

NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC)

COMMUNICATION 007

AGM - Elected Officers

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Ice Skating Association was held at the New Lynn Community Centre, Auckland, on Saturday 20th April, 2002.

OFFICERS ELECTED:

PATRON:	Allan Weeds
PRESIDENT:	Wendy Clucas (Ch)
VICE PRESIDENT 1st	John Harrington (Gore)
VICE PRESIDENT 2nd	Scott Thode (Akl)
SECRETARY	Joy Street (Ch)
TREASURER	Rosemarie Nye (Akl)
COUNCIL:	Anna-Marie Frost (Akl)
	Eric Apperley (Ch)
	Trish Morris (Alx)
	Dr Warwick Johnson (Dn)
HON AUDITOR:	Jill Michael (Ch)
HON SOLICITOR:	John Walker (Dn)
TECHNICAL COMMITTEES	
Auckland	Andrew Schnauer
	Scott Thode
	Anna-Marie Frost
	Barbara Lindsay-Taylor
Christchurch	Eric Apperley
	Jeanne Begej
	Sandra Leadley
	Heather McDonald
Southland/Otago	Jillian Phillips
	Nicole McDonald

	Christine Stevens
	Rebecca Read

Constitution Changes

Rule 1.3 “Coaches Association” means A society of New Zealand Coaches registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Rule 8.6 Attendance of Honorary Solicitor and Honorary Auditor becomes 8.6a

New Rule 8.6b Attendance of New Zealand Coaches Association:

A representative elected by the Coaches Association shall be entitled to attend all National Council meetings and all General Meetings of the NZISA. They shall be entitled to speak on all issues but not to vote.

Council submitted this new rule recognizing that Coaches are able to have input at an Administrative level.

Regulation Changes

Rule 227 Eligibility for New Zealand National & all Sub-Association Championships. The qualifying age is to be as at the 1st July preceding the championship.

This is to be constant throughout all the grades with age restrictions and will take effect from this year.

Rule 506 relating to Judging of Tests has been referred back to the Technical Committee.

Allchurch Shield

Council has approved a new format for the allocation of points in an effort to make the awarding fairer.

Mladost Trophy

A team of six travelled to Zagreb, Croatia in March to compete and judge at this International event. Whilst it was a very quick trip 8 days in total, it was a valuable experience for all.

The team was:

Slava Kouznetsov	Coach		
Tristan Thode	Junior Men	SP Freeskate	10 th 11 th
Vicky Kuo	Novice Ladies	SP Freeskate	14 th 11 th
Mathieu Wilson	Novice Men	SP Freeskate	7 th 8 th

Jeanne Begej and Wendy Clucas attended in order to retain their International ranking. They drew both Novice and Junior events.

Skaters from 15 Countries participated at various levels. The largest teams were from Japan, Great Britain and Canada. We couldn't help noticing the depth of skaters participating at this competition and the standard being achieved by skaters ranging in age from 8 years to Junior level.

ISU Training seminar - Beijing

Our Team departs at the end of July for this Training Camp and Seminar. While in Croatia we met with the Project Manager Andre Bourgeois who advised that the skaters face an intensive time, three one hourly sessions per day on ice followed by a further off-ice session plus other activities.

Travel arrangements are finally coming together, thanks to the efforts of Avondale Travel and Rosemarie Nye who as Team Leader has the responsibility of co-ordinating the whole trip.

ISU Congress

Wendy Clucas will be representing New Zealand at this important meeting in Kyoto Japan in June. It is expected to be a very controversial meeting including Election of Officers and much emphasis being placed on revamping the Judging System. We are also expecting an announcement of new Funding Schemes and with this in mind Rosemarie Nye will accompany Wendy at her own cost to strengthen our voice.

Skaters Eligibility

To date we have received a few Skaters seeking permission to coach and retain their eligible status. At the Council Meeting following the Annual General Meeting further discussion was held on Eligibility. Council has now placed further guidelines for skaters. These are placed in two categories.

Kiwi Skate Coaching – Group lessons. Skaters may apply for permission.

Private Lessons - In order to protect Eligibility skaters are asked to apply for permission and also requested to have any monies placed in a separate Bank Account or Trust. Records must be kept with all receipts and invoices available to the NZISA for viewing. Income derived from Private Lessons may only be used for skating purposes eg personal lessons, ice time, skating equipment, travel etc.

Please have these requests in the hands of the NZISA Secretary by May 13th – no further extensions will be given.

Selection Criteria

Selections are made on many issues.

Results from National Championships, continued performances throughout the year, Grade a skater is eligible for eg skaters competing at NZ Pre Primary and Primary must be under 14 years to compete in Primary Australia, once a skater has competed in a grade whether it be Nationals, Sub-Association or Club they are not able to skate in a lower division, ability to perform required elements, on going commitment.

Funding

New Zealand Ice Skating has received funding from:

ISU Contribution “C” This is restrictive and may only be used for skaters at International level or preparing for. Hillary Commission - Is funded on a dollar for dollar basis and covers development of amateur personnel and recruitment of youngsters to sport.

It must be noted that the Funding Structure is under change both in New Zealand and ISU. We are at present unable to plan or budget for upcoming events.

Kiwi Skate

As the Kiwi Skate program is included in the NZISA Regulations we have requested all coordinators of the program to forward all test passes to Trish Morris at 22 Kenmure Street, Alexandra where they will be placed on a data base.

Queries

Should any member have questions/problems please feel free to address them to the appropriate person on Council or Technical Committees rather than discussing with others.

For your information Council Portfolios are listed below:

Funding and Development	Rosemarie Nye Wendy Clucas
Drugs	Anna-Marie Frost
Test & Competitive Recording	John Harrington
Strategic Plan	Dr Warwick Johnson
Web site Co-coordinator	Eric Apperley
Kiwi Skate Recording	Trish Morris
Selectors	Wendy Clucas Jeanne Begej Barbara Lindsay-Taylor

Judges

We are always on the lookout for new judges. If anyone is interested in learning to become a judge, please contact your Local Technical Committee.

Website

All regulations updates and information are available on our Website www.nzisa.com.

Wishing all skaters an enjoyable and successful year ahead.

Wendy Clucas

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