



GymSports New Zealand AGM 2010 - Minutes

DATE	Thursday 23 September 2010
VENUE	Mystery Creek Events Centre
ATTENDEES	GSNZ Board Simon Wickham, Craig Bruce, Tracey Diack, Nick Dixie, Virginia Cathro Life Members Gerry O'Brien, Warwick Darcey, John Sandos, Murray Charteris Regional Board Murray Lockwood, Tom Shanks, Zara Harris, Jo Miller SDC Members Shirley Baker, Amy Neild, Daphne Stringer GSNZ Staff Mike Buchan, Tas Evans, Shelley Gilliver, Sarah Ashmole, Michelle Sommerville, Carolyn Marlowe, Michelle Parker Club Delegates/Representatives Michele Hawke, Keita McGowan, Morven Woodhead, Louise Drake, Bryan Bamber, Sylvia Pryor, Michelle Woolf, Kevina Ward, Angela Douglas, Carole Petrie, Jody Le Bas, Leo Rodrigues, Martin Langdon, Marie Stechman, Karen Ingram, Leanne Trevathan, Mary Barbour, Rowena Deadman, Margaret Woolf, Leo Kimble, Glynn Blumgart, Heather Braylorook, Karyn Tunnicliff, Leanne Robinson, Leilani van Dieren, Michael Fransch, Kathryn O'Neill, Jacqui Callahan, Shaun Le Bas
MINUTE TAKER	Michelle Parker
APOLOGIES	Nora Nixon, Howard Johnston, Charles Ronaldson, Karen Bevins

The Chairman of GSNZ, Simon Wickham, welcomed club delegates and all GSNZ officials to the AGM and went through relevant housekeeping details. Special mention was made to the Canterbury and Southland clubs for their attendance while they cope with the after effects of the earthquake and snow.

GSNZ National Board members were introduced.

Simon Wickham moved that the apologies be accepted. Seconded Michelle Hawke. So moved.

DISCUSSION Adoption of Minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting

Motion

THAT the Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting be received approved and adopted.

Moved – Sylvia Pryor

Seconded – Shirley Baker

Motion carried

DISCUSSION Presentation of Audited Annual Financial Report

Michael Buchan – Financial Manager
Nick Dixie – Chair Finance and Audit Committee

ND – Summary of the accounts on p36 of the Annual Report. Shows that the performance of 2009 was similar to 2008. Reality is that we managed a small profit only through the finalising of some projects.

MB – Summary of the points of interests

Income streams 2008 to 2009:

- percentage of membership has remained the same
- events 2008 show impact of the Indo Pacific Championships

Expenses 2008 to 2009:

- events impact was the only variable outside the norm due to Indo Pacific Championships

Income and Expenditure:

- 2004 – 2010 shows growth from under 1M to 2.6M

Summary Balance Sheet

- Cash assets have decreased
- Income in Advance has increased
- Cash in the bank largely reflects the cash that is being held in the Income in Advance account tagged through funding applications
- Liabilities are largely internal to the organisation

Motion

THAT the Audited Annual Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2009 be accepted.

Moved – Louise Drake

Seconded – Sylvia Pryor

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION	Presentation of the Chairperson's Report (refer Annual Report)
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Simon Wickham – Chair GymSports New Zealand

SW highlighted:

- New structure has transitioned and while needs bedding in, this is the first year of the new structure
- Closer to Clubs than many NSOs with the critical link being through GymSports Officers
- Committed and knowledgeable volunteers of Sport Development Committees
- Committed and knowledgeable National Board members
- Thanks to the GSNZ staff members who go over and above in their service to Gymsports in New Zealand
- Funding and sponsorship is down across the board. GSNZ is doing very well in this space with the guidance of new BDM Agnes Rehak
- Special mention to NZCT's contribution to the GymSports Officer network
- SPARC's Whole of Sport approach gives GSNZ some security in the next 3 years. To be one of 7 sports chosen is opening doors with other National bodies, Regional Sports Trusts and Councils. Delivery and reporting back to SPARC from members and clubs will be key to the success of our relationship with SPARC around the Whole of Sport project
- moveMprove will be key to the promotion of gymsports in New Zealand
- Financial times are tight. National board has an expectation moving forward that the organisation does no worse than break even and where possible be putting money aside to grow reserves. Believe the current model is sustainable; if a major funder was to be lost we

may need to restructure the business but would not fall over.

- It was flagged that the National Board will be discussing raising the 2011 membership fees in the coming weeks.
- Club representatives were asked to take a word of Thanks back to all the volunteers in the Gymsports community on behalf of the GSNZ board and staff.

