AGM Minutes for 19/08/2024

Meeting opened 7pm

Welcomes and introductions: Sonia Griffin – Board Chair (SG), Paul Newman – Treasurer (PN), (IM), Amber Clyde (AC), Simon Thorp (ST), Damion Doyal (DD) Sophee Hills (SH)Georgina Mathews (GM)

All board members introduced themselves stating their interest and background in skateboarding

Apologies: Izzy Mutu, Bowman Hansen, Chris Curren

SBNZ Members in attendance: Alex Brown, Andrew Morrison, Chey Ataria, David Read, James Tuckey, John McFarlane, John Shewry, Mason Lockyear, Phil Culf, Rachel Leach, Susan Lord, Von Griffin, Will Bartlett, Von Griffin

Agenda:

1. **Approval of Minutes**

- **Previous AGM Minutes:** Review and approve the minutes from the previous AGM.
- **Adopt the minutes from the last meeting:** moved and adopted by Paul Newman and Simon Thorp

2. **Annual Reports**

- **Chairperson's Report:** Overview of the past year's activities, achievements, and challenges (refer to presentation)
- **Achievements and milestones:** *Refer Appendix for presentation*
    - We have had several big contractual obligations during this period where SBNZ has produced a Participation Report, Long-term Strategy and Commercial Strategy. SG noted that we had produced a lot of work which had put some strain on SBNZ team of volunteers.
- Next Nationals at Tauranga, 28th and 29th March 2025 with 30th March as a rain day.
- An attempt to enter Park in the NZ Secondary Schools Competition will be examined in the event review.
- **Financial Report:** Presentation of the financial statements for the year, including income, expenditure, and overall financial health. By Paul Newman
    - We saw a significant rise in revenue this year, thanks to financing from High Performance Sport NZ. We also raised our spending, with little under 140k and another 40k, totalling almost 189k. The combination of all of them strengthens our position to optimize funds for salaried employees within the organization, propelling us ahead.
    - Paul Newman. Deciphers the financials; we are around 6k down. Looking similar to previous year, we are currently in a strong financial situation overall.

- Closing remarks regarding Paul Gunn and special thanks to David Read who we contracted to work with SBNZ on the participation strategy.
- Moved and adopt the financials for last year: Moved by Sonia Griffen and Phil Culf, David Read, Geogina Mathews, Chey Ataria, Sophee Hills, Amber Clyde , Will Barteltt, Damain Doyal , John Shewry, David Read.

3. **Election of Officers**

- Outcome of Board Nominations,
  - Sonia Griffen, Simon Thorp, Amber Cylde, Bowman Hansen, Georgina Mathews, Sophee Hills , Damion Doyal, Chey Ataria and Izzy Duncombe
  - SG noted she is looking forward to working alongside you all, we will be in touch regarding scheduling the next meeting.

4. **Membership Matters**

- **Membership Fees:** Review and set the membership fees for the upcoming year.
- **Membership Approvals:** Ratify any new members or discuss membership-related issues.

5. **General Business**

- **Open Floor:** Chance for members to raise any other business or questions not covered by the formal agenda.
- **Question:** Is there scope to take NZ Skaters to America on a road trip to parks like vans etc to skate with other skateboarders to advance their skateboarding skills

  Answer: IN There may be prospects in Asia, but we will not know about funding until the end of February 2025. We are aware that our top skaters require exposure to overseas skaters.

  Question: Is there the possibility regarding a punk rock bank touring for a skate jam.

  Answer: There has been one recently and we will always looking at ongoing options.

  Question: How many members does SBNZ have?

  Answer: approx. 320

  Question: Regarding Nationals are we considering regionals?

  Answer: Not this time, but perhaps next year. And we'll start small and work our way up to ensure we have everything we need. There were a lot of entries at Nationals, so they may move it faster to the finals and cut it sooner. We want to identify communities that are interested in running regionals. Secondary schools are an excellent approach to involve schools and influence people's perceptions on skateboarding.

  Question: Was there enough notice of voting for Board Members

  Answer: All documentation was sent out in accordance to our constitution.

