



Activity noted since the last meeting

1. ACTISA competitions/events:

The local Aussie skate competition planned for April 2nd has been cancelled as there were insufficient skaters expressing interest. Whilst we are all interested in providing the opportunity and encouraging young skaters to participate in competitions, when there are low numbers in most divisions (and low numbers overall) there is no real competition. We hope skaters are not discouraged and will work on readying themselves for the upcoming Autumn Trophy competition where Aussie Skate divisions will be open to both local and interstate competitors.

Autumn Trophy will be held on the weekend of 20th to 22nd May and includes all technical divisions from Aussie Skate to Senior. The pre-announcement is now available on the ACTISA website. As always we will be looking for volunteers to help both on the day and prior to the competition so if you are willing and available please make this known to the competition convenor (comp@actisa.asn.au).

2. ISA Tests:

The next ISA test day will be Saturday 5th March beginning 4pm. Applications have now closed. New test application forms have been developed and are posted on website. The old forms are no longer in use.

The following test date is April 30th 2016. Please look out for the announcement and closing date on the ACTISA website. The new ISA test convenor is Adele Collett (isa_test@actisa.asn.au)

3. Aussie Skate Tests:

The next Aussie Skate testing session is Thursday 3rd March. Please note the Aussie Skate test on April 7th will be the last guaranteed opportunity to complete tests prior to the closing date for Autumn Trophy. Sue Fletcher is retiring from the role of Aussie Skate convenor after many years of dedicated service and the committee thanks her for her dedication to the role.

4. Memberships:

As at 2nd March we have 108 financial members for 2016 (as compared to 172 in 2015). We would expect these numbers to increase as skaters start doing tests and competitions again in the coming months. If you have not renewed your membership, please find forms on the ACTISA website. All competitors in competitions or participating in ACTISA development and test sessions MUST be current financial members.

We welcome new members Alarna Fittler, Alvin Labios, Shiri Liu, Sarah Zhang.

5. ISA AGM

To be held Saturday 19th March 2016 in Brisbane with workshops to follow on Sunday 20th March. ISA delegate Mary-Ann Ryall and proxies Greg Ash and Angelique Clyde-Smith will be attending on behalf of ACTISA. A delegate's report will update members at the ACTISA AGM.

6. ACTISA AGM

To be held Wednesday 30th March 7pm at the Quality Inn Woden. Voting members and observers welcome. If you are willing to be nominated for a position on the committee and have not made yourself known to a committee member please do so. All nomination must be received by Wednesday 23rd March.

7. Website:

The website is up and running but we are still populating some areas and working on the overall "look". If you have any news for the website please let us know.

8. New ACTISA jackets:

Orders can be placed with Chris Marsden. The price for the new jackets will be \$100 for adult sizes and \$75 for child sizes. This is a non-profit exercise for ACTISA and the committee hopes skaters will wear the new jackets with pride. We still have some stock of the old jackets so if anyone is looking for one of those let Chris know (vp@actisa.asn.au) and we will check if the size is available in our stock.

ACTISA committee wishes to remind members of the following:

1. Judging:

ACTISA is always on the lookout for more judges and technical officials. Fancy giving it a go? You can start trial judging Aussie Skate as soon as you are 15 years old! Contact judges@actisa.asn.au if you are interested.

2. Volunteers

We are very pleased to welcome new volunteers at any time. In particular we have need of someone to run Aussie Skate testing sessions, getting items together for the fundraising table and a competition co-convenor if anyone feels they have a special interest in any of these areas. Please contact a member of the committee to find out what is involved and to make your offer known.

3. Funding:

Skaters and judges can apply for funding at any time. Please check our website for the appropriate form and procedure.

4. Feedback and Enquiries:

Feedback including complaints are welcome at any time and should be made in writing and submitted by sending to our PO Box, placing it in the drawer at the rink, or emailing pres@actisa.asn.au. Only written complaints will be accepted and all complaints will be considered seriously and receive a response. Enquiries regarding committee decisions and processes are also welcome. Often information is not correctly interpreted before being passed on resulting in confusion and a perception that correct and fair procedure is not being followed. Instead of automatically believing what you hear, please check by contacting ACTISA yourself.

5. Next Meeting:

The next committee meeting will be announced by the new committee elected at the AGM. **Please note that committee meetings are not open to the general membership or non-member parents except by special arrangement.**

You can also check the website for news at www.actisa.asn.au

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