Motion

THAT the Chairperson's Report for the year ending 31 December 2009 be accepted.

Moved – Marie Stechman

Seconded – Michele Hawke

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION	Presentation of the Chief Executive's Report (refer 2009 Annual Report)
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Sarah Ashmole – Chief Executive

Sarah Ashmole expressed her passion and belief in GSNZ's ability to change New Zealand for the better.

Highlights:

- Strategic Plan development; high level of alignment through club, regional board consultation with regional priorities identified
- Whole of Sport Plan: GSNZ Springboard Plan; 7 months of hard work to get to a point where it was presented to SPARC. Paul Heron (GSNZ Relationship Manager at SPARC) was shown via a video clip, praising GymSports NZ's ability to get through the recent transformation and the future for GymSports. GSNZ is one of 7 sports chosen by SPARC as a priority community sport. Becoming a targeted community sport will potentially open doors for the gymsport community to access greater support from local Regional Sports Trusts, councils, funders as well as a higher profile within the NZ sporting environment.
- Relationships with all stakeholders were discussed. GSNZ has a priority relationship with Member Clubs; other key relationships include Gaming and Community Funders, Schools, Regional Sports Trusts, Territorial Authorities.
- GymSports Officers (eight FTEs and one FT Manager) key and critical link in the relationship of GSNZ with clubs and relationships with regional stakeholders
- Clubs – the business of being in gymsports is changing. Becoming sustainable in the new sporting environment is key.
- Regulations – new regulations (Sport Development Committees, Regional Boards, General, Membership Fee) have been developed through extensive consultation with the Membership and are on the website. It was mentioned that it is important that Clubs participate in the development of these regulations as they shape the future of the Gymsports community and how GymSports NZ functions.
- Education – Gymschool and the Gym for All Forum were delivered for the first time. Both very successful and well attended. The Gym for All Forum had 35 attendees representing clubs that deliver to 70K participants. Besides being great learning opportunities both events created great conversations between attendees with lots of ideas being sharing and relationships developed.
- Market research – research was completed by Fastrack and the moveMprove programme marketing material is to be based on it.
- GymSport community promotion – the recognition of being a government targeted sporting code is raising the profile of the gymsports community and this has been a focus for 2010.
- Secure future-proofed IT system – review of IT needs took place and a major project completed moving from an in house IT system to a "hosted" solution – hosted solution allows for significant growth and stability.
- Acknowledgement of the product development work that has gone on in 2009 and 2010. Incentive Awards (the GSNZ lovemark) and moveMprove. Incentive Awards was a translation of what member clubs and key sport leaders wanted in the new programme coordinated by Tas Evans, National Development Manager. moveMprove is the programme that people outside gymsports are looking at. It is a movement development programme being taken to mass numbers of participant in a school environment across the country. It is an opportunity to grow club numbers, build sustainability and gets the Gymsports community fixed on the Sport map.
- Five Transformation Goals

- People Excellence: one reason GSNZ has become highly thought of is the strong leadership team through the “Move Armada” Leadership team and the strong alignment and commitment of the whole gymsports community.
- Effective policy and planning
- Accessible and High Quality Services
- Integrations and Coordination across Codes
- Unified GymSports Culture
- 2010 so far:
 - HP Strategy reviewed and out by the end year
 - First draft of Participation Strategy
 - Volunteer strategy under development by Auckland/Manukau/Northern Regional Board supported by Upper South Regional Board

Final Comments from Paul Heron, SPARC video clip.

Motion

THAT the Chief Executive’s Report for the year ending 31 December 2009 be accepted.

Moved – Daphne Stringer
 Seconded – Michele Hawke

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION Election of GymSports NZ Board Members

The GymSports NZ Board comprises a total of 7 members (4 elected and 3 appointed members). This year there are **two** vacancies for Elected Board Member positions on the GymSports NZ Board. GymSports NZ called for nominations for these positions on 25th June 2010 and all nominations were due by Tuesday 24th August 2010.

Craig Bruce and Warwick Darcey were appointed as scrutineers

Name	Nominated By
Tracey Diack	Porirua Gymnastics
Gerald Klyn	North Harbour Gymnastics
Jane Clark	Christchurch School of Gymnastics
David Evans	Christchurch School of Gymnastics

Tracey Diack was elected to the GymSports New Zealand Board.
 Gerald Klyn was elected to the GymSports New Zealand Board.

Declared elected

The Chairman discussed the process the Board Appointments Panel had undertaken to seek new appointed Board members and thanked his fellow Appointment Panel members. The Chairman announced the one re-appointed member Craig Bruce.

