

2018 NABBA NZ Annual Congress – Minutes of Meeting

Palmerston North – Saturday 27th January 2018

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1. Welcome

From Jim Pitt, NABBA President

2. Present

Judy & Thomas Duggan, Audrey O’Keefe, Ettienne Nelson, Anne Russell, Giselle McCartney, Tina Merriman, Andrew & Rachel Murray, Jim Pitt, Marianne Poole

3. Apologies

Sarah Goldsmith

4. 2017 Presidents Report (see annex 1)

5. Minutes of 2017 Annual Congress

6. Matters Arising

#7 Financial Report for 2016

- Financial Report emailed out to NABBA executive on 14th march, 2017.

#8 Judges Manual – Andrew Murray reported that it was nearly completed

#10.1 Paul Mountfort withdrew from being BOP Contact due to serious floods in Edgecombe.

#14.3 Pro - Am for Physique Men, Figure and Athletic at the Counties-Manukau event

- Physique Men & Figure was a good competition. Not enough Athletic competitors to run the “Athletic Class”.
- Pro –AM for Physique Women, Shape & Mr. Body - Board Shorts at the Hawkes Bay event was not held, due to time constraints.

#16.7 NABBA Hoodies

- Outlet & System sourced but not started in 2017. To be followed up in 2018.

#16.10 Ranking Athletes

- Due to time constraints this was not done. Follow up in 2018

#16.11 NABBA Website

- This was investigated. Our advice was probably to have it done in the off season. No action taken in 2017. Follow up in 2018.

#16.12 Keith Jolly resistant to giving us high resolution photos.

#16.4 Top Trainer / Coach Award

- Met with good interest. Athletes could nominate their Trainer / Coach on the online entry form.
- Jim collated the results.

#16.15 Athletes Briefing

- Well received but still needing to do the verbal presentation.

#16.19 Trainers / Coaches / Athletes

- The need for better resources was not done. Follow up in 2018.

#16.20 Statistics

Date of Birth went on the 2017 Entry Form, but nothing was collated.

7. Financial Report

7.1 NABBA NZ is Incorporated

7.2 To Secure funding through Charity Trust, to assist Regional Areas, to run the NZ National. Championships, NABBA HQ also had to be registered with Inland Revenue. This was done with assistance from Accountant Brett Taylor.

7.3 NABBA NZ accounts are currently at the accountant's. Therefore the full Financial Report is not available at this time. NABBA HQ will send out the Financial Report to the NABBA Executive when available.

7.4 Funding Applications

NABBA New Zealand will continue to support regionals and individual athletes in their applications for funding, to various Public Charity Trusts, on the condition that all NABBA and Trust Terms and Conditions are followed.

8. 2017 Judges Report and 2017 Top Trainer/Coach Award (see annex 2 and 3)

8.1 Jim to notify the Judges.

8.2 Judges Course Dates 2018

- Taranaki: April 7th
- Southland: April 21st
- Counties-Manukau: April 28th

8.3 2017 Top Trainer/Coach Award

- 2017 Winner Audrey O'Keefe, Wanganui
- Results attached

9. NABBA Appointments

9.1 NABBA Vice President

Andrew Murray had been appointed to the position of Vice President

9.2 NABBA Executive & Area Rep Retirements

Stacy & Mikaere Mcbeth – East Coast
Charmaine Sutherland – Taranaki

9.3 NABBA Executive & Area Rep Appointment

Tina Merriman for NABBA B.O.P
Kristy Ovens for NABBA Otago
Anne Russell for Nabba Taranaki

9.4 NABBA Contacts

Ettienne Nelson – (working with Gavin Maxwell for Counties-Manukau)
Debe Stewart – (working with Kristy Ovens for Otago)

10. 2017 Regional Reports

10.1 North Harbour

- Last event run by Peter Hardwick
- Big turnout of athletes
- Very limited number of athletes doing “the Country of Origin” theme.

10.2 Auckland

- First event run by Giselle.
- Very well organised
- Students at Glenfield College did a great job with lights & sound.
- Great volunteers – hardworking & reliable.
- 10 sponsors for this event
- Food caravans were reasonably successful.
- Mother & daughter presented trophies at the night event.
- Jill Clark did a great job as compere

10.3 Counties-Manukau

- Gavin Maxwell organised the volunteers and did a great job.
- Very light on Sponsors but a reasonable size crowd.
- Coffee cart “disappeared” much to everyone’s disappointment

10.4 Waikato

- First event run by Sarah
- Well organised event
- Although a little light on sponsors and athletes, the event has great potential being so central geographically.
- Venue was very good.

