



Minutes of the Mid-Year Meeting for

ICE SKATING AUSTRALIA INC

St George Leagues Club, Kogarah, Sydney on 20th August 2016

ATTENDANCE RECORD and APOLOGIES

Board of Management

President: Peter Lynch
 Secretary: Carole Ashworth
 Treasurer: Wendy Meik
 Board Members: Don Nicholls, Debbie Noyes, Judith Sivasubramaniam, Peter Marcovich

Standing Committee Chairs:

High Performance:	Robyn Burley	Judging & Officials:	Susan Lynch
Athlete Development:	Clarence Ong	Synchronized Skating:	Angelique Clyde-Smith
Sport Development:	Robi Chalmers	Technical Regulations:	Jackie Gold

Disciplinary Committee:

Allie Ford, Tricia Moritz (absent)

ADCO:

Dr Asher Livingston (absent)

ISA Administrator:

Jenny Houlahan

Delegates:

ACT	Julie Stalker (P) Angelique Clyde-Smith		
	Greg Ash		Rebecca Wells
NSW	Paul Harris (P) Debbie Noyes		Peter Jones
	Brooke Crawford (P) Jackie Gold		
QLD	Liz Alexandre (P) Duncan Unwin		Gail Dodds
	Susan Lynch		
SA	Reina O'Connor (P) Chelsea Skene		Moira Henningsen
	Nicola Reese		
TAS	Joanna May		
VIC	Andrew Taylor	Sharon Hedley	Lexi Wooderson
WA	Andrea Willis	Katrina Harburn	Anita Ghose
(P) Proxy			
APSA:	delegates not advised		

Observers:

Nil

Apologies Received:

Don Nicholls, APSA, Julie Stalker, Paul Harris, Brooke Crawford, Reina OConnor, Moira Henningsen, Katrina Harburn, Anita Ghose

CHAIRPERSON

Peter Lynch Chaired the meeting and declared there was a quorum and opened the meeting at 9.19am.

1. Accreditation of Representatives and Proxies

The maximum number of votes on motions will be 16.

Delegates noted above, acknowledged as those eligible to vote.

Proxy advice received and accepted from QLD. Duncan Unwin will substitute for Liz Alexandre

Proxy letter received and accepted from ACT. Angelique Clyde-Smith will substitute for Julie Stalker.

Proxy advice received and accepted from NSW. Jackie Gold will substitute for Paul Harris and Debbie Noyes will substitute for Brooke Crawford.

Proxy advice received and accepted from SA. Chelsea Skene will substitute for Reina O'Connor.

2. Standing Committee Reports

2.1 Sport Development

Robi Chalmers introduced Duncan Unwin who advised on the progress of the building of the Aussie Skate TM website. Duncan provided the URL to access the new website – <https://aussieskate.isa.org.au> and continued his presentation by navigating through the new website.

The aim of the website is to be user friendly and easy to navigate on tablets and mobile phones. It is currently targeted towards the younger demographic and is designed to give a sense of community and belonging. Discussion was held on expanding the site to provide specific content for Adult Aussie Skate participants.

Duncan advised that the website would direct users to the nearest ice rink offering the Aussie Skate TM program. This would be a valuable marketing tool for rinks who run the Aussie Skate TM program.

The Aussie Skate TM website will be linked to the main ISA website when it goes live and could be operational by October 2016.

There were ideas submitted from the floor of the meeting as to how to expand the site. Lexi Wooderson suggested a points system to include Competition points to promote the competitive aspect of the sport and Clarence Ong suggested referral bonuses.

Merchandise was discussed. Merchandise will be sold through the on-line shop. Gail Dodds suggested T-Shirts with the Aussie Skate TM Logo on the front and the rink name on the back.

Robi is to assemble a team with a representative from each State who will be actioned to directly contact the rinks currently running the Aussie Skate TM program and arrange face to face meetings to present the benefits to them of the on-line Aussie Skate TM registration system, the reduced Registration fee, the new Aussie Skate TM Agreements, to introduce the new Aussie Skate TM website and to explain the logistics of how the new system will work for them at their rink. Rinks not presently running the Aussie Skate TM program will also be contacted in order to present the new system to them and discuss the benefits to them of joining the Aussie Skate TM program.

Gail Dodds suggested the production of a flyer to explain the Aussie Skate TM Registration process, and why it is necessary, that would be made available at the rinks to direct participants to the website and explain how to register with the program.

ACTION: Robi to arrange design of flyer to present to the Board.

MOTION: That the new Aussie Skate TM Registration system be actioned from 1st January 2017 with States actively contacting their rinks between now and then to ensure a smooth transition to the new Registration system.

