



## **Minutes of AIFSC AGM Sunday, 20 November 2016**

Meeting opened at 5.00pm

### **Present:**

**Apologies:** Allie Rout

Keith welcomed those present at the AGM and thanked everyone for attending.

### **Minutes of the 2015 AGM:**

Minutes of the 2015 AGM had been circulated with notice of the 2016 AGM and Agenda.

**MOTION:** *"That the minutes from the 2015 AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 are adopted as a true and correct record"*

Moved: Debbie Groenewegen / Seconded: Bridget Danbrook  
Carried

### **Matters arising from the 2015 minutes:**

There were no matters arising.

### **Presidents Report:**

Keith read the President's report (See Appendix A).

**MOTION:** *"That the Presidents report for 2016 be accepted as an accurate reflection of the club activities during 2016"*

Moved: Keith Darvill / Seconded: Cathy Bebleman  
Carried

### **Financial Report:**

Copies of the Financial Reports were circulated, and presented as follows (See Appendix B):

- Derryn Neaves for the Main Account
- Debbie Groenewegen for the Synchronized Account

There were no questions from the members present.

**MOTION:** *“That the AIFSC Financial Report for the 2016 financial period be accepted”*

Moved: Keith Darvill / Seconded: Mike Slater  
Carried

## **General Business:**

### **2016/2017 Committee Member Nominations**

Keith advised that there was one nomination had already been received via the AIFSC Secretary and asked if there were any further nominations. With no further nominating, Debbie read it out.

The following people were nominated into new positions:

Committee Member

Sharon Scholtz (nominated by Bridget Danbrook,  
seconded by Derryn Neaves)

Moved: Keith Darvill / Seconded: Mike Slater  
Carried

### **Club Representation at the NZIFSA AGM for 2017**

**MOTION:** *“That Mike Slater and Derryn Neaves be the AIFSC representatives at the 2017 NZIFSA AGM”*

Moved: Keith Darvill/ Seconded: Cathy Bebelman  
Carried

### **Test Fees**

Cathy our out-going Test Secretary briefed the parents with regards to the cost of tests and how the changes in test patterns have affected the ice time and that the tests are making a loss.

Bridget explained that the Ice Time over in Avondale is cheaper than Botany – therefore the test fees there are cheaper.

The AIFSC Committee will discuss this issue further at the next committee meeting and the test fees may increase as a result of this.

Derryn mentioned that the judges do not charge for their time when they officiate at a test, Keith advised that this may change in the future.

**Any other business**

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***With no further business, the AGM closed at 5.25pm***

## **APPENDIX A - Presidents Report 2016**

I would like to thank all of the 2016 AIFSC Committee and the Synchro Sub-Committee for their work this year. They are fabulous to work with and do a great deal for the skaters and the Club.

This year has been very rewarding for the AIFSC, and it's probably best summed up by the achievements at the end of the year.

Two of our senior skaters, Tracy Danbrook and Harrison Bain, won selection as international representatives at Nationals 2015, making them eligible to compete in the ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions held in Tallinn, Estonia at the end of September of 2016.

For them to compete, they first had to spend 36 hours flying to the event, then repeat that to get home again! Despite this, it was an excellent experience for them both, as well as Coach Debbie Darvill.

We were well represented at our NZ National Championships held in Christchurch this year. The skaters who attended NZ Nationals included our Juvenile Synchro Team.

At the end of the Nationals, the following skaters were selected for the Representative positions;

International A Team Representatives	Jojo Hong Tracy Danbrook Harrison Bain Allie Rout
Australian Nationals	Jojo Hong Allie Rout
NZIFSA Development Squad	Marina Chen Anne Kyle Cara Tang Cordelia Shi Emmanuel Tsang Stepan Kadlcik Allie Rout Botany Blades

Also at the Nationals there were two awards that came our way;

1. Tracy Danbrook was awarded Sportsperson of the Year for her contribution to the sport. Tracy has been involved in skating for almost 10 years and this is a great recognition of what she gives back to the sport.
2. Debbie Groenewegen, our Secretary and Secretary/Treasurer for the Synchro Sub-Committee, was awarded Administrator of the Year for 2016. This award was contested by three candidates this year, and is recognition from the NZIFSA of the great contribution our Administrators make to the sport.

To top the year off, both Tracy Danbrook and Charlotte Van Uden achieved their Level 1 Coaching Accreditation. These ladies are two of the three coaches that coach our Synchro squads, the third being Bess Cao.

Our Synchro Committee and support teams have done an excellent job in managing our teams. The age and skill spread of the skaters provided challenges that they managed very well.

Throughout the year we had the guidance of very experienced Australian coaches and we learned a great deal from this relationship. The plan is to continue this into the 2017 season.

Next year we will be changing the structure of the Synchro Sub-committee to enable us to meet our governance obligations in the way sub-committees operate. This follows a change to our Constitution in 2016.