10.5 Bay of Plenty

- Run by NABBA HQ.

- Big thanks to Tina Merriman for helping with volunteers on the day.
- After Show Function at Detour went well.

10.6 East Coast

- First event run by Stacy & Mikaere
- They did a very good job
- Good numbers of athletes
- Good range of sponsors

10.7 Hawkes Bay

- Another well organised event by Andrew & Rachel
- Number of athletes down a bit

10.8 Manawatu/Wanganui

- 1st time running this event at the Royal Opera House.
- Well organised by Audrey O’Keefe
- Very good list of sponsors
- Volunteers well organised
- Combining with Taranaki worked reasonably well
- Big group at the After Show Function

10.9 Wellington

- Great to be back at the Little Theatre in Lower Hutt
- Many thanks to Bevan McKenzie from Masterton, for being our Major Sponsor & helping out with volunteers.

10.10 Canterbury – “Christchurch Classic”

- Had to be supported by NABBA HQ again.
- Very light on local sponsors, volunteers
- But well organised, friendly & a very vocal crowd

10.11 Otago “South Island Championships”

- Big thank you to Kristy Ovens for helping in the lead up to the event
- Debe Stewart NABBA Contact, has had health concerns throughout 2017
- Well supported by reasonable range of sponsors lead by Anytime Fitness.
- Lighting & sound from “Southern Lights” getting a bit expensive

10.12 Southland

- First event in Invercargill run by Judy
- Well organised. Smaller in numbers of athletes but good quality
- Very good volunteers & very well supported by local sponsors
- James Hargest School has worked out to be a good venue.

11. 2017 NABBA NZ Nationals

- This was held in Palmerston North at the Wallace Development Theatre
- The Venue is run by the Abbey Theatre Society and their assistance to the lead up and on the day was excellent.
- Music went very well
- Backstage area was well appreciated by athletes.
- Volunteers on the day generally worked okay. Thanks to Audrey for organising the backstage volunteers who were super organised
- We missed out on doing the funding to one of the “Charities” but we had excellent support from the local business community.
- Acknowledgment of three of the five major sponsors ‘helloworld’, ‘Hannah & Young Printers’ and the local radio stations ‘The Rock’ & ‘The Edge’, who have been sponsors of Bodybuilding in the Manawatu for 28 years.
- A wide range of athletes with all classes represented.
- Very disappointing that nine athletes did not “show-up” at registration.

Congratulations to our 2017 NZ National Champions:

Mr NZ Physique	Sitani Kulu
Ms NZ Physique	Tina Merriman
Ms NZ Figure	Janine Haywood
Mr NZ Athletic	Anthony Bowen
Ms Shape	Tracy Coyle
Mr NZ Body-Board Shorts	Troy Pain

12. 2017 International Report

12.1 2017 Asia-Pacific Pro-Am; April 29th Counties-Manukau, NZ

Mr Physique Men Asia-Pacific Pro-Am Clint Ashburner
Ms Figure Asia-Pacific Pro-A, Janine Haywood

12.2 2017 NAC Worlds Castellon, Spain May 27th

Tina Merriman	3 rd Ms Body
Janine Haywood	5 th Figure 40+
Donna & Nigel Randell	7 th Mixed Pairs
Rachel Palmer	8 th Shape 30+
Christine Henwood	9 th Ms Body
Donna Randell	10 th Figure 40+
Nigel Randell	(Outside Top 10) Masters 40+
Farah Deobhakta	Team Manager / Judge

12.3 2017 NAC Universe Hamburg, Germany Nov25th

Janine Haywood	Figure 40+ 10 th
Tracey Coyle	Shape 30+ Out of Top 10
Ettienne Nelson	Mr Body Board Shorts Out of Top 10

12.4 Contact NAC International re concerns about lack of notification of rule changes.

13. 2018 Competition Calendar (see annex 4)

13.1 - Taranaki

Event to be run by Anne Russell at New Plymouth Boys High School

13.2 - Counties – Manukau

Gavin Maxwell has limited time again this year
Ettienne Nelson is helping Gavin and will work on getting sponsors

13.3 - Manawatu/Wanganui

Wanganui to continue being spelt this way. The event will be held in Wanganui this year.

