

May 2010

2010 Council & Technical Committee

The NZISA held their Annual General Meeting in Auckland on Saturday 24 April. The NZISA Council is as follows:

Patron: Mr Alan Weeds
President: Sandra Williamson-Leadley
1st Vice-President: Sue Petricevic
2nd Vice-President: Gill Boyd
National Secretary: Jan Howie
Treasurer: Liz Speden
Councillors: Jeanette King
 Robyn Morris
 Ina Paul
 Kevin Poit

The logo for the New Zealand Ice Skating Association (NZISA) features the letters 'NZISA' in a bold, serif font. The letters are white with a dark, textured shadow behind them, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The logo is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

The Technical Committee for 2010 – 2011 is as follows:

Wendy Clucas – Chairperson
Mike Aldred
Jeanne Begej
Sue Hoseit
Aslihan Verran

A full listing of the portfolios and areas of responsibility will be notified in the next NZISA Communication after the 29 – 30 May Council meeting.

The Technical Committee Secretary, Jeffrey Eichmann, has submitted his resignation which the NZISA Council have accepted.

Please send any questions for the Technical Committee to Wendy Clucas, wclucas@xtra.co.nz. All other correspondence should be sent to the National Secretary, Jan Howie, secretary@nzisa.com.

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Outcomes from the A.G.M.

The major outcome from the 2010 AGM is the restructuring of the NZISA to a governance and management structure that includes a 5 member board, and Operations group and a Development group. More information regarding the structure, job descriptions and the transition from the current structure to the new structure will be out over the next few months.

Minutes from the NZISA Council and Technical Committees will now be available to all members no later than 28 days after the meeting of each group. It needs to be remembered that the minutes are provisional until they are accepted as a true and accurate account by the respective committees. Amendments to the minutes can only be made by people who have attended the meetings.

NZISA website forums – the remit to have these reinstated was not carried, however, the Council agreed to look at this issue again which it did at its meeting on 25 April. At this time, a forum for dissemination of and submissions on Rules and Regulations will be put up so that draft Rules and Regulations are available for all NZ Skating Community members to view and/or submit changes. All submissions to the Rules and Regulations forums as well as the Policy submissions forum, need to be in the format as they would appear in the Rules or Policy document. A short rationale can also be posted to explain the thinking behind the submission.

Council will continue to discuss the reinstatement of the forums and the parameters regarding the accept-

able use of these forums.

Outcomes of Remits:

Remit submitted by NZISA Council: Changes to Organisational Structure – remit passed and outcome as reported earlier in Communication

Remits submitted by the Allegro Ice Dance Club
Discussion Document A: Governance - Rescinded by Allegro Ice Dance Club

Remit B: Members Forums – not passed by simple majority at AGM but to be discussed further by NZISA Council

Remit C: Governance Education – remit passed

Remit D: Improvements to Policy – remit passed

Remit E: Keeping Selections Objective – rescinded by Allegro Ice Dance Club and discussion to be moved to Selection Policy Submission Forum

Remit F: Distribution of Minutes – rescinded by Allegro Ice Dance Club in favour of remit from Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club

Remit submitted by Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club

Addition to Constitution 8.8 Minutes – remit was carried and outcome as reported earlier in the Communication



Madelaine Parker Competes in Italy



Madelaine Parker (Centaurus ISC) recently competed at the Gardena Spring Trophy in Selva del Gardena, Italy. Madelaine was accom-

panied by her father, Garry, and her coach, Kim Lewis. Madelaine placed 10th out of 19 in the Short Program and 17th out of 19 in the Free Skate to be 17th overall. A very good effort for her first overseas international event!



Obituary—Gwen Le Compte

The NZISA Council sadly inform the NZ Skating Community that Gwen Le Compte, a former coach and judge, recently passed away in Brisbane. The following obituary was put together by some of Gwen's former pupils:

Gwen Jones, as she was known then, came to Christchurch in 1953 to coach at the newly opened Centaurus Ice Skating rink situated at the foot of Cashmere Hills. A Gold Medallist in singles and Silver Medallist in Dance from Australia, she was the first coach to come to Christchurch and was responsible for the improvement of skating in New Zealand. Many of her pupils became household names attracting large audiences to standing room only at championships. Her pupils, some of whom became personal friends, ranged from beginners up to Senior National Champions.

She put on many successful ice

shows in Christchurch also taking them to outdoor skating rinks in Central Otago further promoting ice skating. These shows were put together on the concrete floor of the ice rink prior to the ice being laid for the opening of the new skating season. In 1965 Gwen and fellow Coach Kath Craven took a group of skaters to Wellington



staging an ice show at the newly opened Ice Rink.

Many of the outdoor ice rinks in the South Island were visited by Gwen and her skaters competing in local, regional and National Championships. At

one of these championships it is reported it was so cold that the music turntable would not turn so she kept it turning with her finger.

In 1975 an invite was received from Australia for a team of NZ skaters to compete unofficially at the Australian Championships. Gwen accompanied ten of her skaters who competed in Singles, Pairs and Dance.

Gwen was named Administrator of the Year in 1975. After a long and successful career as a Coach Gwen regained her Amateur Status and turned her hand to judging.

Her daughter Gay achieved the Gold Medal Test in Figures and Freeskating in 1974 and represented NZ at the World Figure Skating Championships.

Some of her former pupils remain actively involved in skating today.

