



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NEW ZEALAND DANCESPORT ASSOCIATION AUCKLAND INCORPORATED
HELD AT BIRKENHEAD RSA, RECREATION DRIVE, BIRKENHEAD ON SUNDAY 16
NOVEMBER 2008 AT 11.00 AM**

PRESENT: Mary-Frances Wells, Jo Nicholson, Dale Nicholson, Mathew Nicholson, Tom Allen, Debbie Rist, Roy and Sheila Brook, Darrell Crozier, Becky Blackshaw, Grant & Sherall Macown, Kingsley Gainsford, Trish and Mike Whitson, Julie and Tyler and Lauren Reynolds, Ellen Shek, Roger Allen, Karen Stephenson, Christine Little, Peter Wells, Blair Petterd, Andrew Wallace, Clive Chisholm, Phoebe Robb, Cory Iggo, Colin Boyd, Yasmin Raiend, Jaydn Dixon, Simon McLean, Patricia Oram, Kristen Spyve, Carlos Ramos, Jenna Spyve, Rod Driver, Cecilia Hung, Bernard Hung, Letitia Wall, Daniel Mclean, Doug Hary

APOLOGIES: Frances Higham, Laurel Taylor, Jill Leonard, Kay Lindley, Ray Hague, Ray Laurie, Pauline Purser, Laura Wells, Chloe Bridgeman, Peter McQuaid, Averill Phillips, Debbie Petterd, Willilam Hall, Barrie Roberts, Jill Nicholson, Russell and Heather Cooper, Rebecca Nicholson, Gillian Booth and Mike Prout, Tom Kerwin, Jennie Hayman, Krystal Stuart, Robert Connors, Margaret Maclaurin, Alice Wong

President, MaryFrances Wells welcomed the members present and thanked them for their attendance.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Mary-Frances Wells

Seconded: Tom Allen

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 November 2007 be accepted as a true and correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Roger Allen queried why there was no mention of the speakers who spoke to the remits sent to Council – missing from last years minutes. These to be added to the minutes. Specifically the remit regarding the seniors. Debbie Rist to pass the information on to Jo for inclusion.

3. REMITS

Debbie Rist presented to the group the remit regarding Delegates to NZDA National.

Moved: Debbie Rist
Passed Unanimously

Seconded: Tom Allen

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The President read her report to the meeting. She described the positive highlights of the past year, paid tribute to all the committee members and detailed the successful fundraising that occurred in 2008.

President's Report

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2008 has been a year of consolidation for our Auckland committee after the whirlwind year of 2007.

Our main focus of the year was to find a new venue for our two competitions – and these were held at the Tamaki Recreation Centre in Glen Innes. I think it was a little difficult for some people to find the first time, but the venue has worked very well. It is a bigger venue and it has better facilities which makes running the competition much easier. When we booked the first competition there the manager of the centre was not at all sure what he had agreed to – he is very protective of the floor and this has meant that we have to keep reminding people about their shoes. But each time he has more equipment available for us which is helping to keep our costs down.

We swapped our competitions around this year and held the Queen City Championships in May. We wanted to make this more of a fun event and had several quick fire quizzes just to check out who knew what about NZDA Auckland. The feedback about the competition and the venue was very positive.

Our second competition of the year – The North Island Championships – took place two weeks before the New Zealand National Adult Championships. As a consequence we had a very full programme with lots of entries, and it was a real marathon to get all the events through before midnight. Again it was a great night.

We are delighted to have found a new home for our competitions and we will be working hard to make these events highlights of the dancing calendar.

Unfortunately we had to cancel Dancecamp for 2008. The venue we had booked finished up being double booked and we then couldn't fit into the timetable of the tutors we wanted. I am sure this will be looked at again in 2009.

Funding is an ongoing concern for us, as it is for many organisations. The Lion Foundation is supportive as always, but there are fewer places to apply to for funding now, and I am sure that in our current economic climate getting funding will be even more difficult. We will be looking at more ways of fundraising and we would welcome any ideas.