13.4 - Bay of Plenty

Tina Merriman is the new Area Rep and will run the event at Mt Manganui College, Tauranga

13.5 - East Coast

Phone call from Mathew Matenga that Stacey & Mikaere Mcbeth will not be running the event this year. NABBA HQ to run the event.

Mathew to contact Sern Tabudravu to see if he is willing to help for 2018

Mathew asked to have a “wheelchair” class as there were 6 locals keen to have a go. Just a one-off class at the East Coast, as the wheel chair athletes have their own Nationals.

13.6 - Otago

“South Island Championships” to be renamed the “Otago Championships”
Kirsty Ovens is to the new Area Rep for Otago with help from Debe Stewart

13.7 “500” Series

Southland – Figure 500
Hawkes Bay – Shape 500
BOP – Ms Physique 500
Auckland – Athletic 500
East Coast – Mr Physique 500

- \$500 will be offered to the Overall athlete in their respective class, at the nominated event.
- There must be at least 2 classes competing in the Overall class
- The \$500 will be paid out by NABBA HQ
- And \$500 will be deducted from the Show Fee.
- Invitations to go out to: Novice Class winners from all Regional events. “Top three” from Novice Classes from NZ Nationals. Open Class winners from NZ Nationals and all Open class athletes from all Regional events

13.8 2018 NABBA NZ Nationals

- Palmerston North, October 21,22 Wallace Development Theatre / Abbey Theatre.

13.9 2018 International Calendar

13.9.1 NAC Worlds

Cebu Philippines, June 2nd

- Great opportunity to send a strong Team to the Philippines
- Qualifying events will be Southland, Counties-Manukau and Manawatu/Wanganui

13.9.2 Asia-Pacific

- This will be run in conjunction with the North Harbour event.
- Glenfield College, North Shore, Auckland

13.9.3 NAC Universe

- Hamburg, Germany, Nov24th
- Qualifying event is the NZ Nationals

14. Class Review

14.1 Shape

- The T-Walk was a great innovation and well executed by the ladies
- Music will remain the same for each athlete at a particular event. This is so everyone is judged on a “level playing field”. There will only be two poses allowed at each “X” mark on the stage.
- Shape music will be changed at the different events.
- Athletes are working closer to the criteria for this class, so the standard has definitely improved.
- There is a different look for Shape Internationally. NABBA NZ to voice concerns to NAC.

14.2 Figure

- Athletes well represented in all classes and working well to the criteria
- Athletes are starting to come in closer to their maximum allowable weight.

14.3 Physique Women

- Athletes at Novice level need to come in with a “harder look”
- Novice numbers are increasing
- Open & International athletes need to compete against each other more.

14.4 Athletic

- Athletes are working well to the criteria & getting closer to their maximum allowable weight.
- Athlete numbers were down this year.
- New innovation for 2018, will see an extra 1kg added for the maximum allowed weight height
- $100 + 3 =$ maximum allowable weight (this is to bring it closer to the NAC Rule, which is actually (“+4”).

14.5 Physique Men

- Maintaining a good standard, Junior, Novice and Open well done
- Physique athletes need to take the opportunities to compete overseas.

14.6 Mr. Body – Board Shorts

- Class criteria is working well
- Athletes need to learn how the T-walk should be done. (NABBA HQ to look at doing a digital resource to go on the Website and Facebook).
- 2 Poses only at each “X” mark on the stage.
- New Innovation for 2018, offering ‘Novice’ & ‘Open’ Mr. Body-Board Shorts classes
- At Regional & Nationals. Events, athletes can compete for the “Overall title” of Mr Body-Board Shorts.

14.7 Mixed Pairs

- Fewer athletes competing in this class, due to lower numbers of athletes competing this year.

