



SKATE AUSTRALIA Inc
AUSTRALIAN ARTISTIC COMMISSION

Chair – Pam Young

AUSTRALIAN ARTISTIC COMMITTEE
MINUTES 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8 NOVEMBER 2020 – VIA ZOOM

(WA 11.00 am, QLD 1.00 pm, SA 1.30 pm, NSW and VIC 2.00 pm)

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1.	<p>Opening and Introduction of the Executive</p> <p>Opening 11.05 WA; 1.05 pm QLD; 1.35 pm SA; 2.05 pm NSW and VIC</p> <p>Pam Young thanked everybody for attending. Pam is the Chair. Pat Wallace is the co-host. Polls will be taken as necessary. Everybody should be muted unless they're wishing to speak.</p>				
2.	<p>Roll call and apologies</p>				
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	Karen Ravenscroft-Wheeler – NSW VP Pat Wallace – CAOC Patricia Winter – Willows Brenda Zetzmann – Vic VP		
	Visitors Erin Ascenzo - Victoria Jasmin Ball – Queensland – taking the Minutes Kevin Geary - Victoria Lisa Gilchrist – Victoria		
3.	Declaration of Conflicts of Interests	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
4.	Minutes of the 2019 AGM held in Queensland. (Attachment 1)	Minutes of 2019 AGM were circulated. Pam Young moved that they be accepted. Seconded – Julie McCoy Travers Accepted - 94% No - none Abstain - none Carried.	
5.	Business arising out of the Minutes	No items for discussion.	

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6.	Financial report - Current financial status (Attachment 2)	<p>Pam only has access to a transaction report of the AAC account, therefore it can't be distributed due to privacy reasons. Pam has therefore provided a financial summary.</p> <p>Pam moved that the financial report be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded – John Lane</p> <p>Accepted - 94%</p> <p>Carried.</p> <p>The majority of expenditure is for officials' education. There will be more expenditure as the report only goes to 30/09/2020. There will be an additional amount for some senior officials to take part in the World Skate Academy training course.</p>		
7.	Report from the AAC Chair (Attachment 3)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Pam Young moved that it be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded – Pat Wallace.</p> <p>Accepted - 100%</p> <p>Carried.</p> <p>Pam thanked Pat Wallace – they have had very regular discussions on skating matters. She also thanked the State VPs for the work they have done in this difficult time and Seona Martin and Karen Aronis for the amount of work they've done in the development of the officials.</p> <p>Pat thanked Pam and the AAC for support of the officials – financial and emotional. Pat feels comfortable asking for things when the need arises – not always successfully, but she is listened to.</p>		

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8.	State Reports			
	(a) New South Wales (Attachment 4)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Karen Ravenscroft-Wheeler asked that her report be accepted. Seconded – Brenda Zetamann</p> <p>Accepted - 100% Carried.</p> <p>No further discussion.</p>		
	(b) Queensland (Attachment 5)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Helen Lloyd-Jones asked that her report be accepted. Seconded – John Lane</p> <p>Accepted - 100% Carried.</p> <p>Helen said there is a typo in the proficiency tests – 2005 should be 2020. There were a couple of extra tests at Elementary League also a Club test at Pine Rivers and another test on is planned for 15/11/2020.</p> <p>There is a Talent Development webinar in the North today (08/11/2020). Helen would have liked to have seen more of an uptake from clubs in the North – only one club is participating. Another webinar is planned for 2021.</p>		

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	(c) South Australia (Attachment 6)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Julie McCoy-Travers asked that her report be accepted. Seconded – Brenda Zetzmann and Matt Hickey.</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>Julie said they’re having a “not the States States” in a couple of weeks. Nothing much else has happened.</p>		
	(d) Victoria (Attachment 7)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Brenda Zetzmann asked that her report be accepted. Seconded – Matt Hickey</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>Since the report was written, there are two extra members – both officials. Venues are allowed to re-open tomorrow (09/11/2020) with a restriction of 20 people per venue. Matt Hickey is the COVID co-ordinator.</p>		