We appreciate the generosity of the bodies who have contributed free entry for two people to their competitions over the next year. This is a very valuable prize for the lucky winners and we must thank Jo Nicholson for organising this for us.

I am stepping down as President, but will continue to be involved on the committee. I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their time and effort over the past year. Being a committee member is a rewarding job and I would encourage all of you here to consider joining.

Having found an appropriate venue for our competitions we can now start to look at other ways of supporting and helping our dancers compete and succeed. We appreciate the support and help we have had from the professional bodies when we hold our competitions and from the various studios in encouraging their students to join NZDA Auckland. We need to work together to provide a fantastic environment for our dancers, and we look forward to even greater co-operation over the coming year.

Maryfrances Wells

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Moved: Mary-Frances Wells Seconded: Rebecca Blackshaw

That the President's Report be accepted.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer read his report to the meeting and commented on the positive aspects. He presented the audited financial statements.

Moved: Darrell Crozier Seconded: Mary-Frances Wells

That the Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements be accepted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR:

Treasurer, Darrell Crozier advised the meeting Janine Haworth will be our auditor for 2009

7. NZDA DELEGATES' REPORT:

Debbie Rist presented the Delegates' report.

DELEGATES' REPORT 2008

This year an emphasis has been placed on the raising of the profile of Dancesport across New Zealand and internationally.

At the 2008 IDSF AGM we were fortunate to have Margaret Lonsdale act as our proxy. Each Association put forward points of concern or issue to them and she was able to inform the IDSF meeting of these. The points that were presented were

That given our position is so far away from many IDSF competitions, invitations to IDSF events came within a very short timeframe for dancers in New Zealand.

Consideration was asked to be given for an AGM to be held in the Pacific region.

The Chart Ranking System has worked very well this year and has enabled NZDA to select dancers to compete in off-shore competitions against clear, set criteria. One thing that we found was that not all the regions have full and correct information regarding the Chart Ranking System. It is the aim of NZDA that this is addressed early for 2009.

At this point NZDA would like to remind dancers who think they are eligible to either receive funding as a selected New Zealand representative or to represent New Zealand without funding, to contact the secretary of NZDA or one of the NZDA delegates. If anyone wishes to find out the details of the Chart Ranking System, the full criteria is available from the Secretary.

One of the changes that have been made to the Chart Ranking System is its name. To keep it in line with many other organisations and for the purposes of funding applications, the name will now be Chart Ranking and Dancesport Athlete Programme.

A constitution and Incorporated Society was established by NZDA for Wheelchair Dancing. This was initiated by Wheelchair Dancing in Australia. It is envisioned that once this is established in New Zealand, Wheelchair Dancing will become affiliated with NZDA in a mutually beneficial association but not a part of.

The Chairperson of Adjudicators is a very important role and the rules governing this role have been looked into this year. The rules for this role have been updated at Council.

NZDA have presented the following remits for consideration at the NZD&DC AGM in February:

1. The change from Senior to Senior I and Senior II.
2. Amateurs Teaching.
3. A proposal for the implementation of a working party should the remit be voted against.

Remits to Council were to have been with the secretary by the 31 October. At this time there are no other remits that NZDA is aware of.

Moved: Debbie Rist

Seconded: Mathew Nicholson

That the NZDA Delegate's report be accepted.

Reynolds, Colin Boyd, Darlene Dixon, Mary-Frances Wells were declared Committee Members for 2009.

Outgoing President, Mary-Frances Wells thanked the committee of 2008 and welcomed the new committee for 2009.

9. **Presentation by Julie Reynolds**

Julie gave an informative and very useful presentation on what to have in your dance kit bag and some best buys.

10. **Drawing of the 2009 Season Competition Pass**

This was won by Kirsten Spyve.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Signed: _____
President

Date: _____