15. General Business

15.1 Age related class. New for 2018

Figure 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+

Physique Men 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+

15.2 Muscle Imaging – Keith Jolly

- Keith retired at the North Harbour event in 2017. A presentation for Long Service Recognition & Appreciation was presented, but still available for most shows this year. Not available for Mtu/ Wang, Southland, Taranaki, Counties-Manukau.
- All areas to start looking for someone to take over the photographer & video recorded.
- Marianne to contact Paul McSweeney to see if he was interested in doing photos for the events Keith can't go to. Need to do aware of consistency in quality of photos, throughout the year.
- Do a similar deal as we have been doing with Keith. No charge by NABBA & No fee charged by photographer, but if NABBA HQ & Regions have access to high resolution photos for marketing purpose. Set of Photos for best female & male performance.
- To discuss with Keith re Vouchers given out to Overalls this year.
- 2019 Andrew to look at doing videos for each event.

15.3 Live Streaming

- Etienne has a contact offering a live streaming package at our events.
- Concerns about impact on audiences as they generate income & audiences add atmosphere to events.

15.4 Pro – Card

- 3 enquiries about athletes from other associations are looking at Pro-Cards and if they were still able to compete with NABBA.
- Rules from other Associations would restrict those athletes competing elsewhere.
- We don't do offer Pro-Am classes in NZ, at this stage.

15.5 Timetable

9 am-10 am Athlete Registrations

10.30 am Athlete Briefing

12 noon Judging Rounds
5 pm Evening Show* New Innovation

15.6 Classic Women's Class

- New Innovation
- Proposal put forward by Andrew.
- One class (no Short/Tall, no Novice Open)
- Upper & Lower limit weight restrictions to be finalised
- 80's look, where Physique emphasis is on structure, symmetry, good muscle size, leanness (not ripped) and femininity (poise and grace)
- 2 piece bikini of one colour
- No footwear
- No jewellery, except wedding ring
- Pictures are needed to show athletes what is required for this class
- Trial class at:

Hawkes Bay	7 th July
Auckland	4 th August
Wellington	30 th September

15.7 Pole Fitness Class

Jim's proposal, based on Pole Fitness is being trialled at the next Olympic Games. Discussed but not at this stage.

15.8 International Competition

- Disappointment with NAC re rule changed and lack of notification about these changes, re Athletic class.
- There should be better criteria in place for the different female classes.
- Shape is becoming more of Figure look
- Figure is becoming to have too hard a look
- Physique women has its own issues
- Contact NAC Harald Hoyler with our concerns
- Contact NABBA UK about whether these countries promoting WFF competitions are allowed to use the name NABBA in conjunction with WFF
- What is the status of Graeme Lancefield within NABBA UK?
- The WFF group in NZ continue to use the name NABBA. They will probably do so unless challenged. Contact Richard Parnham from Christchurch on his position within this group.

15.9 Facebook

- With new Area Reps coming on board, Andrew will need to put them on as "users".
- If Regions wish they can do their own Facebook page & link it to NABBA NZ.
- Facebook pages should be information based. Avoid "Chatter" as this can be subjective & become emotional!

15.10 No parade of Athletes was done this year.

15.11 Show Programs

- NABBA HQ to still format these.

- Potential for local sponsors to print these off in colour.

15.12 Online E-Entries Forms working well.

15.13 Music

- As of 2018 Athletes will need to attach their music to their E-Entry form, located on the NABBA website!

15.14 Late Entries

As of 2018 the late entries clause will be deleted. All entries must be at NABBA HQ 2 weeks before an event. No late entries will be accepted.

15.15 Annual Fees & Entry Fees

- The costs of fees will not change
- New Innovation will be payment with your Entry form. E-Commerce will be a compulsory field to be filled in, in order for the Entry Form to be submitted.

15.16 Website needs to be refreshed

- Too wordy
- The layout has been used for many years.
- Marianne has a staff member who will look at doing the changes.
- Needs to have provision for E-Entry Form & E-Commerce and to make video clips & photos of the different classes.
- Website to be still information based.

15.17 Branding

- NABBA NEW ZEALAND is incorporated and is financially accountable to the NZ Incorporated Society. Our organization also has a set of Rules by which we are governed.
- NABBA NZ has the Registration and Trademarks for the word NABBA and the NABBA logo.
- The word NABBA and the logo to be displayed prominently on all promotional material.
- The sentence “The word NABBA and the logo are trademarks of NABBA New Zealand Incorporated” is displayed on all promotional material where possible.
- NABBA HQ has the Official artwork for the word NABBA® and the Logo

15.18 Drug Testing

- a. The stance of NABBE NZ is unchanged from last year, to reiterate our stance:
- b. The taking of drugs is illegal and we do not condone their use.
- c. Under NZ law, it is the role of the Justice System to deal with those found guilty of use.
- d. Reminder to athletes that there are major health issues associated with drug use.
- e. We have a policy for drug testing, ‘test one-test all’. The cost per drug test is approximately \$800. As an Amateur f. sports body, this is beyond our financial means.
- f. We offer a diverse range of competition classes. Athletes can and should compete in a class suited to their body type.

