

MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to all Members and friends of the New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association.

As you will note, this is a Newsletter rather than a Communication, and the change in title signals a departure from how we have been doing things over recent years. As CEO along with the Board, I have made the decision that Communications will include only Technical Information and alerts to changes in Policies directly affecting the skating community. Newsletters will include any other information we think may be of interest to our skating community in general.

The AGM and Election of Officers

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 28th April in Auckland. We'd like to thank delegates and members who attended for the very positive and constructive contributions they made.

Your Elected Officers for 2012 are:

Patron	Alan Weeds
President	Jeanette King
Vice President	Robyn Morris
Board Members	Dion Cunningham, Keith Darvill, Barbara Lindsay-Taylor
CEO	Wendy Clucas
General Secretary	Liz Alabaster
Treasurer	Tracy McGuigan
Test & Competition Secretary	Ina Paul
Marketing & Promotions Officer	Aleisha Haselmore
Anti-Doping Officer	Jan Christieson
Child Protection Officer	Imelda Sheerin
Coaching Director	Michelle Whelan
Officials Director	Heather MacDonald
Technical Director	Sandra Williamson-Leadley

We thank all those who served the administration last year and welcome our new members and hope that together we can enjoy an open relationship with our members to make 2012 an enjoyable year.

Once again there are positions vacant and we are seeking volunteers to fill these. If you are interested, could you please make your interest known via your Club.

Skater Development Officer Vacancy

We are very aware that skaters selected in Talent/Age ID Development Groups have not been receiving the Development expected. To this end we are making a plea for someone to come forward to take this very important position.

This position involves:

- Appointing monitors for Age/Talent and International Squad members
- Collating reports from monitors on the skaters
- Facilitate a group to organise training seminars for skaters

An assistant may be appointed to help with these duties.

Grant's Officer Vacancy

Grants play an important role in the Association being able to address the development needs of all members (skaters, officials and coaches) without us incurring financial losses each year. We have had an offer of assistance from David Woodbridge, which is very much appreciated, but the position of Grant's Officer still remains vacant at this point in time. If you have some experience with grant applications and would be willing to consider taking on this role, please put your name forward via your club.

Results 2012 Junior Worlds

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognise the following skaters for their achievements at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Minsk, Belarus at the end of February.

Junior Ladies	Madelaine Parker	Qualifying Round (31st)
Junior Dance	Ayesha Campbell & Shane Speden	Qualifying Round (17th)

Skater Development Sessions for Talent ID/Age and International Development Skaters

As noted earlier we are very aware that we haven't been able to deliver the sort of skater development programmes we would like to for those skaters that have qualified to be part of the Talent/Age ID Squad, the International Development Squad or our International representatives. We are however planning to run 2 hr sessions in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin for those skaters over the next few months and will be in contact with those skaters and their coaches soon. We're also planning to run a session for the team that qualified for synchronised skating development.

Dance Seminar in Korea

This was an ISU development Programme aimed at developing ice dance in the Asia Pacific region. Two of our Dance couples attended this seminar Ayesha Campbell and Shane Speden, plus Connor McIver and Anja Noetzel-Hayward, together with coaches Kim Lewis and Debbie Darvill. From all accounts this was a very productive week where skaters and coaches learnt a lot. We look forward to viewing their progress this year.



From left to right Shane Speden, Ayesha Campbell, Michael Webster*, Kim Lewis, Monica McDonald*, Connor McIver, John Dunn*, Anja Noetzel-Hayward and Debbie Darvill.

* denotes ISU moderators

Hollins Trophy

To those skaters who have advised they are competing at the Hollins Trophy in Sydney, we wish you all the very best for your skates and we look forward to learning your results.

The Board and Operations Groups of the NZIFSA wish all our skaters a very successful 2012 competitive season and may you all achieve the results you work so hard to attain.

Correspondence: Again we would like to remind people that all correspondence must be sent to our General Secretary who will forward it to the appropriate person. This must be adhered to as this is the only way we can keep track of your correspondence and ensure that the correct people are notified.

Website: We appreciate that there are problems with the site and some parts of it have not been updated of late but as you are aware this is a voluntary position and naturally with the change of administration there is a lot of work required in the background of the system. Whilst we continue to encourage members to use the website as the primary source of information, we will also undertake to send information to Clubs via email to pass on to their members.

Policies: We are seeking first submissions on the following policies at present –

- Child Protection Policy
- Electronic Meeting Policy
- Members Forums Acceptable Use Policy

They are currently on the website for your comments. If you wish to make any further comments to these please either place them on the website or send them to the Secretary before 31 May.

Also on the website you will see the first submissions we received on the following policies:

- Selection Policy
- Funding Policy
- Governance and Management Policy plus Job Descriptions
- CEO Limitations Policy

The Board will be reviewing these policies, taking into account your submissions, and then posting these back on the website for your final submissions.

At our most recent Board meeting we reviewed the following policies which will shortly be appearing back on the website for your final submissions

- Privacy Policy
- Finance Policy

In addition, we will be seeking further submissions on the Travel and Reimbursement Policy after further amendments were made

World Roller Skating Champs: It may be of interest to some of our skaters that the 2012 World Roller Figure Skating Championships are being held in Auckland 29 September – 13 October 2012, around the same time as our National Championships.

Jeanette King, President
Wendy Clucas, CEO