Following the appointments of the AIFSC Officers for 2017, one of the first jobs for the new AIFSC Committee will be to appoint the core Sub-committee that will be responsible for managing Synchro in the 2017 season. When the Synchro Committee has established how many skaters are joining us in the 2017 season they will be in a position to nominate Team Managers to join them on the Sub-Committee, and then announce Coaches. This will all happen before, or early into the beginning of the new season so that the Coaches can get the teams up and going as quickly as possible.

For 2017 it is my hope that new parents will put their hands up to come onto the AIFSC Committee and/or the Synchro Sub-Committee.

We have a number of key people stepping down from their roles with the AIFSC Committee. Among them is Allan Danbrook. Allan (and Bridget) have been deeply involved for 10 years, and even though he is stepping back from their involvement with AIFSC, he is still maintaining an involvement with skating as he has just 'volunteered' to be part of the IJS Technical Team responsible for the hardware update for the Judging System.

Debbie Groenewegen is our Secretary, the Synchro Secretary, the Synchro Treasurer, costume maker and Mum. She needs to step back from some of her elected positions because wearing all these hats is simply too demanding.

Sam has had a great and invaluable involvement with Synchro for years. While she is stepping back from her role as Synchro Coordinator she is staying with us and the NZIFSA as our Grants Manager.

I am prepared to stand for a further year as President, and I am standing again as a Board member of the NZIFSA.

So 2017 is your year.

We need your help to do what is required to provide a competitive and fun skating environment. There are no special skills required – you have all the skills we need already.

All that you have to do is come along and be involved.

## **APPENDIX B – Financial Report 16**

### **AUCKLAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CLUB**

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016**

In the year ending 31 October 2016, the club as a whole had a profit for the year of \$3848.29 as per the attached summaries, this compared to a club profit of \$5423.03 for the year ending 31 October 2015.

#### **AIFSC**

The base club activities achieved a profit of \$667.44, through Membership fees and competitions held during the year.

Auckland champs achieved a sizeable profit of \$1142.74. This was achieved due to the support of a few very generous club parents with raffle fundraising of \$485, along with the cost cutting efforts of all those involved and the increased support via entries made up of solo, synchro, dance couples and demonstration skaters.

Tests run during the 2015/2016 year sustained a loss of \$306.00. The major driver of this loss was longer test times, particularly at the lower levels due to test patterns changing for the 2016 year. Test fees have been increased across the board by \$10 for the 2017 financial year in order to minimise the loss to be carried by the club. Current cash on hand includes \$1,385.00 for prepaid tests being held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Due to the efforts of the fundraising officer, the skater development programmes were subsidised by grants received to a total of \$5000.

The \$5000 Pub Charity grant allowed the club to provide free weekly development time on a Friday morning. Debbie Darvill spent time working with skaters of all levels on stroking skills. 1.5 hours remaining of this grant have been carried forward into the 2016/2017 financial year. Dedicated ice time was also set aside for the support of our regional competition skaters, as well as national and international skaters.

Competitor contributions of \$1,125.00 made for the year supported our International skaters competing in Australian 2015 Nationals, Hollins Trophy and an ISU competition in Estonia. A \$425 contribution was made to the Juvenile Synchro team who attended NZ Nationals.

The financial position at the end of the year was net funds of \$5225.95 after allowing for monies to be received and paid, with -\$30 outstanding debtors

### **AIFSC Synchronised Skating**

In the year ending 31 October 2016, the Synchronised Skating section of the Club generated a profit of \$3180.85 which is down on the previous Financial Year (\$5098.49).

Fundraising was undertaken this year, with \$6599 being distributed to skaters compared to \$5621 last year). For the sixth year this has been made available to all club skaters, not just the Synchro Skaters.

Thanks to the efforts of our Synchro Coordinator/Funding Officer, we were very fortunate to receive generous grants for ice time, coaching and seminars this year totalling \$12667.25, compared with \$18969 in the last financial year. These grants enabled us to keep our term fees to a minimum throughout 2016.

We also received very generous donations of \$4255, these were mainly made up of:

\$1500 from On Target Drilling to assist with purchasing new costumes for the Juvenile Team

\$1000 from Just Hardwood Floors to assist with the Mixed Age Team costumes

\$1100 Support from Alala Solutions in the form of Lang Lang Tickets which were sold to generate funding.

\$425 from AIFSC to support our Juvenile Team going to Nationals.

The financial position at the end of the financial year for AIFSC Synchronised was net funds of \$13938.27 after allowing for monies to be received and paid. The Trade Debtors was \$2690.33 - the invoices were issued on the 31st October, we expect these to be paid before the end of the term 4. We have unrepresented cheques totalling \$2659.

**We are still to receive invoices for October/November ice time and coaching and other miscellaneous expenses, which we expect to total \$9000.**

We go into the 2017 season with a moderately healthy bank balance. However we need to continue to invest funds in growing and mentoring our coaching base, so feel we move into 2017 in a good position to do this.