

1700 -10 June 2018
Skipping Australia
Annual General Meeting

**Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Main Arena,
Leverier St, Bruce ACT 2617**



Team Australia @ 2018 Australian Rope Skipping Championships
Awarding of Track Suits

2018 Skipping Australia Annual General Meeting

Date/Time: 1700hrs 10 June 2018

Location: Slam Dunk Room, Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra, ACT, 2600

Attendees: See list below

Purpose: AGM



1. Attendees - 2017 Committee

- a. President: Luke Winstanley (Jazzy Jumpers, ACT)
- b. Vice President: Taryn Hodgson (Hot Shots, QLD)
- c. Secretary: Jo-Anne Oliver (Cleveland Air Magic, QLD)
- d. Treasurer: Kirralee Larkin (Jazzy Jumpers, ACT)
- e. Coaching Director: Vacant
- f. Rules Committee - Chair: TK Ogawa (Northbridge Knockouts, NSW)
- g. Rules Committee: Taryn Hodgson (Hot Shots, QLD)
- h. Rules Committee: Kim Rowe/Eliza Pridham (Pumper Jumpers, NT)
- i. Rules Committee: Elle Meteyard (Kings Skipperooos, QLD)
- j. Rules Committee: Carolyn Barker (Cleveland Air Magic, QLD)
- k. Rules Committee: Nicole Brown (Jazzy Jumpers, ACT)
- l. General Support: Brendan Davis (Jazzy Jumpers, ACT)
- m. Government Liaison: Murray Norman (St George, NSW)

2. Attendees - Non Committee

- a. See attached list - Annex A

3. Apologies - Committee

- a. Music and Technical - Craig Gilbert (Cleveland Air Magic, QLD)
- b. General Support – John Tucker (Cleveland Air Magic, QLD)
- c. Government Liaison - Murray Norman (St George, NSW)

4. Apologies – Non Committee

- a. Julie Pope (Jazzy Jumpers, ACT)

5. Meeting Opening and Previous Minutes

The President opened the meeting at 1705hrs. The previous AGM minutes were discussed and it was agreed they were accurate. No amendments were offered.

Motion Proposed: Brendan Davis

Motion Seconded: Jo-Anne Oliver

Outcome: Carried

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The President read aloud the minutes and discussed all outstanding items individually. The following actions were agreed;

- a. Investigate tax deductibility.

Murray Norman (Government Liaison committee member) investigated the opportunity for Skipping Australia (SA) to register for tax deductibility and GST exemptions when we were recognised as a National Sporting Organisation (NSO) by the Australian Sports Commission. As this status was still to be granted (anticipated July 2018) no action could be completed during this reporting period. Initial

analysis and advice from our accountant reveals that SA will not significantly benefit from this registration and the Executive Committee decided not to pursue any further.

Action: Completed

- b. Investigate hosting the SA training and technical package online.

SA Executive decided not to pursue this activity any further at this point in time due to the cost of the product. This decision can be reviewed when more discretionary funding is available.

Action: Completed

7. Agenda General Business (The Agenda for the 2018 AGM is attached as Annex B)

a. President's Annual Report

The President presented a formal Annual Report outlining major Association activities and is enclosed as Annex C.

Motion Proposed: Luke Winstanley

Motion Seconded: Jackie Robba

Outcome: Carried

Rachael Norman proposed a vote of thanks to President Luke Winstanley and the existing committee, acknowledging the tremendous amount of work undertaken and carried out to completion. This was unanimously agreed upon. Thank you!

Action: Nil

b. Audited Statement of Accounts

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report (Annex D), available for review on request, which demonstrated a successful year for SA with an overall profit generated for the Association of approximately \$9,000. Overall, the Financial Statements reveal the Association is in a strong financial position.

The Auditor's independent report strongly supported the Treasurer's processes and systems.

Clubs in attendance gave positive feedback on automating of the financials systems and online accounting that was introduced before the 2018 National Championships. This initiative allowed SA to issue and amend invoices and receipts with much quicker response times.