- World Skate has reduced the number of contestants that can compete from six to three. The best skaters will be chosen by a selection panel based on worldwide and national rankings.
- SG supported the concept of establishing a skateboarding association in Christchurch and suggested holding Zoom meetings to get things started.
- SBNZ aspires to have a park specialist to help councils engage with companies, connect with communities, and meet their needs.
- SG has been collaborating with BMX and Scootering NZ looking at the possibility of finding a coordinator for all three activities.
- Closed the meeting at 8.02pm

5. **Close of Meeting**

Skateboarding New Zealand

Board Overview of the year from 2023/2024

Your SBNZ Governance Team

Board Chair
Sonia Griffin

Board Treasurer
Paul Newman

Board Secretary
Izy Mutu

Board Member
Amber Clyde

Board Member
Bowman Hansen

Board Member
Chris Curran

Board Member
Simon Thorp

A voice for the
skateboarders of Aotearoa

Chairperson’s Message

2023/24 has been a milestone year for SBNZ. We proudly had an athlete making the qualifying phase for the Paris Olympic Games, narrowly missing the chance to compete. But each competition brings our athletes more experience and dedication, and our focus is now firmly on the LA Games in 2028 – expect to see a Kiwi at those games!

Understanding skate boarding's role in our community is essential for the growth of the sport in Aotearoa. Our Participation Survey aimed to tackle that and received over 2,000 responses. It’s now SBNZ’s challenge to use the results to add key insights into our goals and priorities over the coming year.

We’ve also released our Long Term Strategy 2024-2034. This document will be the guidelines for our direction over the next few years.

I’m also pleased to announce that our next Nationals will be held at the new skatepark in Mount Maunganui on 28-29 March 2025 (note that the 30 March will be the rain day). We look forward to working with Tauranga City Council and the local skate crew.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the impact of Paul Gunn on Skateboarding NZ. Paul tragically passed away earlier this month, and we will deeply miss his presence. Paul was on the governance committee of SBNZ from 2019-2020 and even when not directly involved in SBNZ he continued to lend his experience and expertise to the organisation. Our thoughts remain with Paul’s family and friends.

Sonia Griffin

SBNZ Board Chairperson

What have we acheived: Our ‘wins’ for 2023/24

This is a brief overview of the success we have achieved:

- Over the Paris Olympic cycle we had 9 athletes represent New Zealand at World Skate events for men’s park and street and women’s street divisions. We had one athlete making phase two of Paris 2024 Olympic qualifiers and should be noted that these qualifiers were restricted to the top 40 athletes in the world.
- Continued expansion of the high-performance programme which included elite athlete development as well as a continued focus on development athletes.
- There has been an emphasis on coaching development over the past 18 months with coaches attending multiple international events and development seminars. Our coaches have clarity regarding world standards is a critical element moving forwards.
- We have delivered a massive Participation survey which gained 2000 responses, the data obtained helped build a picture of where the community want to see skateboarding progress to. The final report and data insights dashboard is available here.
- We (finally) released our Long-Term Strategy, this document will be the guiding document to the direction of SBNZ. You can find the document here.
- We completed a corporate strategy to help build a sustainable funding future for the organisation. Work is starting on the next steps to implement this.
- We have started work on performance pathways for our skateboarding judges. SBNZ had World Skate Head Park Judge, Renton Miller, and World Skate judge, Aimee Maisee come to Mangawhai to deliver a short course in judging for our Nationals judges.

Our focus for 2024/25: Next steps

- Bringing out strategies together, along with our participation survey to determine priorities and steps to achieve.
- Build our membership base and building our communication channels.
- Deliver a variety of events that allow participation across all levels of skills.
- High Performance
    - Our key goal for the next year is to finalise the four and eight-year plan and secure HPSNZ investment. This will be a challenge due to HPSNZ receiving government budget cuts and HPSNZ's preference towards investement is established and historically successful sports.
    - Continued support of athletes, coaches and judges on a development pathway

What have we acheived: Athlete achievements

Congratulations to the riders who have proudly represented New Zealand on the world stage, it's essential to recognise the unwavering dedication and commitment exhibited by these athletes in pursuit of excellence in their sport. Frequently, these occasions are entirely self-funded by the athletes themselves, underscoring the sacrifices they make, and we duly acknowledge this fact.