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(e) Western Australia (Attachment 8)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Joe Kilgallon asked that his report be accepted. Seconded – Brenda Zetzmann</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>WA is the only State which was able to hold a State Championship. Looking towards 2021 there is a proficiency test next weekend.</p>		
9. Report from the CAOC Chairperson (Attachment 9)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Pat Wallace asked that her report be accepted. Seconded –John Lane and Joe Kilgallon</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p>		
10. Items from the CAOC meeting	<p>Pat Wallace was re-elected for the next 2 years as CAOC Chair. It takes the pressure off the CAOC Chair role with Karen Aronis and Seona Martin taking a major role in the education of officials.</p> <p>Inclusion of Promotional Couples Free Dance and Promotional Solo Free Dance and ages of 10, 11 and 12 for Promotional grade were approved by CAOC. The AAC endorsed these additions to the Nationals Requirements.</p> <p>Australian Requirements were accepted by CAOC.</p>		

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	<p>Karen and Seona advised through their report that several people have gained TS commissions.</p> <p>Every official is encouraged to do the on-line courses.</p> <p>Chris Clough has resigned. He was the original designer of Skates and Chris and Barry collaborated for create Sk8Calc. Chris is going to keep his calculating commission but is stepping back from CE Calculating. Chris will maintain the database for the tests. He will resign his international calculating commission.</p> <p>Jasmin Ball will fill the role of CE for Event Managers/Data Operators until the election in 2021.</p> <p>Pat thanked Chris for his involvement.</p> <p>Pat thanked the AAC Executive for their contribution to the cost of the World Skate Academy courses and other education.</p> <p>Tonight there will be a presentation about “what is competent” and “what is not yet competent” for proficiency tests. Everybody is welcome to log in. There was a preview on Thursday – it’s excellent.</p>		

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	<p>There is a new Figure manual. It isn't designed to be the final version but is designed to include the World Skate nomenclature. Thanked Jim Beard and Jasmin Ball for updating this so far. It will be updated shortly.</p> <p>Kate Andrews is stepping down as COAC Chair at the SA State AGM next weekend . Lucy West is going to take on the role.</p> <p>Pat asked Julie McCoy-Travers to let Lucy know that she can ask for help when she needs it.</p>		
11.	<p>Report from the AACC Chair (Attachment 11)</p> <p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Jodie Johnson-Garufos asked that her report be accepted. Seconded – Robert McPhail.</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>Jodie noted that this is the first time she's been able to attend this meeting because she's usually caught up with training etc at Nationals.</p> <p>Jodie noted that the AACC AGM is on 06/12/2020. Also Jodie wanted to reiterate how wonderful the World Skate Academy is and it would be good to see more coaches attending if they can. It's great to be connected to all of the coaches around the world.</p> <p>It's hoped that the World Skate Academy continues in zoom format rather than people having to fly around the world.</p>		

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12.	Oceania Report 2019 (Attachment 12)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Brenda Zetzmann asked that her report on behalf of the Team Management be accepted. Seconded – Joe Kilgallon</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>Pam thanked Victoria for hosting Oceania 2019. It was a great event, great spirit amongst the skaters and New Zealand and Australia. Brenda was asked to pass on thanks and congratulations to the Team Managers.</p>		
13.	2019 World Roller Games (Attachment 13)	<p>Report was circulated with the agenda. Jodie Johnson-Garufo asked that Nigel Foster’s report be accepted. Seconded – Greg Peck and Robert McPhail</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>Jodie said it is always interesting and exciting at Roller Games with all of the different sports together. We can have something positive to look forward to in the future. Organisation was good and everybody did really well. It was run over two venues.</p> <p>Pam said in 2021 it will just be World Championships in Paraguay. 2022 will be Argentina – always assuming that things are back to normal.</p>		

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14.	Matters for the 2021 National Championships	<p>Requirements were circulated with the agenda. Approved by CAOC this morning.</p> <p>Move Pat Wallace Seconded – John Hawkins and John Lane</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>2021 Nationals will be in NSW. Karen Ravenscroft-Wheeler said hopefully it will be at the Whitlam Centre. They’ve asked that venue and another venue for availability of dates in July with September as a fall back. The Whitlam Centre is the preferable choice.</p> <p>Karen will confirm with Pam the dates which should be requested. The dates in July and September are school holidays for all States.</p> <p>Pam said that the zoom meeting for the CAOC AGM was so successful that we may look at continuing doing that meeting and this one on zoom rather than in person at Nationals. Using zoom make is easier for people who are normally tied up with skaters at Nationals. The meeting agreed that this is what we should aim for.</p>		

