

## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> September 13 2011	<b>STATUS</b>	
<b>TO:</b>	Members of the Aerobics Community,	<b>FROM</b>	Amy Nield – Co-chair, Aerobics Sports Development Committee
<b>CC:</b>		<b>ATT:</b>	
<b>RE:</b>	September Newsletter	<b>NOTE:</b>	

### INTRODUCTION

The newly formed Aerobics Sports Development Committee held our first meeting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and we would like to introduce the new look Sports Development Committee to the community and give a brief rundown of what will be happening in 2012 and beyond.

The Sports Development Committee has welcomed three new members and has appointed two new Co-Chairs:

- Co-Chair – Vicky Cowley – Vicky has been involved with the sport of aerobics for over 30 years and has a passion for the recreational and participation pathways, her particular interest is integrating a sports aerobics programme into primary and secondary school PE programmes. Vicky will be overseeing the policies and procedures of the Sports Development Committee.
- Co-Chair – Amy Nield – Amy has been involved in aerobics for over 16 years, briefly as an athlete but more recently as a judge and coach. Amy runs Aspire Aerobix a purpose built aerobics club and also sits on the Auckland Manukau Regional Board. Amy will be overseeing the technical (judging and coaching) component of the Sports Development Committee.
- Participation – Helen Warburton – Helen is a huge advocate for Aerobics in the Canterbury region, this started when she was in the role of Upper South GymSports Officer, Helen also sits on the Upper South regional board and works with on developing the Participation pathway of Sports Aerobics
- Coaching – Sally Hart – Sally has been involved in aerobics for many years, as a coach, parent and past Brevet judge. Sally has returned to the sport after a short hiatus and has been building a very successful pool of athletes in the Otago and Southern Region. Sally will have the task of updating all of the coaching courses and resources.
- Judging – Cath Thomson – Cath has been involved in aerobics for the past 15 years as an athlete, coach and most recently as our only New Zealand Brevet Judge. Cath will be co-ordinating all of the judging New Zealand wide as well as ensuring that all judges are up to speed with the code of points.
- Events and Tours – Jenny Mullins – Jenny has been involved in the GymSports community for many years as a mother, she is a go-to person and has an amazing ability to get things done. Aerobics community look forward to some well run competitions for the 2012 year!
- Athletes Representative – Amanda Bush – Amanda has been an athlete in Sports Aerobics for the past 12 years and runs a very successful club – Triple A Aerobics Academy. Amanda has been the athlete's representative on the Sports Development Committee for the past 4 years and her expertise as a coach are also invaluable. While Amanda is the go between for the athletes her valuable input into coaching and running events is an asset to the committee.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

The Sports Development Committee would like to publically congratulate Cath Thomson on successfully completing her International Brevet exams in China – Cath was awarded her FIG insignia and log book at the meeting – we wish Cath all the best with her judging in the future!

**KEY IDEAS FROM THE MEETING:**

1. Strategic Plan – the Sports Development Committee have analysed the results from the Regional Relationship Managers and club SWOT analyses and have used this information to move forward with the development of the Strategic Plan and action plan for 2012.
2. Competition Dates 2012 – these were discussed and consultation is going forward – we hope to announce these after our October Meeting
3. Programme Pathways – The Sports Development Committee discussed the streamlining of aerobics categories and pathways to make aerobics more accessible to both schools and gymnastics club and to build a structure around which growth can occur – a draft of these pathways should be available after the October meeting.
4. Qualification Marks – the Sports Development Committee have set a sub-committee to produce qualification marks for the 2012 Nationals
5. New Zealand Aerobics Handbook – this has been looked at and is the process of updating for the 2012 competition year.

Please watch out for our October Newsletter for an update on where we are at!

Kind regards  
The Aerobics Sports Development Committee.