The President publicly thanked the Treasurer - Kirralee Larkin for the work undertaken and carried out by her. He further stated the primary purpose of the generated profit was to fund the 'grass roots growth' campaign and to provide financial support to the team travelling to the bi-annual World Championships in Shanghai, China in July 2018.

Motion Proposed: Taskashi Ogawa

Motion Seconded: Jo-Anne Oliver

Outcome: Carried

c. Election of Office Bearers

The President vacated all Office Bearer positions and called for nominations to fill vacancies.

Rachel Norman proposed a motion nominating the four (4) outgoing Executive committee members (Luke Winstanley, Taryn Hodgson, Jo Oliver and Kirralee Larkin) to fill the Office Bearer committee positions held by them in 2017. There were no other nominations from the floor for these positions.

The following people advised they were willing to accept these nominations and were successful in winning Office Bearer committee positions:

- a. **President** - Luke Winstanley
- b. **Vice President** - Taryn Hodgson
- c. **Secretary** - Jo Oliver
- d. **Treasurer** - Kirralee Larkin

Proposed: Rachel Norman

Motion Seconded: TK Ogawa

Outcome: Carried

d. Election of Ordinary Committee Members

For the benefit of all in attendance, the President outlined the roles and responsibilities of the Rules Committee and explained the Rules Committee is currently made up of representatives from six separate Clubs, from most of the Australian states, in an attempt to provide a balanced approach to 'Rule' discussion throughout the year.

The President shared that in the last 12 months, there had been a number of requests made to the Rules Committee, which needed robust discussion to reach a consensus in accordance with the SA published rules. With maximum representation from all Clubs/States, this Committee holds the responsibility to ensure all members' views were incorporated during discussions and to make a consensus based recommendation to the SA Executive for final decision.

Accordingly, with no current VIC/SA representation, the President requested consideration from those vacant states for nomination and/or inclusion in the 2018 committee.

The President vacated all Ordinary Committee member positions and called for nominations to fill vacancies.

The President proposed a motion nominating all outgoing 2017 Rules Committee members to fill the positions again for 2018. The only difference was that now Eliza Pridham was over 18, she no longer needed Kim Rowe's assistance; and Kim gracefully withdrew from her assistance role on the Rules Committee. The President thanked Kim for her efforts. The following people were nominated and individually accepted their nominations:

- a. TK Ogawa – Chair (NSW)
- b. Nicole Brown (ACT)
- c. Carolyn Barker (QLD)
- d. Taryn Hodgson (QLD)
- e. Elly Metyard (QLD)
- f. Eliza Pridham (NT)

Two (2) further nominations were received, extending the Rules Committee from six (6) to eight (8) members and allowing a further State representative (Victoria) to join the Committee:

- a. Luke Boon (QLD)
- b. Ella Leyden (VIC)

Some discussion was held on the matter of having two (2) members from one club and their subsequent voting rights. It was unanimously agreed that Carolyn Barker (CAM, QLD) and Luke Boon (CAM, QLD) would both be members of the Rules Committee, but have only one (1) vote between them when considering Rules discussions.

Accordingly, the following Rules Committee members were nominated and accepted by the meeting;

- a. TK Ogawa – Chair (NSW)
- b. Nicole Brown (ACT)
- c. Carolyn Barker (QLD)
- d. Taryn Hodgson (QLD)
- e. Elly Metyard (QLD)
- f. Eliza Pridham (NT)
- g. Luke Boon (QLD)
- h. Ella Leyden (VIC)

Outcome: Carried

Music and Technical Director - Craig Gilbert

Some robust conversations were held whereby a suggestion for future Nationals competitions was made where the Host Club must provide a member to support the Music and Technical Director in the weeks before and during the National Championships. This intent was largely supported, but was not considered enforceable, so no decision was made for this request.