15.19 Health & Safety

- We will redo our Public Liability Insurance with Vero

- NABBA HQ to create a NABBA Health & Safety template and to be available for all events run throughout NZ.

15.20 Stage Banners

- Banners should be only 3 meters high, as they fit better on the stage & look good in the Overall photo.
- They are there to promote the sponsors.

15.21 After Show Function

- This encourages the social side of our sport. With 5pm starts for the Evening Show more people should be able to attend the After Show Function.
- The venue, for the After-Show Function is also a potential sponsor.
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15.22 Post Contest Assessments

- These are on hold at this stage.

15.23 NZ Teams

- Those wishing to represent NZ overseas must go to the appropriate qualifying event.

15.24 Athlete Briefing

- Reminder for athletes to be honest about their Novice /Open status.

15.25 Transgender Athletes

- This was an enquiry about International Competitions.
- Athletes are either Legally Female or Male by birth.
- So possibility of presenting their birth certificate for clarification.
- Or legal document from Doctors of a legal change.
- Use of passport for legality.
- Athletes to be aware of these issues, when competing internationally. Any issues should be discussed with Team Management.
- The Team Manager will discuss the situation with the Show Organisers.
- NABBA NZ to contact NAC President Harald Hoyler, re potential issue at future World & Universe competitions.

Meeting closed 5pm

16. Next Annual Congress Meeting

To be held on the last Saturday of January 2019.



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2017 PRESIDENT REPORT

NABBA NZ always endeavors to put athletes first by running friendly well organized events though out New Zealand. NABBA NZ is the world pioneer of new events such as Shape and Athletic. The rest of the world have now adopted these events and we see this at World and Universe Championships.

Our Area & Regional Representatives are the backbone of NABBA NZ. They organize shows in their area and everyone helps and assists each other as a National Team. A very professional group of people who love their sport.

NABBA Judges' Course and Judges are second to none. We are the only association to run Judges' Courses. Judges must judge athletes according to the individual class criteria.

We offer a full spectrum of classes from Junior U/20 to Grandmasters 70+, from Novice to Open to International. 33 different classes in all, for Men and Women.

The 2017 NZ National Championships was held in Palmerston North. A mighty effort from the team of Manawatu/Wanganui, led by Marianne & Audrey presenting a very professional and successful championships. And now we have new Mr. & Ms. New Zealand National Champions to go into the book of records.

NZ sent teams to the World Championships in Spain on June'17 and the Universe in Germany Nov'17.

Worlds in Spain – Tina Merriman, Janine Haywood, Donna and Nigel Randell, Rachel Palmer, Christine Henwood and Farah Deobhakta (Team Manager)

Universe in Germany – Janine Haywood, Tracy Coyle and Ettienne Nelson

Very worthy representatives from New Zealand.

Special Thanks To:

Keith for your help, friendship and good service with Photo & Videos.

Hannah for great admin skill at NABBA H.Q.

Michael for keeping our website up to date.

Florence for working on Judges & P.T. spreadsheets.

Andrew for collating the Athletes music.

Volunteers who gave of their time to insure everything went well.

Sponsors' assistance given to finance our event.

Welcome to our new Area Reps for 2017, Audrey O'Keefe, Judy Duggan, Giselle McCartney, Sarah Goldsmith and Stacey & Mikaere Mcbeth. Great to have this influx of new faces, who did a great job.

Also thanks to our Area Contacts, Gavin Maxwell, Leanne Roulston, Debe Stewart & Joel Ashworth.

2017 was a busy year for the team at NABBA HQ, the Area Reps and the Athletes. It is great at the start of a New Year, to be able to reflect back on the year gone and recognize all the many successes, big and small and appreciate the team effort that brings all these things together. Likewise as we close the door to 2017 we look forward to an exciting 2018 with new goals, new developments, and new memories and friendships to be made.

Yours in sport & friendship

Jim Pitt

President

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