

NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC)

COMMUNICATION 018

Officers elected at the recent Annual General Meeting held in Auckland on April 3rd are as follows.

PATRON	Alan Weeds	(Invercargill)
PRESIDENT	Wendy Clucas	(Darfield)
VICE PRESIDENTS	Scott Thode Eric Apperley	(Auckland) (Christchurch)
SECRETARY	Joy Street	(Christchurch)
TREASURER	Dr Warwick Johnson	(Dunedin)
AUDITOR	Jill Michael	(Christchurch)
HON SOLICITOR	Paul Roth	(Dunedin)
COUNCIL	Jeanne Begej Jan Howie Anna-Marie Frost Sandra Williamson-Leadley	(Christchurch) (Gore) (Auckland) (Christchurch)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Auckland	Scott Thode, Barbara Lindsay-Taylor, Dael Haynes, Carolyn Cameron
Christchurch	Eric Apperley, Jeanne Begej, Sandra Williamson-Leadley Keely Jamieson
Otago/Southland	Nicole McDonald, Trish Morris, Rebecca Read, Donny McLean.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mrs Pam Gray from Christchurch was awarded Life Membership of the NZISA in recognition for her many years of work as a Judge and an Administrator. Pam is a former NZ Dance Champion and medallist in Free skating and Pairs at Regional and National level. She was President of the Canterbury Sub Association, Secretary of the NZISA Technical Committee, Secretary of the NZISA when Figure and Speed were combined, Editor of Ice Tracings and a Figure Judge for 40 years. Pam also became an International Singles and Dance Judge in 1977.

CORRESPONDENCE

NZISA now has a Post Office Box in Christchurch. All correspondence must be addressed to The Secretary at PO Box 7544 Sydenham. A PO Box for the Treasurer in Dunedin for receiving of monies, will be notified directly.

As per Rule 12.1 in the NZISA Constitution "All correspondence to the NZISA should be addressed to the National Secretary, whose duty it is to pass such correspondence to the next National Council Meeting and where appropriate in respect of day to day management matters to pass such correspondence to the appropriate parties within the NZISA without undue delay."

12.2 As well as the National Council, elected Committees shall also have power to receive and send correspondence, but correspondence sent out by committees shall only be binding on the NZISA if it bears the counter-signatures of the NZISA's President and Secretary.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are to be in Queenstown commencing Monday 20 September concluding Thursday 23rd. This year there will be a Special Needs grade added to the program in order that skaters in this category may be assessed for Special Olympics.

EUROPEAN CRITERIUM

News has just been received that Allie Rout has won the Silver Medal competing in her Age Group at Pinzolo, Italy from a field of 20 skaters. Allie also won the Interpretive Competition skating to music Flight of the Bumble Bee.

It is very encouraging that both Morgan Figgins and Allie Rout have been able to compete Internationally once again very successfully this year, following on from their excellent results last year.

2005 PACIFIC RIM SYNCHRONIZED COMPETITION

Unfortunately, word has just come to hand that this competition has been put on hold until 2006/07 due to insufficient interest from the Pacific Countries.

JUDGES OVERSEAS

Sue Petricevic from Auckland who is currently working in France is to attend an ISU Seminar in Italy and will hopefully have the opportunity of judging competitions whilst in Europe.

Jeanne Begej and Wendy Clucas will attend an ISU Judges Seminar (also covering the new judging system) and judge at the Afriskate International, Cape Town, South Africa, to retain their International Ranking. It was disappointing that no NZ Skater took up the opportunity to compete.

DEVELOPMENT/FUNDING

A program is currently being worked on covering development throughout New Zealand that will also include expected financial commitment from both the skater and NZISA. A funding budget will also be presented covering financial assistance skaters/judges/team leaders can expect to receive for Australian and International Competition for the 2004/05 season once approved by Council.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

Centaurus Ice Skating Club have agreed to invite skaters to compete as guests at their club championships on Sunday July 11. Saturday July 10 between 4.30 – 7.30 will also be available if necessary. This offer is to allow skaters from Novice Grade down wishing to be considered for Australian National selection the opportunity to perform in front of selectors. Any Junior or Senior skater who did not represent New Zealand in the Australian Nationals last year will be required to compete against the Auckland skaters at their Club Championships the same weekend.

DRUGS IN SPORT

A new form will shortly be placed on the NZISA Web site for skaters to download and complete.

Senior skaters should be aware that NZ Drug Agency may perform random testing at any time, not necessarily at the time of competition.

SYNCHRONIZED SEMINAR

Ice Sports Southland is currently working on plans to host a seminar in Gore inviting an Australian Coach over to moderate. Details will be released when available.

KIWI SKATE

Trish Morris will continue to record all information on Kiwi Skate passes throughout the Country.

Recording of this information is vital in order to complete information for SPARC. Would all those responsible for recording of this data, Ice Rinks or Clubs please email this information at the completion of each program term to Trish Morris email morrispm@xtra.co.nz or send to 22 Kenmare Street, Alexandra.

KIWI SKATE PROGRAMS

There is a small sum of funding available for Kiwi Skate Development. Clubs are invited to submit applications with a budget for holding a Kiwi Skate Development Program in their area. Kim Lewis from Christchurch our Coaches Representative to Council has set up a Module that worked very successfully in Christchurch that could be made available to Clubs on request.

WEB SITE

If any member has some interesting news they consider should be placed on the NZISA Web Site, please hand this to your Council Member in your area for submitting to Robin Mills. It is not an easy task keeping Robin informed of happenings throughout New Zealand.

NEW ICE RINK

For some years now a new ice rink in Dunedin has been planned to replace the Big Chill. I am pleased to advise that work has now begun on renovating a sports venue and we look forward to an opening later this year. Dunedin Ice Skating Club can be congratulated on its continued efforts to make this dream a reality.

PAST HISTORY

Having had the necessity for researching some history from Ice Tracings, I am forwarding a separate attachment "Skating Trivia" with interesting snippets of history of the past.

On behalf of the NZISA Council may I extend to all our Members a very successful and rewarding 2004.

Wendy Clucas
President

April 2004