The AGM discussed the need to ensure all Music, skipper nominations and content was submitted well in advance of the National Competition to ensure the event ran smoothly. In 2108, there were multiple instances where the music was changed at the last minute, or a Club uploaded a file at late notice, or the Music Director loaded the wrong music, which caused issues and embarrassment at the Championships.

These issues resulted in the Music Desk either playing the wrong music, or the naming convention not being followed to ensure the Music Desk knew which music was required. SA would like to implement a system whereby these errors do not occur in future Championships.

Action 1: SA will ask Nationals Host Club(s) to provide assistance in advance to the Music and Technical Director to ensure the running of the National Championships. This will include a mandatory submission of music and participant nominations at least two full weeks prior to the Championships. No changes will be made to this content, unless exceptional circumstances exist, and be by written approval by the Committee.

Proposed: Luke Winstanley

Motion Seconded: Brendan Davis

Outcome: Carried

Coaching Director - Vacant

This position has been vacant for a number of years. The President summarised the position's key objective as;

- a. Responsible for the growth and education of coaching and judging,
- b. Further development of SAs existing passport and skills development documentation
- c. Development, overseeing and coordinating of coaching workshops (not necessarily running),
- d. Development, overseeing and coordination of judging and official learning packages (not necessarily running).

The President highlighted that once the Association obtains recognition by the Australian Sports Commission, SA may be able to apply for grant funding to grow and develop across our entire community. If SA is able to obtain funding this could be applied to coaching and development of athletes, officials and judges and the funding applied to the grass roots of our sport.

Currently the role has been overseen by SA Executive (particularly President, Vice President and TK Ogawa) with growth observed throughout South Australia, Victoria and NT (Darwin) and it is expected that this position could take up part of that role.

Without accepting the position individually, Luke Boon, Ben Cooper and Jake Eve all expressed a keen and active interest in helping to develop this area and will work with the SA Executive to grow this opportunity and develop a Position Statement for the Coaching Director building on the good work already commenced.

Action 2: TK Ogawa, Taryn Hodgson, Luke Boon, Ben Cooper and Jake Eve to work together to develop a Coaching Director's position description and plan to grow our sport in coaching, judging and officiating and present this at the 2019 AGM (or before if available).

Outcome: Carried

Other Roles

Nominations were received for four other committee positions, with the following individuals winning the role;

- a. **Government Liaison** - Murray Norman (Proposed Luke Winstanley, Seconded Jackie Robba)
- b. **General Support** - Brendan Davis (Proposed Luke Winstanley, Seconded Kirralee Larkin)
- c. **General Support** - John Tucker (Proposed Rosina Tucker, Seconded Kirralee Larkin)
- d. **Grants Management** – Clair George (Proposed Kim Rowe, Seconded Kirralee Larkin)

Outcome: Carried

The President thanked everyone for their nomination and welcomed the new 2018/2019 committee.

e. Appointment of Auditor

The existing Skipping Australia Auditor (Brian Tucker) was appointed again for the 2018 Financial Year.

Motion Proposed: Jo-Anne Oliver

Motion Seconded: Luke Winstanley

Outcome: Carried

f. Australian Sports Commission - National Sporting Organisation (NSO)

SA has satisfied all activities to obtain accreditation as a sport with the Australian Sports Commission National Sporting Organisation. The last required element was for our sport to be recognised at an international level by the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF). This recognition was received in April 2018.

With all paperwork having been submitted and all activities satisfied SA are hopeful we will be accredited as a National Sporting Organisation (NSO) at the July 2018 membership meeting. This accreditation will assist SA with achieving our longer-term plans within the sport and allow us to bid for government funding, grants and sponsorship.

NSO accreditation when received, will be communicated across our various social media channels, ie. website and Facebook. NSO accreditation may see some state associations able to apply for some State Government grants not previously open to them.

The President reminded all clubs about the need to keep their membership lists up to date, so as to ensure accurate membership details are readily available.