Proposed: Lexi Wooderson Seconded: Gail Dodds

Votes: For 16: Against 0: Abstain 0

MOTION: For ISA to Trademark “Adult Aussie Skate”

Proposed: Gail Dodds Seconded: Andrea Willis

Votes: For 16: Against 0: Abstain 0

MOTION: To produce the resources that are necessary for the development of the Adult Aussie Skate program.

Proposed: Peter Jones Seconded: Andrea Willis

Votes: For 16: Against 0: Abstain 0

2.2 Judges & Officials

Susan Lynch advised that the updated element sheets and calling guidelines had been published on the ISA website prior to the commencement of the Competition season and reinforced that it was up to the State Judging Conveners to make sure that their Panels have the correct information with them before they officiate at events.

It was suggested from the floor that an on-line questionnaire be published at the commencement of each season for Judges and Technical Officials which would act as a check list to ensure that they had the correct information to hand.

ACTION: Susan Lynch to look into the logistics of providing such a resource.

Susan requested that the Benchmark Competition criteria needs to be amended to include a review process for the checking of results (protocols) and a stipulation that there must be video replay available for at least the Technical Panel at Benchmark events.

ACTION: Susan Lynch to produce a memorandum, effective immediately, regarding the check of Protocols at all competitions.

ACTION: The Board to revise the current Benchmark Competition criteria to include a requirement for the checking of results (protocols) and to include video replay for the Technical Panel as a minimum requirement.

Peter Lynch requested a more formalised process for the education and testing of Judges and Technical Specialists to be developed.

ACTION: Susan Lynch and Jackie Gold to develop an on-line examination for Technical Panels similar to the on-line Judges examination that is available prior to the commencement of the AFSC.

2.3 High Performance

Robyn advised that the 2016 Junior Grand Prix series will be underway shortly and that all the required HP Policies have been updated, approved and are available on the ISA website. Robyn thanked Clarence for his work in establishing an on-line form submission for the athletes and Judges & Officials which had streamlined processes and considerably reduced the workload for all involved.

Robyn reported that Australia had more athletes than ever travelling overseas to Competitions.

Winter Youth Olympic Games Squad proposal.

Robyn outlined her proposal to introduce a squad for athletes with the specific target of participation at the Winter Youth Olympic Games across all of the disciplines.

The Squad was to undertake various modules and testing which would include but not be limited to Strength Conditioning, Nutrition and Psychology. The modules would be uniform throughout the country but delivered to the athletes in their home State.

It was agreed that each State would identify and nominate potential squad members using a set criteria, supplied by ISA, and that ISA would formally endorse the inclusion of the nominated athlete into the squad, or otherwise.

Peter Lynch canvassed the delegates in the room for feedback on the squad proposal:

South Australia – delegates indicated that they would need to go back to their State Association and Coaches to obtain feedback prior to committing to the program. Chelsea Skene advised that she did not necessarily agree with a black and white selection criteria.

ACTION: South Australian Delegates to present to their State Association the draft concept of the proposed WYOG Squad and provide feedback to the Board on the outcome of their discussions.

Tasmania – Joanna May advised that she would take the concept back to her State Association for discussion and would look at a possible joint venture with Victoria regarding their squad.

ACTION: Joanna to discuss the proposal with her State Association and advise the Board of the outcome of the discussions.

Victoria: Sharon Hedley expressed concern that some Coaches would have issues with the proposal. Lexi Wooderson suggested an engagement module for the Coaches to try to minimize the issues.

ACTION: Delegates to discuss with their State Association and provide feedback to the Board.

ACT: Delegates indicated that they would be on board with the squad proposal in principle.

WA: Andrea Willis indicated that WA would be on board with the squad proposal in principle.

Queensland: Delegates agreed in principle and advised that they would need to consult with their State Body.

ACTION: Queensland Delegates to consult with ISQ and advise Board of the outcome of their consultation.

NSW: NSW Delegates to consult with their State Body and advise Board of the outcome of their consultation.

It was decided to form a working group to produce the draft criteria for inclusion in the squad. The group are to provide the draft criteria to the Board by **20th September 2016**.

ACTION: Debbie Noyes, Chelsea Skene, Clarence Ong and Robyn Burley to form a working group to draft the criteria for selection to the Youth Winter Olympic Games squad.

2.4 Athlete Development

Clarence Ong advised that that the on-line forms for the submission of data from athletes and Officials was working well and providing an on-line database that was easily accessed to provide information when required.

The Athlete Funding and Incentive Claim form had now been moved to an on-line submission and this was expediting the payment of funds to athletes with a turnaround of 6-8 weeks from lodgement to payment of funds.

