

**New Zealand Ballroom Dance Council (NZBDC)**  
**Special General Meeting**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Venue:** North Shore Dance Centre.

**Meeting Commenced:** 11:00am

**Present:** Kingsley Gainsford (KG), Erica Gunn (EG), Grant Macown (GM), Scott Cole (SC), Murray Bootten (MB), Michael Jonson (MJ), and Robert Connors (RC) via Messenger.

**In attendance:** By invitation, d"Artagnan Kennedy (dK)

**Purpose of meeting:** To discuss New Zealand Federation of Dance Teachers Inc (NZFDT) remit to alter Rules 1.R and 1.S in Appendix 9.

dK was invited to address the meeting on the background and purpose of the proposal. He presented the view of the NZFDT Executive that there needed to be a change to these rules as they considered they were no longer relevant to the current state of the New Zealand dance scene, including a stated lack of complaints being instigated.

KG spoke of the history with regard to a lack of complaints, noting that for a complaint to be considered it needed to be put into writing. That the lack of complaints in itself could be considered as NZBDC putting the interests of dance first but that there needed to be the ability to take action should circumstances require this.

RC asked the meeting to be clear that there were 2 rules being discussed:

R – concerning the members of a panel

S – concerning Proscribed events

dK presented the results of a survey conducted with members of NZFDT. The survey was completed via the Internet, as such respondents identities were known, however the results as collated were anonymised.

It was apparent that there was a general knowledge of these two rules, that some professionals understood them in principle, whereas a majority of respondents were totally clear. On the question of knowing whether other members of a panel were registered adjudicators with NZBDC a significant majority advised they would not know for certain, although some did state they might have doubts - quite clearly there was an expectation that for NZBDC registered events the organisers would be expected to ensure all adjudicators were registered with NZBDC (or their relevant overseas equivalent if an international adjudicator).

KG spoke of the need for NZBDC and its members to encourage other organisations to register their events with NZBDC and that NZBDC should be the body that promotes all events.

EG spoke about the right to participate wherever professionals wanted to pursue their profession. KG commented that this was perfectly understandable and if NZBDC registrants wanted to belong to an organisation not part of NZBDC then they could do so and participate in events organised by them. RC stated that it was not NZBDC's position that it could regulate events not registered with NZBDC – there are a multitude of such events including intra Studio, inter Studio, Schools and the like where judging panels might involve non-qualified and even non-dance individuals. It is clearly not NZBDC's intention that any of these would involve NZBDC sanctioning any of its registrants. This rule applies to NZBDC registered events.

Vote: Proposed that Appendix 9 Rule 1.R be deleted. Prior to the vote RC asked the meeting to note for clarification that the NZBDC Rules required NZBDC Registered events to use NZBDC Registered Adjudicators. He then advised: Rule 26.1.d (Class A) - New Zealand adjudicators must be registered with the NZBDC; and Rule 26.2.c (Class B) - New Zealand adjudicators must be registered with the NZBDC, Both covered this so Appendix 9 Rule 1.R could be deleted meaning the responsibility of ensuring compliance with NZBDC rules for registered events would apply to organisers.  
Vote 7 for 0 against – carried.

Discussion on Appendix 9 Rule 1.S and the specific meaning of the word “proscribed” was held. It was decided that for an event to be proscribed it would need to be approved by vote of NZBDC and then listed on an Appendix to the rules. The Appendix 9 Rule 1.S should be revised to add after the word “proscribed” “and as listed in Appendix 10 of these rules”. Appendix 10 to include a definition of the word “proscribed” and then list any such events – it is noted that currently there are no events proscribed.  
Vote 7 for 0 against – carried.

### **General Business:**

MJ raised concern that incorrect interpretation of a registrant's query of rule 20.11 had been provided by the Registrar. It is clear that the Registrar does not interpret rules but can only provide fact-based answers. It was agreed that the Secretary would review the emails involved and provide the registrant with a definitive response. It was noted that the Registrar may have mis-interpreted the question due to circumstances prevalent at the point of the query.

RC advised the meeting that the draft standing orders had been reviewed by EG and himself and were awaiting EG confirming the draft provided by RC following their meeting. If dK was able to format as before, EG would get this done, otherwise RC will do so. Once this is done they will be circulated to Trustees for adoption if no concerns or discussion if required.

KG noted that while efforts to bring the NZ One Dance Competition run by NZFATD Inc into NZBDC's registered events had been undertaken at this time they were still running outside of Council's rules.

Meeting Closed: 12:37pm