Action: Nil

g. 2018 FISAC World Championships - Shanghai, China

The President reported that Australia is sending its largest ever delegation (76 athletes and a total travelling delegation of approximately 150 people). All action items for Team Australia's attendance and participation are complete.

Team Australia Day (Friday 08 June, 2018) was a great opportunity to gather our elite athletes and coaches to unite Team Australia and allow us to bond, learn and socialise collectively before heading overseas as a national squad in the following weeks. The four-hour program provided a learning opportunity for athletes, coaches and officials and included advice from specialists from the following disciplines:

- Elite Athlete Management/Athlete Strength Training
- Sports Chiropractic Management
- Sports Psychology (The Mental side)
- Injury Prevention and Management
- Dietician - sports focused (pre-championship, championship, recovery)
- Australian Sports Anti Doping Agency (ASADA)

The Committee is hoping to build on the success of this day and expand the opportunity for other athletes to attend in the future.

h. Australian Sports Anti-doping Agency (ASADA)

Our move into the Australian Sports Commission National Sporting Organisation status places compliance requirements on our sport in that we need to be compliant with ASADA policies. The President and Murray Norman (Government Liaison) met with ASADA's Director of Programs (Mr Chris Butler) in June 2018 and discussed SAs approach once we receive NSO accreditation:

- as we are a small and growing sport we are not at the top of ASADA's priority list
- not yet considered a target sport for possible performance enhancing effects that doping may elicit
- we will have a couple of years worth of progression, but ASADA would like us to start the process

In the absence of Murray Norman at the AGM, Rachel Norman reported:

- in our quest for ASADA to take us seriously as a sport, we have given an undertaking to ASADA that athletes and coaches attending the WC18 event will complete the online Level 1 Anti-Doping Course
- parents of Team Australia skippers (particularly the parents of our younger team members) are encouraged to sit with their skipper when he/she does the Level 1 Anti-Doping Course because the content can be confronting, so parents should use this opportunity to have conversations with the skipper as they are learning the content
- ASADA reports that a better response and completion rate will be achieved if clubs and coaches communicate to their skippers "This really matters! This is important! You need to know what's going into your body! You need to know what your responsibilities are as an athlete!"
- if a skipper needs a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption), apply now!
- www.globaldro.com to check **any and all medicines** and select gymnastics (skipping is not yet listed)
- questions on recreational drugs can be made confidentially to Murray Norman or Rachel Norman
- ASADA asked that all athletes be reminded that being caught with recreational drugs in China carries a very serious penalty

Action 3: Level 1 online Anti-Doping Course link to go up onto the Skipping Australia website and the link and details sent out to all Team Australia coaches for them to disseminate to their skippers.

i. Community Engagement

The President discussed the next steps from the Strategic Plan was to establishing a series of Working Groups to progress ideas on how to assist the growth of our sport. The following topics were suggested as potential areas of investigation;

- How do we progress our sport?
- How do we improve on certain areas?
- How do we do social media better?
- How do we communicate with each other better?
- How do we share information?
- How do we grow our sport?
- How do we train with each other?

Action 4: Skipping Australia to circulate some newsletters with ideas and questions relating to the above points. Feedback is welcomed and encouraged.

Future Direction of our Sport: growth and support - the Association's Strategic Plan is on the website and it details our strategic direction over the next five (5) years. This Plan will need to be reviewed and the new Committee will attend to that in the near future.

j. Additional Committee Position - Ordinary Committee Member Funding and Grant Management

Our progression through the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) accreditation process will see funding and grant management become a real possibility for the Association.

The President advised that he felt there was value in adding a position to the Committee for coordinating and managing the fundraising activity of the Association. This position would not necessarily be responsible for submitting funding or grant applications, but may assist SA in developing an approach for the coming years. The President called for nominations for a newly created position. The only nomination received from the floor was for Claire George (Pumper Jumpers, NT). Claire's nomination was eagerly accepted.