Clarence advised that the Board had approved 2 Athlete Development Camps which will take place in January 2017 to be presented by Igor Tchiriaev. Queensland (Boondall Olympic Ice Rink) and WA (Cockburn Ice Arena) will host the camps.

The camps will accommodate 45 athletes each and athletes will be divided as follows:

Group 1 – Preliminary and Elementary

Group 2 – Basic Novice A, Basic Novice B and Intermediate

Group 3 – Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior.

There will be a maximum of 15 athletes in each group. The places will be filled on a first come first served basis with registration done on-line.

2.5 Technical Regulations

Jackie Gold advised that since taking over the role of the Chair of the Technical Regulations Committee she had released ISA Communications 84 through to 96 dealing with changes from the ISU Congress and the ISA AGM. By-Laws 3,6, and 12 had been amended, the TPS Patterns had been amended with assistance from Robi Chalmers and the Test papers updated.

Jackie advised that she had observed while reviewing competition Announcements that had been submitted to ISA that there was a large difference in the various Announcements from around the country. Judith Sivasubramaniam had drafted a standard template and it is proposed that should form the basis of all competition Announcements in Australia. The proposed standard template can be customized to suit individual events but the basic framework of the Announcement would remain standard.

ACTION: Jackie and Judith to work on the standard template and circulate it to the State Associations for their input.

There was discussion initiated from the floor regarding the factor which should be used for Artistic events. Jackie advised that the standard factor for Artistic events should be 1.0 and the IJS should be amended to reflect this when setting up artistic events in the Accountant computer.

2.6 Synchronized Skating

Angelique Clyde-Smith advised that Section 10 (Synchronized Skating) of the ISA By-Laws had been updated and that all of the required Synchronized Skating policies and forms had been updated and were available on the website.

Angelique advised that 36 teams had registered with the Synch Network and that 25 of these teams were planning on entering the 2016 AFSC. There are also 2 Aussie Skate teams registered and Angelique advised that she would like to expand this to produce a database for Aussie Skate teams.

The foreign skater registrations had been processed for the season.

Angelique wished it to be noted that the Proof of Age and the Synchronized roles that she carries out are two quite different roles and requested that the States please keep the information separate when submitting requests, forms and information.

3. General Business

3.1 Entry procedure to Inter-State Competitions

Greg Ash requested that there be a standard protocol for on-line interstate competition entries to ensure the streamlining and accurate checking of athlete competitive level and State membership confirmation. Jackie Gold offered to produce a protocol for on-line entries to interstate competitions.

ACTION: Jackie Gold to produce a protocol for on line entries to competitions for submission to the Board.

3.2 Electronic submission of music files for competitions

It was agreed that ISA would provide a template on how music files should be submitted to ensure uniformity across the country.

ACTION: Don Nicholls to draft a protocol on music submission and submit to the Board.

3.3 Aussie Skate TM Judging

Sharon Hedley and Andrew Taylor presented the ISV version of Aussie Skate TM judging that can utilize the IJS. Competitions can be either judged using the entire IJS system, a single Accountants computer or if necessary by manual calculation. The system uses Judging sheets that show the elements which are ticked off by the Judge as the element is performed and have sections for the Judge to record their marks for Skating Skills, Elements and Performance & Execution. The athletes can be provided with a protocol similar to the normal protocols.

Debbie Noyes also presented work that she had done on a draft Aussie Skate TM scoring system which is a manual system using mathematics to produce a score based on elements.

It was unanimously agreed that ISA needs an Aussie Skate TM judging system that is uniform throughout the country. At present each State seems to be utilizing different custom made judging systems to score Aussie Skate TM competitions.

A Committee was set up to work on a uniform system that is suitable to be operated across the country taking into account the different resources are available on site at different venues.

The Committee Members are Debbie Noyes, Andrew Taylor, Robi Chalmers, Sharon Hedley, Susan Lynch and Peter Jones.

The Board requested that the Committee work towards implementing the new system by 1st January 2017 to coincide with the with launch of the new Aussie Skate TM website and registration system.

Robi advised that she had updated the current Aussie Skate TM judging sheets and was organizing them to be uploaded to the website.

3.4 Administration of new procedure to amend, approve or alter ISA By-Laws

Not tabled due to time constraints.

3.5 Winter Youth Olympic Games Squad proposal

Covered under 2.3 – High Performance Committee.

3.6 Amended ISA Member Protection Policy

Not tabled due to time constraints.

3.7 2016 ISA Operational Plan update

Not tabled due to time constraints.

3.8 New test badges

The new test badge designs were shown to the delegates. The delegates indicated that they would like the current badges be expanded to include Dance badges.

ACTION: Carole Ashworth to contact Jenny to request Dance badge design be obtained from the supplier and request price for smaller quantities of the Dance badges.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 3.55pm.