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	<p>National Requirements have been circulated. Everything is the same as 2020 apart from Promotional Free Dance (Couples and Solo) and some of the times for items as per World Skate manuals. Nobody has responded in the negative.</p> <p>Seconded Jodie Johnson-Garufo</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>In the National Requirements links have been added to World Skate manuals and documents for ease of use. If anybody finds anything which is incorrect, please advise Pat.</p> <p>Jasmin was thanked for the work done on the National Requirements.</p> <p>It may be necessary to have a team managers' meeting at the start of Nationals.</p>			
15.	Sanction Fees	<p>Pam noted that by the end of the year the AAC will have spent approximately \$10,000 on officials' education. Do we need to keep sanction fees the same or increase them? Current expenditure on officials far exceeds the income from sanction fees. There will be more educational expenses in future years. How are we going to fund that?</p> <p>Helen Lloyd-Jones would like to see them remain the same because of the cost that skaters are currently paying, particularly when venue hire increases.</p>		

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	<p>Brenda Zetzmann would like to see them remain as is. Members are not getting any refunds of fees this year. Victorian skaters haven't had much skating this year. Any increases will be absorbed by ASVI.</p> <p>Julie McCoy-Travers would like them to remain as is. Venue hire is expensive.</p> <p>Karen Ravenscroft-Wheeler would like them to remain as is.</p> <p>Joe would like them to stay the same. Air fares for Nationals next year will be expensive.</p> <p>Sanction fees are currently \$2.20 per skater per event including GST.</p> <p>Moved Helen Lloyd-Jones to stay the same for 2021. Seconded – Matt Hickey.</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p>		

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		<p>They will remain the same but it needs to be noted that there has been no additional income from Nationals this year and limited income from sanction fees so this needs to be taken into account when looking at expenditure for 2021. This will need to be reviewed at the semi-annual meeting.</p> <p>Lisa Gilchrist asked if there's any possibility of applying for grants. Pam indicated that there's possibly more opportunity at a State level or a club level than there is on a National level to apply for grants.</p>		
16.	Order of Motions	<p>Promotional Grade - Motion 1 That Free Dance be added to the schedule for the Promotional grade at the 2021 and subsequent Australian Championships for Couples Free Dance and Solo Free Dance.</p> <p>We need agreement from this meeting that these grades are added to the Australian Requirements for 2021 and onwards.</p> <p>Moved Pat Wallace. Seconded – Brittany Hammond</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p>		

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	<p>Promotional Grade - Motion 2 To be eligible to compete in Promotional Grade at the Australian Championship athletes must turn 10, 11 or 12 in the year of competition. Eligibility for Pairs and Dance teams is decided on the age of the oldest skater in the team.</p> <p>Pairs – age eligibility is based on the age of the oldest partner or the age of the male partner. In 2022 the age eligibility reverts to the age of oldest partner.</p> <p>Moved Pat Wallace. Seconded – Jodie Johnston-Garufo.</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>This has been proposed because 12 year old skaters may not have the physical development to skate in higher grades.</p> <p>This gives skaters who turn 12 in the competitive year the opportunity to choose the best fit from Espoir, Preliminary or Promotional Grades to suit their skill level and physical development.</p>		

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17.	Technical Manuals	<p>CAOC and AAC would like permission from this meeting that technical manuals can be changed to align with World Skate manuals.</p> <p>Pam asked if this can be put into the rules so that we don't have to cover this item every year. The AAC Rules are in the process of being updated.</p> <p>Moved Pat Wallace Seconded – John Lane</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried</p>		
18.	Appointment of the AAC Chair (Attachment 14)	<p>Pam Young was nominated by Susan Brooks and seconded by Karen Aronis.</p> <p>Pam accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominations Pam was duly elected as Chair.</p> <p>Pam indicated that we need to start looking at the next generation for this role.</p>		

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19.	Endorsement of CAOC Chair (Attachment 15)	<p>Pat Wallace was nominated by Jasmin Ball and seconded by Chris Clough.</p> <p>Pat accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominations Pat was duly elected to the role.</p> <p>Accepted – 100% Carried.</p> <p>Pat said that the role is more interesting and easier now that Karen Aronis and Seona Martin are handling the educational side.</p> <p>Pam said that re-election for CAOC, AAC and AACC fall in the same year and this is cause for concern as if all left at the same time it will leave a deficit of knowledge within the Executive. Pam has previously raised this with Karen Doyle. Pam would like to have these elections in staggered years. Pat, Pam and Jodie are going to discuss this and how to go about it.</p> <p>Jodie queried would SA accept 3 year terms. Those in the discussion were asked to take this suggestion into account.</p>		