Proposed: Kim Rowe

Motion Seconded: Kirralee Larkin

Outcome: Carried

k. International Jump Rope Union (IJRU)

The President advised that a release was issued today (8 June, 2018) explaining what is occurring with the IJRU and asking for support and input from rope skipping/jump rope communities.

At this point in the meeting the President paused to show the promotional video that was displayed at Thailand Sport Accord Conference GAISF, announcing the launch of the IJRU. The President advised that himself and TK Ogawa as members of a 4 person IJRU Transition Working Group and Luke Boon as a member of the athlete representatives, attended Thailand in April.

The past twelve (12) months has seen a lot happening, bringing a brand new organisation of FISAC-IRSF and the World Jump Rope Federation together under the banner of IJRU and that banner has been recognised by the International Olympic Committee as the best practice method to move forward. The President advised, as posted on social media, IJRU have been granted Observer Status Membership by GAISF. IJRU will soon release a draft Constitution/ByLaws addressing best practice ways to set up the IJRU, in accordance with GAISF's recommendations.

The President advised the Skipping Australia committee would keep the Australian skipping community updated on progress as soon as it was received via our social media channels.

Action: Nil

l. Nationals Timing and Venue

The President referred to the 2017 Annual General Meeting at which it was agreed the host states for the 2019 and 2020 Nationals Competitions will be:

- 2019 - NSW
- 2020 - QLD

The President advised that the timing of National Competitions in 2019 and 2020 will likely be consistent with past years, ie. 2019 (qualifying year) - September and 2020 (World Championship year) – June 2020.

Action 5: Skipping Australia to ask NSW Skipping to provide the Committee with relevant information about the 2019 Nationals venue and timings as soon as possible.

The President encouraged any Club interested in hosting the Nationals Competition, that is outside of the traditional hosts (Brisbane, Sydney and/or Canberra) to submit a proposal or decision at the 2019 AGM. Pumper Jumpers (NT) expressed interest in hosting the 2021 Nationals Competition.

The President proposed that the Nationals location decision for 2021 Nationals Competition not be made at this meeting, but a *virtual* extraordinary AGM be held in December, where everyone will be given the nomination process to submit a proposal for 2021.

Motion Proposed: Luke Winstanley

Motion Seconded: Kirralee Larkin

Outcome: Carried

Action 6: SA to schedule a virtual extraordinary AGM for December 2018 for the sole purpose of giving everyone the nomination process to submit a proposal to host the 2021 Nationals Competition.

8. Agenda New Business

The AGM discussed the following non-agenda items:

a. Structure of Nationals Competitions following implementation of IJRU

Some discussion took place about how/if the implementation of IJRU will affect how SA structure our competitions and if so, when will that information be known and received. The President advised there are three (3) key dates planned in 2018 - FISAC's AGM, WJR's AGM and also an event planned for October 2018 for the first Technical Congress (location TBA).

The Technical Congress event will allow the IJRU Transition Working Group to review existing FISAC/WJRF Rule sets and determine how much of an overlap exists between the two organisations. The difference will be established and key questions can then be asked;

- What is the future framework of the World Championships?
- What will the age groups be? (Junior WC, Senior WC, Grand WC, etc)
- What will the events will be?
- How athletes will qualify?

In 2017, WJRF rules moved closer to FISAC-IRSF rules and the next step will be that they will move closer again and that will leave a 15 - 20% difference in the rules set. The outcome will likely be some changes but it will not be a 180° turn around.

The President acknowledged that right now there is likely more questions than answers and he encouraged all Coaches to be across all things that IJRU is communicating and to have their questions ready when they are called upon. He also advised that the Vice President of FISAC-IRSF and up to 2 technical representatives from Oceania may be invited to attend the Technical Congress in October, so Clubs and Coaches should think about who will be best to represent our skipping community at that Congress.

The events that make up the IJRU competitive calendar are not known at this time but what is known is that it will not be all the events of FISAC-IRSF and all the events of WJR. It is likely to be a hybrid model that takes the best of both models. IJRU is committed to working it all out and communicating quickly and clearly to all.