DISCUSSION Election of Regional Board Members

Each of the Regional Boards comprises a total of 5 members (3 elected and 2 appointed members). This year there are 7 vacancies for these positions for Regional Boards.

Northern Regional Board

No nominations received – National Board will look to appoint

Auckland Manukau Regional Board

No nominations received – National Board will look to appoint

Midlands Regional Board

Name	Nominated By
Neil Cox	Hamilton City Gymnastics

Neil Cox is elected to the Midlands Regional Board

Declared Elected

Central Regional Board

No nominations received – National Board will look to appoint

Upper South Regional Board

Craig Bruce and Warwick Darcey were appointed as scrutineers

Name	Nominated By
Dale Todd	Gymnastics Nelson
Anne Sissons	Impact Alpha
Jane Clark	Christchurch School of Gymnastics

Dale Todd is elected to the Upper South Regional Board

Jane Clark is elected to the Upper South Regional Board

Declared Elected

Southern Regional Board

Name	Nominated By
Donna Henderson	Invercargill Gymnastics

Donna Henderson is elected to the Southern Regional Board

Declared Elected

Motion

THAT the voting papers for National and Regional Board elections be destroyed

Moved – Kevina Ward

Seconded – Leo Kimble

DISCUSSION Appointment of Auditor

Motion

THAT HWA Chartered Accountants to be appointed as the Auditors of the GymSports New Zealand accounts for 2010.

Moved – Shirley Baker

Seconded – Bryan Bamber

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION Motions to Alter the Constitution

The following motions are proposed as items of business under Rule 18.6(d) of the Constitution of GymSports New Zealand Incorporated ("GymSports NZ") to amend the Constitution for consideration by the Delegates at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

Explanation: When GymSports NZ changed its structure and introduced the current GymSports NZ Constitution, there were several rules relating to transitional arrangements. Those references are no longer relevant so it is suggested they are removed from the Constitution.

Motion

THAT the proposed motions 1 to 12 as circulated to amend Rule 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 18, 28 and the General Motions 11 and 12 with respect to renumbering and tidying up of the Constitution to give effect to these changes be approved

Moved – Daphne Stringer
Seconded - Kevina Ward

Motion carried

Rule 5 – Member Clubs

Motion 1

THAT Rule 5.1 be deleted in its entirety.

Motion 2

THAT a new Rule 5.2 be inserted so it reads as follows:

5.2 *Duration of Membership: Subject to Rule 11 (Termination of Membership), the duration of membership for a Member Club is annual from 1 January to 31 December.*

Rule 7 – Associate Members

Motion 3

THAT Rule 7.1 be amended by deleting the words "*Subject to Rule 7.2 (Existing Members),*" so that it reads as follows:

7.1 *Any organisation, other than a Member Club, that promotes or presents a national or regional interest in Gymsports in New Zealand or any region in New Zealand, but does not include any organisation that delivers any one or more Gymsports competitions, programmes or activities, may upon application to the Board become an Associate Member of GymSports NZ.*

Motion 4

THAT Rule 7.2 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Rule 7.2 that reads as follows:

7.2 *Duration of Membership: Subject to Rule 11 (Termination of Membership), the*

duration of membership for an Associate Member is annual from 1 January to 31 December.

Rule 8 – Club Members

Motion 5

THAT Rule 8.2 be amended by inserting the words "*Subject to Rule 11 (Termination of Membership),*" at the start of the Rule, deleting the word "*all*" and replacing it with the word "*a*", and deleting the first reference to the word "*Members*" and replacing it with the word "*Member*" so that it reads as follows:

8.2 *Duration of Membership: Subject to Rule 11 (Termination of Membership), the duration of membership for a Club Member is annual from 1 January to 31 December except for those Club Members who are only involved in a Gymsport activity through a Member Club for a total period of 12 weeks or less in a year.*

Rule 10 – Member Entitlements and Obligations

Motion 6

THAT Rule 10.5 be deleted in its entirety.

Rule 13 – Membership and Other Fees

Motion 7

THAT Rule 13.3 be deleted in its entirety.

Rule 18 – Meetings of Members

Motion 8

THAT Rule 18.15 be amended by deleting the last sentence "*In addition representatives of Regional Members may attend and speak at General Meetings held during the Transition Period in accordance with Rule 10.5*" so that it reads as follows:

18.15 *Attendees: In addition to Board Members and Delegates, any Member is entitled to and may, at their cost, attend a General Meeting. Such Members are entitled to speak at General Meetings with the prior agreement of the Chairperson, but shall not be entitled to vote provided that Life Members are entitled to speak without such prior agreement. In addition other persons including employees, contractors and advisors to GymSports NZ may upon invitation by the Board attend and speak at General Meetings with the permission of the Chairperson.*

Rule 28 – Interpretation

Motion 9

THAT Rule 28.1 be amended by deleting the definition of “Member” and replacing it with a new definition that reads as follows:

Member means the individuals and organisations as specified in Rule 4.

