

## Notes from the Board – March 2020

I trust you are all coping with the requirements of the lockdown. It's been an extraordinary week and we will all have faced different challenges as we moved into lockdown.

The Board meets every Sunday evening by Zoom. Over the last weeks we have had to make some decisions around our championships;

- Oceania Speed has been suspended while we try and find another date,
- our Area Championships have been cancelled, and
- we are still hoping to hold the NZ Artistic Championships in July as scheduled.

Rink Hockey NZ have cancelled their Trans Tasman competition and Inline Hockey have cancelled their Oceania Championships.

Internationally;

- World Speed and World Inline Hockey have been moved to September.
- three Skateboarding Olympic Qualifying events have been suspended.
- IOC has deferred the 2020 Olympic Games for a year.
- At present, we have been advised by World Skate that the Inline Freestyle World Championships in Shanghai and the Artistic World Championships in Asuncion will keep their original schedule.

The cancellation of our Area Championships will have a significant impact on our sport this year. Our rinks are closed and we are required to stay home and stay safe. There are some things we can do:

- Individual road skates
- Internet based coaching sessions [individual and group] at home
- Keep our fitness up
- Officials can study up on rules and regulations

I want to acknowledge and congratulate those coaches who have established internet based coaching sessions – it's great that you have had the vision and technological know-how to do this. Although most of the sessions are aimed at your skaters, this may be time for clubs to establish club based online activities for their members – something to think about.

## Our People

Donna Beech has been appointed Secretary of the Speed Sports Committee – thanks for stepping up into this role Donna. Thanks also to Sarah Stack for your work in this role over the last year.

Happy birthday to Vilma Fanthorpe, Life Member of NZFRS. Vilma turns 90 this weekend and is still very active in the artistic section of our sport.

## Situation Vacant

Val Bedford has resigned as the Artistic Committee Trophy Steward following the 2020 Artistic Championships. Artistic are seeking a volunteer to take over this role from Val. We are hoping to get someone in place to work with Val during the 2020 Artistic Championships and take over from there. If you are interested in this role, please contact Janine Price, Artistic Secretary in the first instance.



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### **NZFRS Policies**

Each meeting, the Board reviews some of its policies; this is an ongoing piece of work that keeps our policies relevant. At our meeting in February, we updated polices for Regional and Area Committees and these are now on our website.

I wish you all the very best over the next 3 and a half weeks – be kind to each other with lots of deep breaths and generosity of spirit.

Kind regards all

Roger Boulcott  
NZFRS President