Clubs experienced in both competition models will be an invaluable help to smaller, less experienced clubs.

Action 7: SA to keep Clubs/Coaches informed of updates to the progression of IJRU.

b. Team Australia Uniforms - 2019 AGM agenda item

Rosina Tucker requested that Team Australia uniforms be noted as an agenda item for the 2019 AGM. The 2020 World Championships will need to generate new uniforms (new logo, new providers, etc)

Action 8: Review existing arrangements for provision of SA Uniform suppliers to ensure updates and logo changes are captured.

c. Rope Score Analyser System

TK Ogawa advised that the Association's electronic scoring and results program - *RopeScore* is available for use by all Clubs and Teams if required. This software has been developed by a third party, but is owned by SA.

9. Meeting Closure

The President thanked all attendees for their efforts and the meeting was closed at 1903hrs.

10. Actions Arising Summary

Date Raised	No	Action Assignee	Action Item	Update Comment
10 June 18	1	Luke Winstanley	SA will ask Nationals host Club(s) to provide assistance in advance to the Music and Technical Director to ensure the running of the National Championships. This will include a mandatory submission of music and participant nominations at least two full weeks prior to the Championships. No changes will be made to this content, unless exceptional circumstances exist.	
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10 June 18	3	Luke Winstanley	Level 1 Anti-Doping Course link to go up onto the Skipping Australia website and the link and details sent out to all 17 Team Australia coaches for them to disseminate to their skippers.	
10 June 18	4	Luke Winstanley	Circulate newsletters with ideas and questions relating to working groups key questions.	
10 June 18	5	Luke Winstanley	Ask Skipping NSW to provide the Committee with relevant information about the 2019 Nationals venue and timings.	
10 June 18	6	Luke Winstanley	SA to schedule a virtual extraordinary AGM for December 2018 for the sole purpose of giving everyone the nomination process to submit a proposal to host the 2021 Nationals Competition.	
10 June 18	7	Luke Winstanley	SA to keep Clubs/Coaches informed of updates to the progression of IJRU.	
10 June 18	8	Treasurer	Review existing arrangements for provision of SA Uniform suppliers to ensure updates and logo changes are captured.	

Skipping Australia AGM Attendees (Non Committee)

<i>Bayside Skippers</i>			
Neena Ingerman	Bridgette Logan	Shawn Dowse	
<i>CAM</i>			
Fiona Mol	Corey Mol	Clare Stariha	Tracy Grimes
Linda Charlesworth	Rebecca Hoad	Rosina Tucker	Lisa Bihari
Jo Crank	Jake Eve	Ben Cooper	Luke Boon
Lilly Barker	Jackie Robba		
<i>Xtreme</i>			
Ashleigh Calleja	Karen Calleja		
<i>Hot Shots</i>			
Selina Robson	Danielle Williams	Bronwyn Bowdler	Karen Jones
Jessie Bowdler			
<i>Jazzy Jumpers</i>			
Belinda Turner	Nicole Brown	Lisa Buchanan	
<i>Kings Skippers</i>			
Learne Hawkins	Jenny Meteyard		
<i>Loftus Leapers</i>			
Bryan Grose			
<i>Northbridge</i>			
Becky Evans	Denise Chan	Jeremy English	
<i>Pumper Jumpers</i>			
Kate Hinchcliffe	Sarah Brown	Claire George	Ester Henry
<i>Skipz</i>			
Ella Leyden	Isabelle Freeman		
<i>St George</i>			
Rachel Norman	Tom Norman	Karen Binns	