Motion 10

THAT Rule 28.1 be amended by deleting the definition of “Transition Period” in its entirety.

General

Motion 11

THAT the contents page and all rule numbering in the Constitution be updated as a result of the amendments made at this meeting so that the numbering throughout the Constitution is consecutive and consistent and any references to rule numbers within the Constitution are updated accordingly.

Motion 12

THAT the alterations made to the Constitution at this meeting shall be effective from the date the alterations are registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

DISCUSSION

General Business

Nominations for National Awards; Warwick Darcey (Honours Committee)

Honours Committee report to the 2010 AGM of GSNZ

Margaret Woolf – Life Membership

On behalf of the Honours Committee of life members Mike Ranger, Martin Gotz, Tony Quirk and myself, I have pleasure in recommending to this meeting one individual for a major award namely life membership in recognition and appreciation of selfless, distinguished and/or innovative service to Gymsports New Zealand.

Since the 1980s when it produced representatives in successive Olympic Games – 1984 in Los Angeles with Tanya Moss and 1988 in Seoul with Angela Walker - Rhythmic Gymnastics in New Zealand has had a relatively tough road to hoe. And yet throughout those 20 odd years one person in particular has managed to sustain a remarkable passion for and dedication to the sport.

Margaret Woolf has been and continues to be all things to Rhythmic Gymnastics. Starting in the late 70s she has been actively involved at club, regional, national and international level as a coach, judge, educator, official, promoter and administrator. Amongst other things, she served on the Rhythmic Technical committee, now the Sport Development Committee, almost continuously from 1985 to 2009, was the local Technical Director at the 1990 Commonwealth Games and our team manager to 6 World Championships. She has coached at club level from 1978 to today; at 2 Trans Tasman events; 5 Four Continents, 3 Brother Cups, Worlds and Commonwealth Games. From 1987 to 2003 she was the manager, coach and if necessary judge on so many tours with senior gymnasts to Europe that she became the world’s leading authority on the intricacies of Frankfurt International Airport. She held a

brevet from 1986 to 2008, has judged at these Nationals since 1983 and of course at Worlds, Commonwealth Games, Pacific Alliance, Australian Championships. Need I go on? Suffice to say it's an impressive 30 odd year commitment to judging at a high level.

Margaret's tenacity in promoting Rhythmic Gymnastics in all areas – club, education and commerce is to be admired. She is innovative in her approach to develop the sport. She has been prolific in developing programme and coaching resources, collaborating with members of the community to establish national resources, working with administrators, coaches, judges, parents and school teachers to grow the Rhythmic community. She showed her commitment to current coaching practices by recently attending the FIG Coaching Academy while in 2008 she retrained as a course presenter. She trains and mentors coaches in clubs across the country. Her efforts over the years have made Rhythmic clubs more cohesive and cooperative.

It could be said to be unethical if I did not refer to an abject failure on her part – her complete inability to persuade New Zealand males to take up Rhythmic Gymnastics. Anyone who has seen the Japanese Men's Rhythmic Group perform would understand why someone might have such a goal but in rugby-mad New Zealand she isn't ever going to win that one!

Margaret Woolf has been a superb mentor and advisor to the many people who have had the opportunity to be under her guidance. Her many accomplishments over the past 30 odd years are a clear testimony to the time and energy she has devoted to the sport of Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Mr Chairman, the Honours Committee recommends to this meeting that the distinguished and innovative service of Margaret Woolf to GymSports New Zealand be recognized by making her a Life Membership of this organization and I would ask you to so move.

Moved – Simon Wickham

Margaret Woolf spoke thanking everyone for their support over the years and corrected Warwick that she now has a selection of young boys in her class.

Question from Marie Stechman – what are the benefits of becoming a registered charity?

Simon Wickham – the benefits are that donors and sponsors claim a proportion of their donation back through tax.

Question from Bryan Bamber – what will the new membership fees be and when will we know?

Simon Wickham – undertook to get a decision to the community within the next month.

Closing comments – Simon Wickham

Encouraged attendees to see Angela McMillan

Congratulations and warm wishes expressed to the athletes and judges selected to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games and World Champs. Special thanks to their parents, sponsors and all those people who have helped them along the way.

Meeting Closed: 2.00pm