

# COMMUNICATION 040

## NEW PO BOX NUMBER FOR THE NZISA

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This is a permanent  
address so please  
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sending anything by  
snail mail.

## NEW NATIONAL COUNCIL

The New Zealand Ice Skating Association held their Annual General Meeting on April 20, 2009. The Club delegates voted in the following members for the 2009 Council. As this was the first year for the two year terms, half of the Council were voted on for two years and half for one year. The 2009/10 Council is as follows:

President (2 Years):

Sandra Williamson-Leadley

Secretary (1 year): Jan Howie

Vice President (2 years): Sue Petricevic

Vice President (1 year): Gill Boyd

Treasurer (2 years): Liz Speden

Councillors (2 years): Kevin Poit

Robyn Morris

Councillors (1 year): Ina Paul

Dael Haynes

All appointments will be for two years from 2010.

At the meeting held on 23/24 May, the Councillors portfolios were assigned as follows:

Strategic Planning – Council  
Anti-Doping Officer – Jan Christieson

High Performance – still be appointed

Child Protection Officer – still to be appointed

Skater Development - Gill Boyd and Dael Haynes

International Competitions/Test and Competitions – Ina Paul

Coaches – Kevin Poit

Policies – Sue Petricevic

Grants/Scholarships – Dael Haynes

NZ Synchronised Skating Team  
Liaison – Sandra Williamson-Leadley

Winter Games Liaison – Gill Boyd

Club Liaison – Robyn Morris

Marketing – to be appointed  
NZISA Communications – Jan Howie and Sandra Williamson-Leadley

2009 Nationals Liaison – Dael Haynes

Publicity Officer – still to be appointed

Webmaster – Ina Paul

Some of these Portfolios are positions appointed by Council and we are working on filling these positions. We will notify the NZ Skating Community when these have been filled.

The NZISA also held forums on Rules & Regulations, Restructuring, Recruitment & Retention and Inter Club. These forums covered a wide range of subjects and hopefully the delegates left with ideas to benefit your Club and skating community.

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## Congratulations to Sandra Williamson-Leadley

The NZISA would like to congratulate our President, Sandra Williamson-Leadley for becoming the first member of our organisation to hold an ISU Judges Qualification. Sandra passed the ISU Judges Examination for Synchronised Skating in Zagreb in April. This is the highest level for Figure Skating Judges. Well done Sandra!!

## New Technical Committees

There were seven nominations received for the Technical Committees but Sandra Williamson-Leadley, Sue Petricevic and Dael Haynes withdrew their nominations as they were elected to Council. This left applications from Wendy Clucas, Kendra Wilkie, Sue Hoseit and Grace Bateman who were elected unopposed.

The NZISA then put out a call for further nominations to Clubs and the Skating Community. Nominations were received from Rachel Barker, Mike Aldred, Aslihan Verran, Jeffrey Eichmann, and Jeanne Begej. No votes were required as all the vacancies were not filled and three of these have opted for one year terms.

The Committee are:

Northern:

Rachel Barker (1 year)

Mike Aldred (2 years)

Aslihan Verran (2 years)

Central:

Jeanne Begej (1 year)



Please remember that all our Committee members are volunteers

Kendra Wilkie (1 year)

Wendy Clucas (2 years)

Jeffrey Eichmann (2 years)

Southern:

Sue Hoseit (2 years)

Grace Bateman (2 years)

The NZISA would like to thank all these people for putting their names forward. Their areas of responsibility are:

Mike Aldred - Pairs

Wendy Clucas - Singles

Grace Bateman - Ice Dance

Kendra Wilkie/Jeanne Begej - Synchronized Skating

Sue Hoseit - Adult

Aslihan Verran - Kiwi Skate

(Rachel will oversee Dance for the first two months whilst Grace has a leave of absence)

The Technical Committee have already met and are working hard on Rules & Regulations, Test Requirements etc.

## Dunedin Dance Team in Russia

The Dunedin Ice Dance Team of Anne-Sophie and Dominic Shogimen trained in Russia during April. Whilst they were there they took part in a national competition for ice dance and were competing against the best ice dancers in Russia in their division. They placed 16/19 in the compulsory dance (Foxtrot) section and were placed 17/19 overall. A great result and, according to them, a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

## Debts owed to the NZISA

Also at the AGM there was some concern expressed by the delegates at the level of debt that was owed to the NZISA. Due to some hard work on behalf of Liz Speden, our Treasurer most of this has now been paid. However, it has raised a concern within Councillors and members of the skating community.

The Council would like to draw your attention to the last paragraph in Clause 8 of the Finance Policy:

*"Members, including TC registered skaters, coaches, clubs and sub-associations, shall make payment to the NZISA by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month an invoice from the NZISA was received. Where payment is 90 days overdue, and where at least one statement has been sent via email, and it has been at least 30 days since a statement was sent to the physical address, the member shall be deemed to be "not in good standing with the NZISA".*

To be deemed "not in good standing"

is a serious matter within any Club/organisation. The NZISA could resort to several measures to recover these debts including passing them on to a debt recovery service and stopping the member concerned from having any involvement with skating until the debt is paid.

If you are one of our members who still have a debt outstanding to the NZISA please contact our treasurer straight away to make arrangements for payment and prevent this from happening to you.

## WINTER GAMES NZ—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you will be aware by now Winter Games NZ and the NZISA are hosting an international Figure Skating Competition in Dunedin in from 27 Aug - 30 August 2009. The NZISA needs volunteers to help us run this competition.

We have acceptances from five countries to date and are hoping for more. This is a great opportunity to see some overseas skaters and be involved in a fantastic event, the first of a kind for figure

skating in New Zealand.

