p>Due to the early date of the Graeme Sheppard Challenge/Joan Alexander Champs, the LAST date for gaining the required medal test for Oceania Champs/Pacific Cup and World Team selection will be the closing date for Central Area Champs. Skaters will confirm their medal test status and also give a final confirmation of their team nomination by this date.</p> <p>World Champs Having skaters arrive or leave early was challenging to organise but worked out in the end. Continuity in team management over the years has proved very helpful.</p> <p>It was interesting to note that there are a number of smaller countries taking advantage of overseas coaching and seeing improved results at international competition. Component scores are an opportunity for improvement nationwide. The Committee feels that performance could be a focus for squads and training over</p>	<p>JENNY L</p> <p>DI/JENNY L</p> <p>MICHELLE JANINE</p> <p>JANINE</p>

	<p>the next few years.</p> <p>The World team skaters were very composed, and conducted themselves well. Management have indicated that skaters at all levels of international competition would benefit from Mental health and preparation support. The Committee will look at bringing in a mental health professional for sessions with our World Level athletes. Janine to forward this recommendation to the NZAC and ask them to co-ordinate this at team training camps. It was also recommended that team camps have a preparation, performance and presentation focus rather than technical focus in future.</p> <p>World Figure Cup While this was held at a very basic venue, the skaters conducted themselves well and put in performances to be proud of.</p> <p>Graeme Sheppard Challenge/Joan Alexander Champs 8th and 9th of February 2025 Organising Committee will be; Michelle, Yvonne, Rachael, Janine and Di</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janine to check with Leigh and ask Bruce and Phoenix to do programming. • Rachael and Janine to get entry forms out this week. Entries close 13th December. Entry fees will remain the same as 2023. • Di will arrange judging panels and officials in conjunction with our Chief officials. • Rachael to work with the Logo competition winner on merchandise etc. • Jenny B. and Yvonne will prepare a budget. <p>The organising committee will report back at the Planning meeting.</p>	<p>YVONNE JANINE</p> <p>JANINE</p> <p>RACHAEL</p> <p>DI RACHAEL YVONNE/JENNY B</p>
ITEM 12	WORLD SKATE	
	<p>The Committee has received a number of enquiries regarding the new World Skate costume regulations. World Skate indicated at their ATC meeting at World Champs that they would like nations to make their own calls on the details of the regulations and have therefore left the regulations more vague than last year.</p> <p>The Committee will communicate the following points to the NZ Skating community via newsflash:</p> <p>The Committee feel that the essential points in the costume regulations for Free, Dance, inline, solo dance and pairs are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No appearance of excessive nudity. We are back to allowing coloured mesh and modest cut-outs but keep it classy. 2) Feathers and Fringe are OUT. The material of the costume may be cut to resemble fringe, but you can no longer use feather or fringe embellishments. 3) Anything that is glued to the costume must be 4mm in 	

	<p>diameter or LESS.</p> <p>4) Anything larger than 4mm in diameter must be securely sewn on to the costume.</p> <p>There will not be any costume checking, so it is important to keep in mind the following rules (copied from World Skate General regulations 2.20):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges will have the option to push a costume violation button. If the majority of the officials including Referee agree, the deduction will be applied. • A deduction for costume violation from the Referee will occur if ANY ITEM falls off the athlete. It is mandatory all items be properly secured. • Costumes rules apply for anything worn on the body. <p>Taking all of the above into account, this means:</p> <p>The judging panel in each event has the final say on deductions and their opinion may differ from competition to competition.</p> <p>If anything falls off your costume or out of your hair then you're in trouble.</p> <p>Ultimately, have fun and be creative with your costume design but realise that if you decide to push the limits of the regulations then you are taking on the risk of possible costume penalties.</p>	
ITEM 13	WEBSITE	
	Holly Logan from Rotorua has been provided with a log in for the website - Holly has already made changes to our home screen with the inclusion of Liam on the home page. The Committee would like to thank her for volunteering for this task and welcome her onboard.	
	GENERAL BUSINESS	
ITEM 14	Kiwi Skate	
	Janine proposed an updated Kiwi Skate ordering processes and a slight change to the physical resources that will be sold. The committee also agreed to an updated pricing structure. Janine will implement this and then hand over Kiwi Skate to the new Co-Ordinator.	JANINE
ITEM 15	Artistic Committee Planning Meeting	
	<p>The Committee discussed logistics for the planning meeting in Auckland in late November.</p> <p>Some artistic policies have been identified for updating. These were assigned to various committee members to look over and draft updates for discussion at the meeting. Janine to email copies of policies to the committee.</p>	JANINE
ITEM 16	NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 29 November - Auckland	

	MEETING CLOSED: 4.07 pm	
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