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		<p>A motion was put to the meeting that this proposal be discussed at the SAM and then put to the SA Board.</p> <p>Moved – Brenda Zetzmann Seconded – John Lane.</p> <p>Accepted – 100%. Carried.</p>		
20.	Any Other Business	<p>Proficiency Test eligibility for Nationals in 2021 was discussed. Pam discussed this at the CAOC meeting this morning. There are some areas where skaters have not had a chance to do proficiency tests because of COVID nor will have the training time to adequately prepare for tests as well as their yearly requirements.</p> <p>If this is still a requirement for 2021, it will be difficult for skaters to meet the proficiency test requirements especially where they must move to a higher grade because of age.</p>		

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	<p>We need to encourage skaters to continue in the sport and not put barriers that will discourage people from participating.</p> <p>By Nationals next year, proficiency test requirements will be changed to better link to World Skate requirements. This is to be addressed in time for approval at the next AGM.</p> <p>The motion is that for 2021, proficiency test requirements for Nationals will be relaxed. However, this will only be available in 2021. From 2022 onwards, proficiency test requirements will come into force again and there will be no exceptions.</p> <p>Skaters will therefore need to continue working towards proficiency tests so that they are able to meet the requirements in 2022. However this will give skaters time post Nationals to work on their proficiency requirements.</p> <p>Pat said that the CAOC meeting was in agreement.</p> <p>Patricia Winter noted that skaters in the north usually have two test centres per year. Having only one test centre in 2020 makes it difficult. To maintain numbers of skaters, it's important that skaters in the north are able to continue with tests. Is there another way of overcoming this problem?</p> <p>Pat discussed the possibility of doing proficiency tests via video with Judges viewing the performance remotely. This was going to be tested this year, but the venue at which this could be tested is in a COVID hot spot, so it was not able to be done.</p>		

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	<p>There was an offer at the CAOC meeting this morning that skaters in WA could be made available for this.</p> <p>This issue is going to be further investigated.</p> <p>Pat said we will continue to investigate this issue. A live video stream is probably the best thing to do so that judges can ask for items to be re-done if necessary.</p> <p>Brenda said it would be great if proficiency test requirements can be put on hold for next year. Victorian skaters will continue to do proficiency tests, but because their venues are only allowed to open from tomorrow (09/11/2020), the skaters will need time to be ready for tests. It's really a "wait and see" exercise at the moment.</p> <p>Pam said we want to remove as many barriers as possible to get skaters back into the sport.</p> <p>The Executive will progress with investigation into this issue.</p> <p>Lisa G has had feedback from some officials in Victoria since the CAOC meeting this morning that some may use the relaxation for 2021 to go into a higher level than they are ready for. Perhaps there should be some limitations, such as to nominate for Espoir, skaters should have intended to skate in Promotional in 2020.</p>		

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	<p>Pam said that to skate in a higher level than would normally be the case, skaters will need approval. There will still be the approval process for skaters wishing to skate Junior or Senior out of the recommended age.</p> <p>We also need to rely on our Coaches to appropriately place their skaters in the grade for which they are capable of skating especially when looking to move from elementary to Championship grade. We may see some lowering of standard in some grades but at least we will have retained the skaters for coaches to continue to work with these skaters.</p> <p>Jodie said she has lost some skaters due to COVID and others will most likely be in the same position. Coaches will need to be realistic and nominate skaters for appropriate grades. Everybody needs to remember that proficiency test levels will be in place again in 2022.</p> <p>Brenda noted that it's the responsibility of each State to select their own teams for Nationals. An invitation to skate Nationals should not be automatically taken – it depends on how States select the teams.</p> <p>The State VPs made comments in the chat room that they completely agree with comments made by Jodie.</p> <p>Pam will take this issue to the Executive for their determination.</p>		

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		<p>Pat noted that tests being conducted by video is just a thought at the moment – it needs more work.</p> <p>National Requirements for 2021 will be amended to reflect the relaxation of proficiency test requirements and re-instatement of them in 2022.</p> <p>Pat discussed a comment by Brenda about insurance not being refunded in 2020 because of the lack of venues for training. Pat noted that it's not a simple matter. There is a lot more involved than just competitions. Insurance covers skaters who are training in venues other than the usual skating venues.</p>		
21.	Date and Venue of Next Meeting	Pam suggested that the next meeting will most likely be a zoom meeting prior to Nationals. Pam will liaise with CAOC for a suitable date/time.		
22.	Close	The meeting was declared closed at 12.43 pm WA; 2.43 pm QLD; 3.13 pm SA; 3.43 pm NSW and VIC.		

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