Allie Rout Retires from Competitive Skating



It is with regret that the NZISA Council announces that Allie Rout has decided to retire from competitive skating, effective immediately.

Allie has represented New Zealand well at numerous international competitions and World Championships. She was the first NZ female skater to represent NZ at a Junior Grand Prix event. Her excellent results

brought her to the attention of the ISU and she was recognised for her efforts by twice being awarded an ISU scholarship. Allie was the inaugural winner of the Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence.

She is currently the NZ Junior and Senior Ladies Champion.

Allie is currently enrolled in the International Baccalaureate programme through St Kentigerns College and is looking to pursue a career in medicine in the

future.

On behalf of the NZ Skating Community, we would like to wish Allie well for whatever the future holds for her and to thank her for her contribution to skating in NZ and representing NZ so well in Australia and internationally.



New Zealand Synchronized Skating Team 2010

Team New Zealand proudly represented New Zealand at the 2010 World Synchronized Skating Championships in Colorado Springs, USA, on 9 – 10 April. The atmosphere was electric and New Zealand competed against the best from 17 other countries. The team placed 23rd overall with a combined score of 61.84. Congratulations to all of the team members, to the coach, Robi Chalmers, the team manager, Heather McDonald and the team leader, Kevin Poit, on a super effort. Finland proved to be the powerhouse of Synchronized Skating this year; taking first and second overall, with the USA taking the bronze medal and Canada taking 4th and 5th places. This should prove to be interesting as the 2011 World Championships are to be held in Finland!

Keep your eye on future NZISA Communications and alerts regarding the 2011 Team New Zealand National Synchronized Skating Team.

A poem by Ashleigh Gallagher sums up the hard work and rewards of the build up to the World Championships this year:



Accredited Coaches

For parents who are looking for coaches, all coaches that are accredited to the NZISA have their contact details on the coaches page of the NZISA website. They have also provided their skating history and experience for your information.

All coaches listed must have attended the NZISA Coaches Seminar last year and working on completing the Level 1 or 2 Coaching requirements or be working towards attending the Seminar which is to be held after the National Championship this year.

Please remember that if the Coach is not accredited to the NZISA then they will not be able to attend NZISA sanctioned Competitions with their skaters.

Team NZ 2010

Across the globe we'll venture, to challenge the elite

*Months of training over, our destiny at our feet
Precision, grace and elegance, smiles on every face*

Preparation so meticulous, not a hair that's out of place

Twizzles, twirls and even lifts, we've done this all before

The steps and turns we know so well, will leave them wanting more

Coach, managers, family, friends; so proud of all we've done

Let's show them how we love this sport, let's show them we have fun

Together we chased our dream and now the day is here

To enjoy the path that we've been on and overcome our fears

Worlds 2010, an honour so great to represent our nation

Remember this when the music fades and soak up the ovation

The early mornings, late nights too, it isn't worth a dime

If you haven't enjoyed getting here, you missed the best of times.

2010 Congress

Sandra Williamson-Leadley and Sue Petricevic will represent the NZISA at the 2010 ISU Congress in Barcelona, Spain 14 – 19 June. The proposed changes to the ISU Constitution and Rules and Regulations are now out in ISU Communication 1609 (a warning for those of you who wish to download this document as it is 202 pages long). If you have any comments on the proposals put forward by the various countries, please submit these to the National Secretary and these will be discussed by the Technical Committee and Council before our representatives leave for the Congress.



Remarks on Social Networking Sites

It has come to the attention of the NZISA Council through its members that comments have been posted by skaters about other skaters and officials on social networking sites. Please remember that when you post comments on sites, such as Facebook, that it may go out to a larger audience than you intended and even to those who you didn't intend to see it. Please consider what you post carefully and remember the old adage, treat others the way you wish to be treated.

AMP Scholarship

2010 AMP Scholarship applications are now open. There are no age limits or restrictions – applications are open to any New Zealand citizen or resident. See the website www.doyourthing.co.nz for more information and apply online before 31 May 2010.

Officials' Training Seminar

Just a reminder that the Officials Training Seminar is on this weekend, 7 – 9 May, at St Albans School in Christchurch (Sheppard Place, St Albans – tucked in beside English Park off Cranford Street). We now have 47 officials attending three seminar sections – IJS technicians, Data and Replay operators; Judges and Technical Panel. Moderators for the seminar are Mr Dingding Liu, an ISU Data/Replay Operator from Hong Kong (Data/Replay operators); Susan Lynch, an ISU Technical Controller

and Judges from Australia (Technical Panel); Wendy Langton, an ISU Judge and member of the Officials Assessment Commission from Australia (Judges) and Sandra Williamson-Leadley, an International Technical Controller and International/ISU Judge from NZ (NZ content for all seminars). More information will be sent out to participants shortly. Remember to bring the following documents/items:

Data/Replay Operators: a laptop if you can; Appendix A of NZISA Rules and Regulations.

Judges: NZISA Rules and Regulations; ISU Communication 1557 - Guidelines for GOE Reductions and Positive GOEs; ISU Rules and Regulations – Singles (Blue book)

Technical Panel: NZISA Rules and Regulations; Technical Panel Handbook for Singles; ISU Communication 1557.

Best wishes to all skaters for the upcoming season – we hope that the training is going well and that you all manage to achieve a personal goal this year!