



24 April 2014 NEWSLETTER

Liudmila Kuznetsova appointed as the Skater Development Director

The Board are very pleased to announce the appointment of Liudmila Kuznetsova as the Skater Development Director. This position had been vacant since Rachel Fisher regrettably handed in her resignation at the end of February, and in the absence of any nominations for election at the AGM, the Board appointed Liudmila at their March meeting. Wendy Clucas has been holding the fort for the intervening few weeks but was very pleased to put all the planned skater development activities that Rachel had initiated into Liudmila's very capable hands.

The NZIFSA AGM

The NZIFSA AGM was held in Auckland Saturday 12 April and was preceded by forums on organising club competitions, using the NZIFSA website, and what clubs are wanting from the NZIFSA.

The following individuals were elected at the AGM:

- Barbara Lindsay Taylor (Vice President),
- Wendy Gardiner (Board Member),
- Sandra Williamson-Leadley (CEO),
- Bridget Danbrook (Secretary),
- Connor McIver (Technical Director),
- Suzanne Cunningham (Officials Director), and
- Ian Grant (Honorary Solicitor).

At their meeting the next day the Board reappointed Aleisha Haslemore as the Marketing and Promotions Officer, and appointed Sam Snoad as the Grants Officer.

Our sincere thanks to all of these individuals for volunteering to take on these roles. Thanks also to Maureen Forester for arranging for us to use her workplace for the AGM and the Board and Operations Group and Development Group meetings the next day. We'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of the NZIFSA Officers that had chosen to step down from their roles. Wendy Clucas for all her work over the last 2 years as CEO, Robyn Morris who has been on the Board, and the NZISA Council before that since 2009, and Heather McDonald who has been our Officials Director since we restructured in 2011. A sincere thank you for all your work over the years.

ISU Development Camp – Manila, Philippines 21-26 April

For the second year the ISU are holding the ISU Development Trophy in Manila. This year there is a 5 day workshop followed by a competition for Basic Novice to Junior level skaters. We have the following skaters attending this year:

Junior Ladies - Tracy Danbrook

Junior Men - Michael Durham

Basic Novice A Ladies - Abbey Heale and Zara Anthony-Whigham

They will be accompanied by Coach/Team Leader, Caitlin Haynes and Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be attending as a judge. We wish them all the very best.

Synchronised Skating Development Workshop



A very successful Synchronised Development Camp for those named in the Development Squad at 2013 National Championships was held at Botany Downs Arena 15th & 16th March moderated by Aleisha Haselmore. Aleisha is an International Technical Specialist for Synchronised skating for New Zealand, even though she currently lives in Australia. Aleisha is a former member of the New Zealand representative team for Senior Worlds and was a member of the Australian representative team for 3 years. Aleisha is part of the coaching team for the Majestic Ice synchronised skating teams in Sydney.

Upcoming Singles Development Camp

A three day camp is being held at the Avondale rink in Auckland Wednesday 23 April – Friday 25th April for skaters in the Talent ID / Age Development and International Development Squads. The moderators for the course are Kim Lewis and Liudmila Kuznetsova.

Level 1 Coaching Course

A level 1 coaching course was held in Dunedin 22-23 March and moderated by Kim Lewis, Liudmila Kuznetsova and Fanis Shakirzianau.

Four Continents Championships

Both our ISU Championships Judges were drawn to officiate. Sandra Williamson-Leadley for Ice Dance and Sue Petricevic for Singles. Connor McIver attended also on his own initiative and thoroughly enjoyed the competition.

Reminder to Clubs and Coaches from the Coaching Director:

Only accredited Level 1 or above coaches can be rinkside for NZIFSA tests. We remind all coaches and any club members organising tests of the requirement to adhere to this policy. Similarly at Nationals only coaches who are Level 1 accredited or higher may be rinkside or in the marshalling area during official practices or competitions. If your coach does not have Level 1 accreditation or higher then you should discuss with your coach how you will manage this. Options include arranging for an accredited coach to stand in on these occasions or not having a coach rinkside for these events.

Skate Down Under NZ

The NZIFSA are planning to hold an international singles competition in Dunedin Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 August. We hope to have the announcement out to you very soon for this competition.

Hollins Trophy 6-9 June

The pre-announcement has come out advising that Sydney Figure Skating Clubs' Hollins Trophy will be held 6-9 June. We expect more information about this competition to be available soon. Any skaters wishing to attend this competition need to request permission from the NZIFSA via the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz before they make any arrangements to attend.

A message from Wendy the outgoing CEO

At the AGM my term as CEO came to an end as I have chosen not to stand again for election. As this is my last Newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been part of the Administration during my term of office. My decision was based on the fact that I believe in order for the Association to move forward there was a need for younger ones to step forward. I am pleased to say that at

the AGM we do see some new faces putting their name up for nomination. During my term of office I have received the support of many especially Jeanette and also of late, Sam Snoad, Bronwyn Laud assisting in arrangements for the two development camps in Auckland and then of course Liudmila Kuznetsova who put her name forward for Skaters Development Officer and was appointed at the last Board Meeting for a 12 month term. I leave with no regrets, and the belief that the Association is moving forward with both coaches and administrator combining together in a united effort.

Although I have moved on from skating I still remain available to assist if and when required. In closing I wish everyone the success they strive for and may the Association remain a united body.

Hope everyone had a great Easter break

Jeanette King, Wendy Clucas and Sandra Williamson-Leadley