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Agenda

- 1. Attendees and apologies**
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- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**
- 4. General Business**
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 - ii. Treasurer's Report - Financial Statements
 - b. Committee Position**
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 - ii. Election of Committee
 - iii. Appointment of Public Officer
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 - i. Progress, status, approach and timings
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 - i. 2018 World Championships Update
 - e. Community Engagement**
 - i. Establishing Working Groups
 - ii. Future direction of our sport; growth and support
 - iii. Strategic Plan progression
 - iv. Funding and Grant management
 - f. International Jump Rope Union**
 - g. Nationals Timing and Venue**
 - i. 2019 - NSW
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- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Close**



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2018 President's Annual Report

2017 has been a growing year for Skipping Australia with a continued strengthening of our systems and processes leading to formal recognition by the Australia Sport Commission (ASC) as a National Sporting Organisation. We expect this announcement in July 2018 after ASC holds their 2018 membership meeting.

There have been many achievements in both the domestic and international arenas and I think we are in a period of growth as we continue to move forward as a sport.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and family members for participating, or providing support, to our members from all around Australia.

Local and state association and club development is key to the future of our sport and I'm heartened to see our numbers grow in both number of Clubs, and participating athletes from 2017.

Thank you to the outgoing committee for your dedication and effort; it has been a long year, but one that has delivered improvements for our sport.

Similarly, thanks and congratulations go to the hundreds of volunteers that form the army out there in Club-land. Without the tireless effort of coaches, volunteers and family members we wouldn't have an Association to keep going.

International Relations (FISAC)

We have strengthened our position in FISAC-IRSF and have two Australian representatives on the international FISAC Board of Directors. We have a further two members of our Association on the FISAC Rules Committee so are well represented as a nation in the international scene.

FISAC is holding their World Championships in Shanghai, China in July 2018 and Australia is sending its largest ever delegation to attend (76 athletes and 148 travelling delegation). This places us very well in the international community and I hope for very big results to be able to announce after the Championships.

International Relations (WJR)

Skipping Australia has continued to develop its relationship with WJR and 2018 sees a large delegation of Australian skippers (from multiple Clubs - Jazzy Jumpers, Northbridge, Kings Skipperooos) attending their Orlando USA World Jump Rope Championships. Over 30 athletes are attending and Australia will be represented in both voice and performances. Good luck to those travelling athletes and their support crew.

Public Relations (Website, Facebook)

We have continued to develop our formal communication channels and are working to make them more effective. We are keen to ensure we get information out to clubs and welcome any suggestions you may have. Please engage with us and tell us how to improve.

Development Documentation - Our suite of documentation is all hosted on the Skipping Australia website and is updated as required. We invite you to look first to this site if you are seeking any content from the Committee.

Heart Foundation SA and Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) signed a one year Memorandum of Understanding for development and growth in grass roots for SA and VIC. We jointly host both State Championships in these states and are looking to extend this arrangement for the next number of years. We have both committed to expend funding to grow our sports in these key areas.

FISAC Rules update and publishing (FISAC and SA). Our four resident members on the FISAC Board and Rules Committee ensure Australia is well represented at these deliberations.

We continue to be involved in rules development (international and domestic), and with the advent of the re-established Coaching Director position, will soon position SA for growth and improvement in this key area.

Australian Sports Commission - NSO Status

Skipping Australia has satisfied all activities to obtain accreditation as a sport with the Australian Sports Commission National Sporting Organisation. The last required element was for our sport to be recognised at an international level by the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF). This recognition was received in April 2018.

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Overall, the last 12 months has been very successful and positions us to continue to develop our sport.

I look forward to being part of the Association in the next 12 months and invite you all to communicate with **your committee** with any ideas for improvement as you see fit.