The volunteers we need are four marshalls, 2/3 music stewards and two runners. Unfortunately you will



Winter Games NZ Logo

need to meet your own costs, i.e.; travel & accommodation, but meals will be provided while you are working at the Dunedin Ice Stadium.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions then please e-mail the National Secretary, [secretary@nzisa.com](mailto:secretary@nzisa.com), or Gill Boyd, [dyob@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dyob@xtra.co.nz), by 30 June 2009. All applications will be considered by Council and you will be notified as soon as possible after that date.

## SKATER DEVELOPMENT—TALENT ID SQUAD

The NZISA has decided to hold two weekend seminars in Auckland and Dunedin in September. Each seminar will cater for two groups; a Juvenile to Intermediate Group and a Novice to Senior Group. It will include time on ice so the skaters could present their programmes to a Senior Judge and Technical Controller. These programmes would be videoed so that in off ice sessions the programmes could be discussed and possible improvements suggested. A registration fee of \$25.00 will be charged. Separate times will be booked to cover Synchronised and Dance seminars.

## LINES OF COMMUNICATION

As this is the start of another year Council would like to remind our members of the lines of communication. This is very important as Councillors are finding that they are receiving more and more e-mails. Some of which are not their areas of responsibility.

All matters that are for Council/ Councillors to consider are to be

sent to the National Secretary, [secretary@nzisa.com](mailto:secretary@nzisa.com), in the first instance. The secretary will then either send it on to the Councillor that has that Portfolio or else take it to Council. If there are time constraints this will be done immediately otherwise it will wait until the next Council Meeting.

Any matters for the Technical Committee are to go initially to the

National Technical Secretary, Jeffrey Eichmann, [tcsecretary@nzisa.com](mailto:tcsecretary@nzisa.com).

Remember that all our Councillors/TC members are volunteers and we need to help them as much as we can, one way we can do this is by minimising the e-mails/correspondence the receive. Your assistance would be appreciated in this matter.

## Coaching at Competitions

As the competition season gets underway the NZISA would like to remind the NZ Skating Community that only coaches accredited to the NZISA may coach at competitions sanctioned by the NZISA.



NZISA Accredited Coaches only at rink

This includes National and Regional competitions.

Although the NZISA would not like to upset skaters when they are competing we do

have the authority to remove unauthorised coaches/parents from these competitions and will do so if it becomes necessary

## NEW ZEALAND SYNCHRONISED TEAM

Congratulations to Team New Zealand for performing creditably at the World Championships in Zagreb. It was great to receive the letter from the ISU congratulating New Zealand for sending a team. It proves what great ambassadors' the Team were for our skating community!!

We are now looking to the 2010 Team which will be going to Colorado Springs, USA, in April 2010. The NZISA have already called for expressions of interest from coaches for this team and will soon be putting out a call for

interest from skaters and manager/s. This will detail the requirements and expectations you will need to be a member of Team New Zealand.

One of the requirements already decided is that skaters will need to hold the inter-silver stroking test or inter-silver dance test by the Friday 11



The first Team New Zealand

September 2009 which is the closing date for the NZ National entries.

Auditions will be held in at the Auckland Club Championships on either 11/12 July and at the South Island Championship on Saturday 25th July. There will be an audition fee of \$150.00. If you are selected this will go towards your costs. If you are not selected you will be refunded \$125.00.

The inaugural Team New Zealand was a big learning curve for the skaters and for the NZISA. We are still working through the reports from the current Team New Zealand Members hope to issue a report shortly.

## Selections

The 2009 Selection process was completed with Selection Competitions being held in Auckland at the Autumn Trophy and in Queenstown at the Queenstown Invitational. The NZISA would like to thank AIFSC and QISC for allowing the competition to be run in conjunction with their competitions. Some of the selections below are conditional on criteria set by the NZISA being met.

### 2009 Australian National Championships

- Synchronised
  - o Adult – Spectrum
  - o Novice – Botany Blades
  - o Senior – Icentric  
Ice Statix
- Junior Pairs – Morgan Figgins & Grant Howie
- Primary Dance – Anne Sophie & Dominic Shogimen
- Singles
  - Primary Ladies: Iyrin Quigley, Jessica Zhao, Alexandra Ley  
Reserve: Aimee Clement
  - Intermediate Ladies: Michaela Voigt, Courtney Bettink,  
Mykaila Lewis
  - Novice Ladies: Madeleine Parker, Jessie Parks, Yuko Tanaka  
Reserve: Christina Floka
  - Junior Ladies: Allie Rout, Samantha Waugh, Ariel Nadas  
Reserve: Melissa Morris
  - Junior Men: Cameron Hems
  - Senior Ladies: Allie Rout, Morgan Figgins, Laura Mills
  - Senior Men: Tristan Thode, Mathieu Wilson

### 2009 Winter Games NZ

- Novice Ladies: Madeleine Parker, Jessie Park
- Junior Ladies: Allie Rout, Samantha Waugh
- Junior Men: Cameron Hems
- Senior Ladies: Morgan Figgins, Laura Mills  
Reserve: Allie Rout
- Senior Men: Tristan Thode, Mathieu Wilson

## Test Medals

This is just to let the skating community know that an order has been placed with the manufacturers and we are hoping to have the medals within in the next 3-4 weeks. They will be sent out to Clubs as soon as we receive them.

## Dunedin Adult Skater Competing in Germany

As this is being printed Dunedin Adult Competitor Sue Hoseit is in Oberstdorf, Germany, competing at the ISU Adult International Competition.

We wish her good luck!!

Please remember that you need to notify the National Secretary, secretary@nzisa.com, by 15 June 2009 if you intend to compete at these competitions. Good luck to all the skaters!!!