



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NEW ZEALAND DANCESPORT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD AT AMI Netball Centre, 7 Allison Fergusson Drive, St Johns, Auckland
SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2014**

Meeting opened at 9.45 AM

President, William Joyce, welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.

PRESENT: William Joyce (President); Sandra Maxfield (Vice President); Jenny Lamb (Canterbury); Mary Staples & Keith Huntington (Wellington); Roy & Sheila Brook (Auckland); William Chegwidden & Geoff Chowles (Whanganui); Rachel Ferguson & Kim Hannah (Otago-Southland); Keryn Russ (Nelson/Sports Officer); Debbie Rist (Selections Officer); Becky Blackshaw (DNZ Trust Chairperson);

OBSERVERS: Charlie Billington; Rob Walker (President Whanganui); Michael Wendt (IDO); Helen Imamura; Irina Kapeli;

1. **APOLOGIES:** Laurel Taylor, David Mayne, Jackie Drakeford

Moved: Keryn Russ

Seconded: Geoff Chowles

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes had been circulated. Sandra Maxfield gave a summary of the minutes of the 2013 AGM held at Crossways, Wellington on 24 February 2013. Change required to nomination of Treasurer on page 3, should be for the 2013 year not 2012

Moved: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 24 February 2013 as amended, be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Sandra Maxfield

Seconded: Keryn Russ

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No changes made to website yet and no work with NZFATD on accreditation

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President, William Joyce read his report to the meeting. He then tabled his report.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer, Keryn Russ read his report to the meeting. He then tabled his report.

Sandra spoke about the financial situation. Revenue is down and expenses largely due to fewer delegates attending meetings or taking advantage of cheap fares. Regional disbursement from licence fees is working really well. Licence fee numbers are down. More bank fees due to foreign currency bank fees. There are currency fees in NZ and in Europe which is out of our control. Financial result down approx \$300 on last year which is pretty good in the circumstances.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Not required this year

7. **SPORTS REPORT**

The Sports Officer, Keryn Russ read his report to the meeting. He then tabled his report.

8. SELECTION REPORT

Debbie Rist read her report. She believes it is not necessary to send all international invitations to all dancers. The Sports Officer, Selections Officer and Secretary do need them.

Expressions of interest should be received in a timely manner from dancers - would be appreciated, not a week before the event.

Website needs to be clearer – finding expression of interest forms is difficult. *File under athletes and then selection which would be more visible. Put Asher Robb and Alex Tetlow reports on web front page.*

Selections policy needs reviewing and tweaking. **Keryn to review the Expression of Interest form.**

Debbie tabled her report

9. COMMUNICATION REPORT

Position is vacant. We have a webmaster behind the scenes – low profile.

10. DANCESPORT NZ TRUST REPORT

Becky Blackshaw read her report. She commented on working with the Street Latin community – kids get a chance to dance at school. At the moment it is the street community which has the relationships with the schools. This is essential for us and we need to own our IDO membership to facilitate this. It is very sad our brand and licences are not important to people – there is a lot of work to do to rebuild this. She then tabled her report.

Sandra and William thanked Becky for her guidance and assistance over her term through tough times.

11. EVENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

William Joyce read his report and spoke to it. We always need people to put hands up to help out. Michael Wendt commented we need to build slowly with our neighbors then expand to continental championships etc There are large numbers of competitors, build up strategically. William then tabled his report

12. WDSF DELEGATES REPORT

Was tabled at the half yearly meeting in September 2013 and is now tabled at 2014 AGM.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice -President

Vice President: Sandra Maxfield

Nominated: Roy Brook, Auckland

Seconded: Keryn Russ, Nelson

Keith called for nominations to be closed. Kim Hannah seconded close of nominations.

There being no further nominations, Sandra Maxfield was declared Vice President for 2014.

Secretary -

Secretary: Keith Huntington

Nominated: Sandra Maxfield, Nelson

Seconded: Geoff Chowles, Whanganui

Keryn Russ called for nominations to be closed. Kim Hannah seconded close of nominations.

There being no further nominations, Keith Huntington was declared Secretary for 2014.

Treasurer – election of Treasurer not required as Keryn has withdrawn his resignation

William said we should look to set up regular Executive Meetings by Skype three monthly.

Selections Officer (1 year appointment) - William called for nominations for Selections Officer

Selections Officer: Debbie Rist

Nominated William Joyce, President

Seconded: Sandra Maxfield, Nelson

There being no further nominations, Debbie Rist was appointed Selections Officer for 2014

Communications Officer (1 year appointment) –

Position to remain vacant but Charlie Billington may help in the background.

Sports Officer (1 year appointment)– William called for nominations for Sports Officer

Sports officer: Keryn Russ

Nominated: William Joyce

Seconded: Sandra Maxfield

There being no further nominations, Keryn Russ was appointed Sports Officer for 2014

Accreditation officer (1 year appointment) - William called for nominations for Accreditation Officer.

Jan Kotlowski in the role but nothing happening currently. Happy to continue.

Accreditation Officer: Jan Kotlowski

Nominated: Keryn Russ

Seconded Sandra Maxfield

There being no further nominations, Jan Kotlowski was appointed Accreditation Officer for 2014

14. REMITS

Remit 1

To replace the word/words 'rule' or 'these rules' wherever they appear in the document with the words 'this constitution'

Clause 6.13	change the word 'Rules 15.1' to read 'Clauses 15.1....'
Clause 12.6	add the words 'or this constitution' in line 2 after 'breaches of rules'
Clause 19.1	change the word 'Rule 16.2' to read 'Clause 16.2'
Clause 22.1	change the word 'their' to 'its' in line 1

Rationale – *To rename and correct the terminology of the governing document of the Association and make the necessary alterations to the document for clarification of description*

Rules affected – **1.1, 6.10, 7.1, 8.3, 12.1, 12.5, 12.6, 19, 19.1, 19.2, 22.1**

Moved: Nelson

Seconded: Canterbury

Query from Auckland about voting – Sandra read Rule 19.1 which states rules may be changed 'by resolution passed by three-fourths majority of Delegates present at an Annual General Meeting....'

Abstention: Auckland **Passed by majority**

Remit 2

New Clause 17.9

A general meeting may be held by way of electronic communication eg Skype. Any delegate who is unable to attend a general or annual general meeting in person, with the approval of the meeting may be joined to the meeting by way of electronic communication eg Skype

Rationale – *To permit meetings or attendance at meetings by electronic means.*

Mary Staples said that Wellington suggest it be preferable to have video so can see people ie not just a conference call. Discussion and agreement on having one meeting per year in person – Wellington. Further discussion re using this facility in emergencies.

Sandra (Nelson) moved to amend the wording of the motion as follows:

A special meeting may be held by way of real time audio visual communication eg Skype. Any delegate who is unable to attend the Annual General Meeting in person, with the approval of the meeting may be joined to the meeting by way of real time audio visual communication eg Skype.

Moved: Nelson

Seconded: Wellington

Abstention: Auckland

Passed by majority

Remit 3

Clause 6.11

Delete the words 'a cheque' and replace with 'payment'

Rationale – To permit electronic bank transfer payments

Moved: Nelson

Seconded: Canterbury

Abstention: Auckland

Passed by majority

15. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rachel F- discussion about opening dances to DNZ non-licence holders. DSOS feels that any dancers should be able to dance in competitions no matter who they are affiliated to. There have been issues with grading from Nationals.

Becky B - commented that nothing prevents people from dancing, it has to do with rules and regulations around how we run the competitions and accreditation. We are bound by those rules and if we want to change then we have to change rules.

Second issue is about revenue. Our body pays for affiliations and has to have a way to exist. Licensing is that way to fund our affiliations and existence, no licence recognition means no revenue and we will cease to exist. Unless of course the regions supported the National body and that would require rule change too. The issues are about legislation and revenue – if we can resolve these we will have come a long way to fixing things

Roy B - if we adopt Aus system will be upgraded by collecting points not by wins

William C - Whanganui accepted all dancers. This year will run open to all but those not DNZ licenced will need Pay as You go

Rachel F - wants people to come to comp. Cannot make people pay, if we don't open comp up they won't come.

Jenny L - not expensive to hold DNZ cost of licence (\$60 for Council, \$50 DNZ) compare to price of lesson. Finance is not a fair reason not to hold licence.

Geoff C - suggested two levels of entrance fee. Non licenced to pay higher fee at door includes PAYG. Lower fee for licenced member.. Looks like a discount to members. Good solution

Roy B – logistics for Keryn

Sandra M - Need details for PAYG licences

Keith H - Receipting at the door gives us data to promote to them in future.

Sandra M - Builds membership as PAYG comes into play – we can offer more back to dancers. We need members

William J - would Whanganui proposal help. D-OS give free entries to dancers.

Saione Greer joined the meeting

Sheila B – Overheads can be prohibitive esp in Auck, community needs to stand together.

Sandra M – could D OS get sponsorship to do PAYG

Rachel F – small number affected

Debbie R – this must affect everyone here – asked about rules and implications.

SM to review and report back to everyone.

Rachel F – comp run under DNZ rules by supporters group. They do fundraisers to send dancers away, free for competitors to get them in the door.

Meeting referred back to Item 14 –

The wording of the motion for refund of Competition fees for cancelled competitions

The competition registration fee shall be composed as follows –

- One third (1/3) towards name reservation and is non refundable and
- Two thirds (2/3) refundable if the event is cancelled provided no less than 3 days prior notice has been given of the competition date. The refund may only be used towards registration fees for the following year.

Moved: Whanganui (Geoff Chowles)

Seconded: Otago-Southland (Kim Hannah)

Abstention: Auckland

Passed by majority

We have been approached by WDSF to put a remit to the AGM – discussion held in committee. Delegates by majority do not want to consider moving motion

More information will be required before we vote at WDSF AGM.

A vote of thanks was given to Roy and Sheila Brook for their organization for the meeting.

The meeting was called to a close by William Joyce at 11.55am

Signed:

President

Date: _____