Female Street

Jessica Ready

Men Street

Jett De Haan
Matthew Markland
Cato Dobbs
Lenard Tejada
James Huntley
Charlie Aubrey

Men Park

CJ Hawker
Jett De Haan
Niwa Shewry

The year past: Governance update

- The SBNZ Board has been effective over the past two years through what has been a significant growth phase for the organisation. We also recognise the following Board members who are not seeking re-election this cycle:
    - Chris Curran has contributed heavily to SBNZ, including roles of President and High Performance Manager. His determined approach and undying passion directly led SBNZ to receive funding support across a number of initiatives that helped propel the organisation to where it is today. We thank Chris for his tireless effort and wish him well with Rad Skate School and work on the World Skate Coaching Commission.
    - Paul Newman is SBNZ's current treasurer. Paul has an extensive corporate finance background and we thank him for his expertise in his contribution to the Corporate Strategy and working on the finances.

The year past: Event review

- SBNZ 2023 Skateboard Park and Street Nationals was held in conjunction with Tairawhiti Adventure Trust in October 2023 with over 100 athletes competing.
- SBNZ 2023 Secondary School Street Nationals was held in partnership with New Zealand Sport Collective, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, East Skate Club and SonSk8 in Auckland. This is the first time a Secondary School National event has been held in Aotearoa, the second one will be held next month in September, again in Auckland.
- SBNZ 2025 Park, Street and Vert Nationals competition will be held in Mount Maunganui on 28-29 March 2025.

What are our: Challenges and risks (and how we can fix them)

- Operational support. We continue to be a mostly volunteer organisation which means heavy reliance on one or two key players to do the mahi. This means volunteer burnout is a key risk. The Board needs to explore funding opportunities for operational support as a key priority.
- Our participation survey highlighted that SBNZ needs to work on the following:
    - 44% of responses lacked awareness of SBNZ's activities, increasing awareness about our initiatives and fostering community engagement will help bridge this gap and create a more informed and unified skateboarding community.
    - Continued advocacy and strategic guidance is needed for better provision and maintenance of skateparks and skate spaces nationwide.
    - Continued work in creating pathways that enable development for skateboarders in New Zealand. Coaching, competitions and event of different kinds and level will play a significant role in this.

Review: Financials April 2022 - March 2023

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, SBNZ maintained a good financial position, reporting a total revenue of $147,766 from $111,989 the previous year. This growth was driven by high performance programme delivery or contracts from our key funding partners of HPSNZ (High Performance Sport New Zealand), SNZ (Sport New Zealand) and the IOC (International Olympic Committee).

However, expenditures also rose significantly to $195,661, primarily due to increased spending on coaching, consulting (contract delivery) and high performance programme delivery. This resulted in a net loss of $7,119 for the year, despite this, the increased expenditure aligns our strategic goals of supporting athletes in the Olmypic cycle and expanding our high performance programme.

Also worth noting when viewing the financials, is that we have changed how we report our financials, eg. International travel has gone from $20k in 2023 to $0 in 2024, that's not because we aren't doing international travel but how we report that has changed. It is now sitting in airfares (which is both international and domestic). We have changed this midway through the 2023 financial year to reflect the reporting needs of our funding partners (and to simplify our system). Next years reporting will align with this years so will provide a clearer picture.

Moving forwards, it is crucial to focus on targeted funding efforts for priority objectives and mitigating risks.

Full financial details are available in the appendix of this report.

Closing remarks: Our gratitude goes to...

- Paul Gunn, who tragically passed away recently. Paul was on the governance committee of SBNZ from 2019-2021 and who continued to be a solid advocate to the sport, even recently delivering our commercial strategy. He will be sorely missed by all those who knew him.
- We continue to be grateful for the support and guidance provide from our partners at HPSNZ and SNZ. Katherine Oberlin-Brown from HPSNZ continues to play a significant role guiding and supporting SBNZ. Also thank you to Craig McFarlane and Fran McEwan at SNZ and Tara Pryor at the New Zealand Olympic Committee for their continued support. To all our funding partners we extend our gratitude and thanks.
- As acknowled in this report, a special thanks to Chris Curran and Paul Newman who are resigning from the SBNZ Board.
- David Read who we contracted to work with SBNZ and Sport New Zealand on the Particpation Survey, this was a massive undertaking and we appreciate his David's time, expertise and effort to deliver a quality report and dashboard. Dave also worked with the Board to deliver Long-Term Strategy, again, his expertise and experience were appreciated.
- And finally, thank you to our community who continue to engage, support and provide feedback – we appreciate you all.

Thanks!