

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NEW ZEALAND DANCESPORT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD AT Tararua Tramping Club, Wellington
SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2015**

Meeting opened at 2.10 PM

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

PRESENT: William Joyce (President) (WJ); Sandra Maxfield (Vice President) (SM); Jenny Lamb (Canterbury) (JL); Mary Staples (Wellington) (MS); Roy Brook (RB) & Daniel McLean (DM)(Auckland); William Chegwiddden (Whanganui) (WC); Keryn Russ (Nelson/Sports Officer) (KR);

OBSERVERS: Sheila Brook (SB), Denis Gianoutsos (DG), Anita Chegwiddden (AC), Paul Malthus (PM), Lis Sowerbutts (LS)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Debbie Rist, Jackie Drakeford

Moved: SM

Seconded: JL

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes had been circulated. Sandra Maxfield gave a summary of the minutes of the 2014 AGM held at AMI Netball Centre, St Johns, Auckland.

Moved: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 9 February 2014, be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: SM

Seconded: JL

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – NIL**

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer Keryn Russ tabled his report. Clarification of contribution to WDSF meeting – for accommodation 2013

6. **SPORTS REPORT**

The Sports Officer Keryn Russ tabled his report.

Licence fees higher in 2012 as national competition but nothing since then – should improve this year with Nationals.

Wellington is trying to reach dancers, teachers etc not just member. Need to circulate everyone you can, not just members - inform people to make their own choice. May still not work but need to try. Social media is good value. The more things you run shows more benefits of being a member.

7. **DANCESPORT NZ TRUST REPORT**

Chairperson Sandra Maxfield read her report. World Masters Games 2017 will not include Dancesport.

DanceSport Games postponed from 2014 to September 2015. DNZ Nationals 25 July Christchurch hopefully to include recreational and new grades. Please support Nationals and your national body. The report was tabled.

Purpose of the Trust - is a separate legal organization to run national events. Protect DNZ against any liability but option to return any profits to DNZ

World Masters Games in April 2017 – holding 20 sports out of the 55 held in Wanganui. Fees are probably what put them off. A lost opportunity.

25 July date for DNZ Nationals is Jimmy James comp – major clash. Change to 1st August, Trust to decide and have information out before Friday.

8. WDSF DELEGATES REPORT

Report had been circulated. Jenny spoke to the report about the European Commission forum where the Continental Association remit was the main topic. Other remit of concern is restricting athletes to only competing in WDSF events for the previous 12 months for specific events eg World cups, Grand Slam etc. NZ and a number of other countries, North America, Australia, Scandinavia, etc were concerned about the wording. NZ put forward a simple wording to solve. Report was tabled.

9. REMITS/MOTIONS

Motion 1 (Auckland)

That DanceSport New Zealand (NZDA Inc) cancel its membership of IDO (International Dance Organisation) with effect from the date of this meeting and that IDO be notified accordingly

RB spoke to the motion. There is now some conflict of interest with IDO & WDSF. We have paid for a number of years with no return. Payment comes from fees paid by dancers, professionals and associations. We need to look at finances – can no longer afford to pay with no material gain to association

WJ gave background – WDSF & IDO were initially working together. Negotiations have now ceased. WDSF is now bringing in other styles. We joined because we wanted body with all styles. IDO has 3 divisions – Performance (Jazz, ballet), Special Couple (Salsa, Argentine Tango), Hip Hop. Possibly be a contact for 2 divisions and keep Salsa division membership. Approx costs are- Full membership \$1,800NZ; 2 departments \$1,330NZ; 1 department \$980; NZ contact \$230 NZ -no voting rights. Need to talk to Michael Wendt. We need to grow to sustain our memberships. Salsa has no national body. Need to get event up and running and get salsa people involved.

RB - Nothing happened for 4 years we have paid membership

WJ - what changed the Salsa people was WDSF World Games. Irina came back really excited. Until then they did not understand.

DG - if we gave membership away would someone else pick it up?

WJ – Possibly, we need to balance strategy against money. Need to talk to Michael that we have \$ issues.

Membership is due 25 February

Moved: Auckland

Seconded: Nil

Motion was lost as no seconder

ACTION WJ to talk to Michael Wendt, President IDO before 24 February

Motion 2

That the competition rules be amended to include a Recreational division and amended to change the Graded section grades as proposed by the subcommittee formed for this purpose and with consultation and input from regional members. The full details of which are in document to be presented to the meeting by the subcommittee.

Discussion -

JL - Regardless of the motion, it was decided at the half yearly that a subcommittee would be formed and report back with a view to bringing it to this meeting. We were under instruction so it does not need a remit.

Overview –

SM - Document prepared with overview of proposed changes which needs to be circulated. Change to reduced number of grades and formation of Recreational division. Need new title not 'amateur'. Recreational no comp dress, social, prelim, partnership excl. Less grades, more dances in each. More numbers on floor, more rounds, more dancing. Organiser has a lot of options, can dance up a grade, run novelty, run combined, in Recreational division can also have couples. Not graded dancers. Elevation is on points not wins. Points for being there - participation, also placing points. To encourage people to go to comps and dance. 2 elevation dates 1 August (after Nationals) and 1 January.