Regards,

Original Signed

Luke Winstanley
President
Skipping Australia

CY2017 Treasurer’s Annual Report

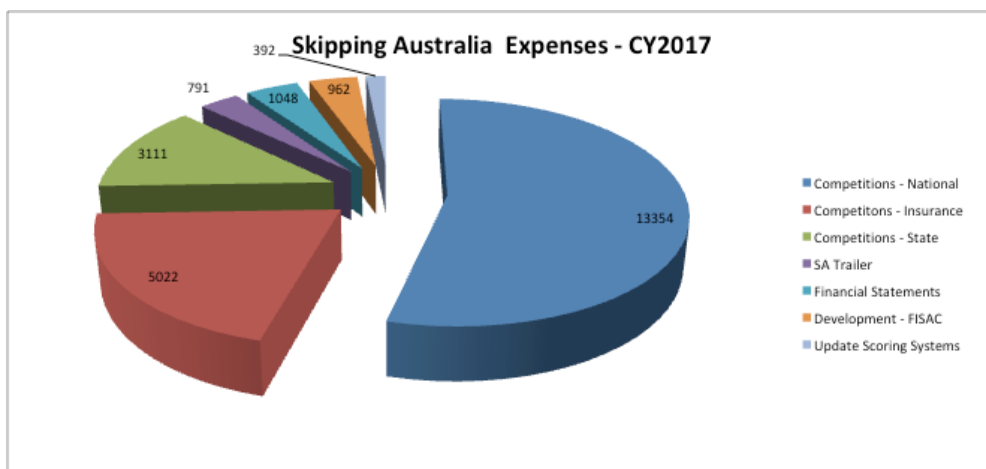
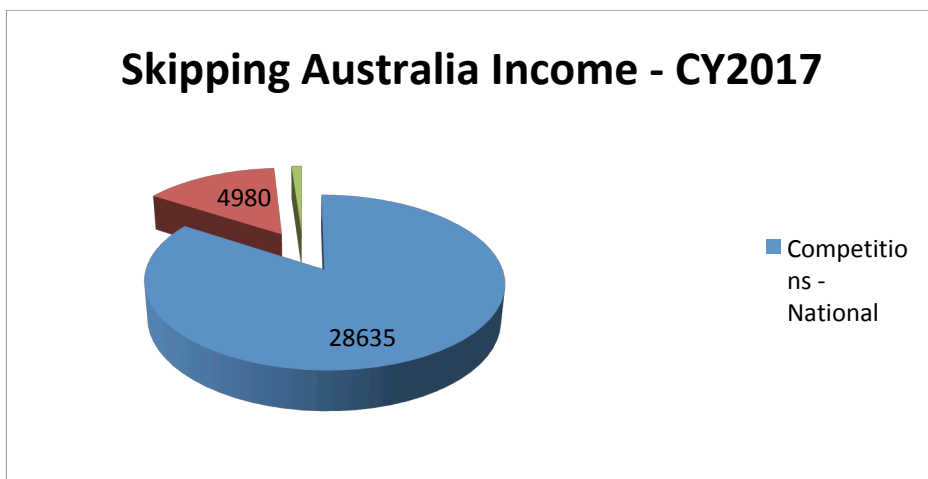
2017 was a solid building year for Skipping Australia with no major expenditure for the calendar year. There was a flurry of activity tidying up from the previous World Championships in July 2016 and preparations for the qualifying year for the 2018 World Championships. We made some significant steps towards automating our financials systems this year and took our accounting ‘online’ so we hope this has been well received by those out in Club Land.

Overall, the Association made a profit of just under \$9000 and this was despite some intense investment developing the sport at ‘grass roots’ level within Victoria and South Australia in accordance with our goals stated at last years AGM.

Our National Insurance program was well received, saving many thousands of dollars for Clubs around Australia who now use the Skipping Australia policy in lieu of maintaining separate cover; at separate cost. For those who do not use the Skipping Australia Policy, please come and have a chat with us...there may be some financial benefit in doing so for you.

The following graphics show our major income and expenditure;

Finances – Expenses and Income



As is always the case, the Skipping Australia Committee is forecasting our expenditure for the next Financial Year and there are no changes suggested for this AGM to our funding support model of cost bases.

The costs for supporting our travelling Team Australia has come in exactly as expected for the World Championships team and we are on track for our targets.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please let me know.

Regards,

Original Signed
Kirralee Larkin
Treasurer
Skipping Australia