Every competitor gets placed in DanceScore system. Birth date for age groups in Graded section but year of birth in Rec division, same as WDSF.

Recreational (Novice) couples can be social dancers. Build individual points.

Redemption system of points alongside the elevation points – needs sponsors. Encourages young people to enter if they can see something for it. Redemption points continue to accumulate unlike elevation points.

System also shows history for each dancer.

We will have stand-alone package to operate. (DanceScore) - royalties?

At some stage will they charge – international contract needed? If system is not working who do we go to.

Looking to adopt rule changes idea down the track for system.

Updated rules implementing the changes, new division and a few other formatting changes.

2 decisions – name of division. Graded but we talk about Grades in the Rules which is confusing so have used Amateur and Recreational in the draft. Maybe Competitive and Recreational.

All delegates have been circulated but no feedback or input.

DG - We need to go and sell to professionals. Sandra had Skype meeting with Wellington committee

MS - Do not want to end up with 3 systems, at the moment we have 2 and need to keep it at that.

Take professionals on journey. Restricted syllabus for Recreational dances – juvenile and Recreational. Quite a few Recreational dancers are beyond restricted syllabus

RB - there are 3 levels – Beginner, Intermediate and advanced

MS - there are recreational dancers dancing to B or C level and don't want to compete. Restricted will not suit them.

SM - Maybe we keep restricted to beginner and leave other two open. Flow chart included to help explain changeover.

RB - couples going to Australia could have a problem with different systems.

DM - saw system in Melbourne, worked well. Issue with a L5 couple from here not being able to dance A grade in Australia as it was closed. He is L4 and selected B so was able to dance.

Recreational competition was fantastic, fast, quick, found out straight away and danced next round straight through to final. In combined events you get the points in your own age group.

The amount of rounds in B and C grade made stronger and more competition. Good to see.

DG - would be good for Dan to talk to other dancers.

WJ - We don't have to move today we can do by email etc. The regions can help sell this.

DG - Subcommittee to talk to delegates and understand it

LS - Need to appeal to gay community - must be open to same sex couples.

SM - Can be part of Recreational division. Recreational dancers aren't going to want to buy licence. Suggestion is when a social couple come to dance at comp, fill in form pay their entry fee and \$2 or \$1 from region goes to Sports Officer with form – they then get on system and licence. In Australia its done through RTF (Registered Teaching Facility) eg studio, who register all dancers and then get % back.

JL – Australia is finding most new dancers not moving down from L1

SM - maybe start social dancers first at comps to get them there then run competitive and as time goes by we move recreational more into more competitive area of comp.

WJ - Need to get people behind it.

WJ - re-read motion

DG - Subcommittee to put plan together for contacting studio principals and get buyin and then SGM later.

LS - Need input from Jackie etc.

WJ – everybody is positive. Need to go back to Federal for support.

LS - Initially did not like but now understands is happier

Way to revitalise

ACTION Subcommittee to put plan together by 31 March

Motion withdrawn by Auckland.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

William vacated the chair. Sandra called for nominations for President

President

William Joyce

Nominated: Sandra Maxfield, Nelson

Seconded: William Chegwidden, Whanganui

Sandra Maxfield

Nominated: Keryn Russ, Auckland

Seconded: Jenny Lamb, Nelson

Both accepted nomination. Keryn called a vote, to be done by secret ballot. DG invigilator.

Sandra and William withdrew from voting. Overwhelming in favour of Sandra.

Sandra thanked everyone for their support and William for all the hard work he had done over the time he had been president. She hoped he would stay on with Canterbury.

Treasurer -

Keryn Russ

Nominated: Sandra Maxfield, Nelson

Seconded: Mary Staples, Wellington

There being no further nominations, Keryn Russ was declared Treasurer for 2015.

Secretary –

As secretary had resigned a replacement needed for the remaining term of 1 year.

Daniel McLean

Nominated: Jenny Lamb, Canterbury

Seconded: Mary Staples, Wellington

There being no further nominations, Daniel McLean was declared Secretary for the remaining term to the 2016 AGM.

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

Sports officer: Keryn Russ

There being no further nominations, Keryn Russ was appointed Sports Officer for 2015

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

Selections Officer: Debbie Rist

There being no further nominations, Debbie Rist was appointed Selections Officer for 2015

Communications Officer (1 year appointment) –

Position to remain vacant. Good to have people in the background – possibly Lis/Ekarin

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

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

Accreditation Officer: Jan Kotlowski

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

2015

Vice-President

Jenny Lamb

Nominated: Daniel McLean, Auckland

Seconded: Keryn Russ, Nelson

There being no further nominations, Jenny Lamb was declared Vice President for the remaining term to the 2016 AGM

11. GENERAL BUSINESS:

New Structure – No

The meeting was called to a close by Sandra Maxfield at 4.20pm

Signed:

_____ **President**

Date:
