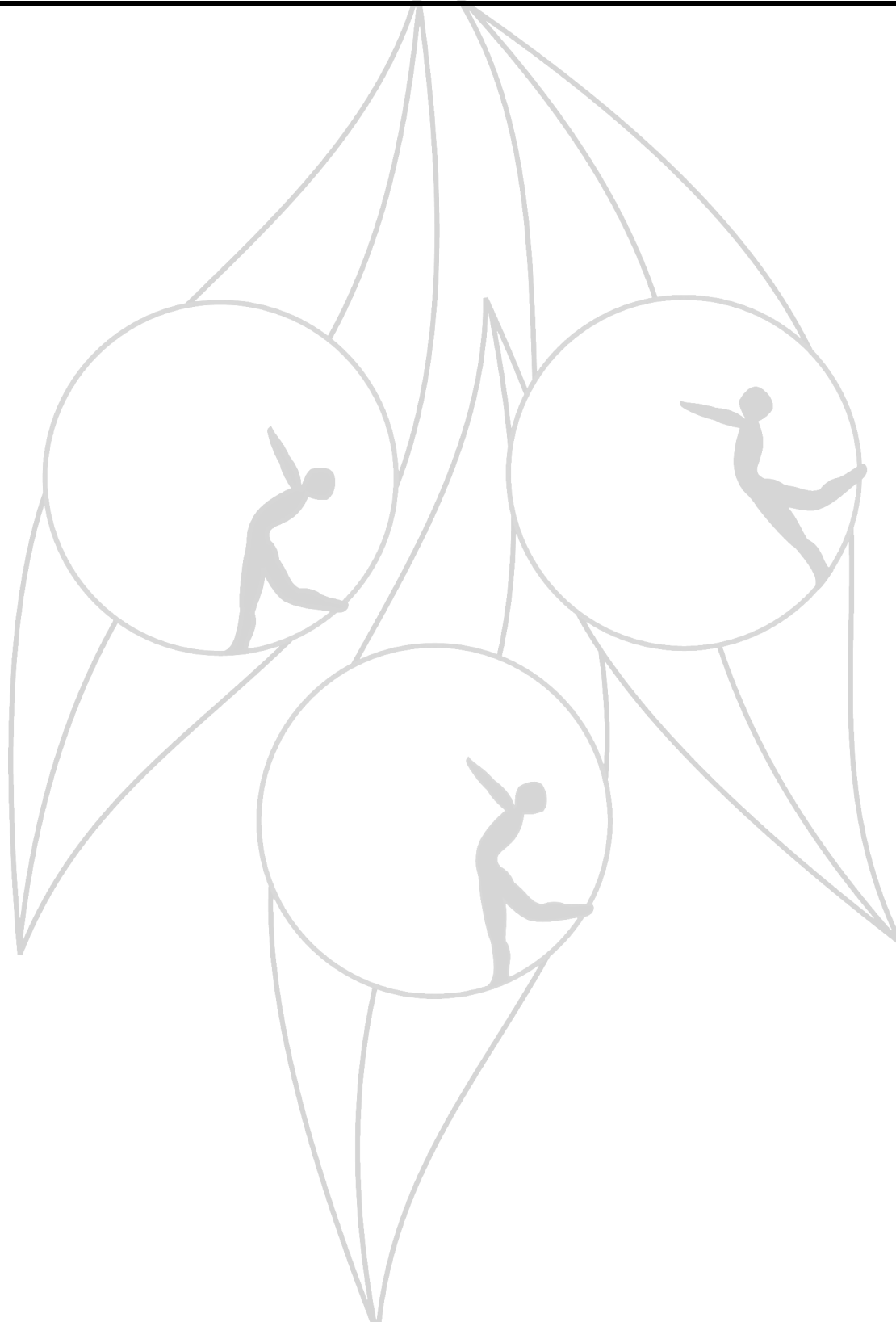


SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION Inc



**Annual General Meeting
15 March 2010**

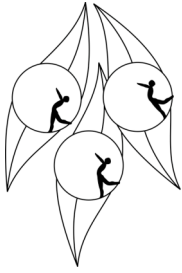
**AGENDA for
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

15 March 2010

**SportSA
Military Road
West Beach**

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- 2. APOLOGIES**
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- 10. MEETING CLOSE**

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION Inc.

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 December 2008

SportSA, Military Road, West Beach

1. **PRESENT:**

- Voting members: Bob Battersby, Kelly Binelli, Kym Broad, Devan Chalmers, Cathy Dickman, Danielle Feleppa, Stacey Ivanica, Jessinta Martin, Amanda Moore, Toni Newbery, Reina O'Connor, Tara O'Connor, Nicola Reese, Jane Sharp (SBFSC representative) (arrived 6:48pm), Chelsea Skene,
- Non-voting members: Tiana Ivanica (Junior member), Lauren Moore (Junior member),
- Guests: Pam McEwin, Diane Martin, Richard Mellon (ORS)

2. **APOLOGIES:** Deborah Zadow, Tiffany Zadow, Robi Chalmers (Associate member)

3. **MEETING OPENED:** 6pm

Reina O'Connor welcomed Richard Mellon our guest from Office of Recreation & Sport, who is attending the meeting for the Governance Review.

Reina also introduced the members of the SAISA Council and Club Representatives.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:**

- It was moved and seconded "That the minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record" Unanimous

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Reina O'Connor presented her President's report and asked that it be accepted. It was moved and seconded "That the President's report be accepted" Unanimous

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Kelly Binelli presented the Treasurer's report and asked that it be accepted. It was moved and seconded "That the Treasurer's report be accepted" Unanimous

7. **CLUB REPORTS:**

7.1. **Silver Blades Figure Skating Club**

- Nicola Reese gave a verbal report on the activities of the Silver Blades Figure Skating Club, including memberships, competitions and the Christmas Party. Nicola thanked SAISA on behalf of the Club for their support.

7.2. **Noarlunga Figure Skating Club**

- Kym Broad presented the report for Noarlunga Figure Skating Club

It was moved and seconded "That the Club reports be accepted" Unanimous

8. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- Reina O'Connor gave some background information for the proposed resolutions
- **Resolution 1:** "The age for Junior memberships be changed to under 18 years"
 - There was some discussion regarding concerns re a smaller number of vote-eligible members and the potential confusion in terminology re Junior member and Junior competitive level
 - It was moved and seconded "That in drafting the new constitution, this meeting recommends that the age for Junior memberships be defined as under 18 years" Unanimous

- **Resolution 2:** *"Members must attain the age of 18 years to be eligible to vote"*
 - There was some discussion, regarding the smaller number of vote-eligible members and whether having the right to vote may help some skaters decide to continue skating. There was a suggestion that consideration be given to having a representative for younger skaters on the Council in the future.
 - This resolution was unanimously defeated

Jane Sharp arrived 6:48pm

- **Resolution 3:** *"The SAISA financial/membership year be changed to the calendar year"*
 - There was some discussion regarding the reasons for the proposed change and whether there would be any implications for future grant reporting. Richard Mellon said there would not be problems with the grant reporting and SAISA would need to provide the latest financial reports
 - This resolution was unanimously accepted

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

9.1. Governance review presentation and discussion

- Reina O'Connor gave a presentation on the governance review now in progress including options relating to Clubs (notes available)
- There was some discussion on the various options
- It is planned to hold a Special General Meeting in January to present the draft of the new constitution to members
- The draft of the new SAISA Inc constitution will be put onto the SAISA website when available so members can give feedback
- Richard Mellon suggested finalising the State Association constitution before the Club constitutions were finalised and amended
- The clubs will need to consider their options

Richard Mellon left the meeting at 8:30pm

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Six nominations had been received for two Council Member positions. Each person nominated had been notified that they would have the opportunity at the meeting to introduce themselves and summarise their reasons for wanting to be on the SAISA Council
- Kym Broad, Danielle Feleppa, Toni Newbery and Chelsea Skene spoke to the meeting
- Jessica Mason and Tanya Murray were not present at the meeting
- Elections:
 - **President:** Reina O'Connor nominated. As there was only one nomination, Reina was elected unopposed
 - **Treasurer:** Kelly Binelli nominated. As there was only one nomination, Kelly was elected unopposed
 - **Council Member** (2 positions available): Kym Broad, Danielle Feleppa, Jessica Mason, Tanya Murray, Toni Newbery and Chelsea Skene nominated
 - Dianne Martin and Pam McEwin were elected as Scrutineers
 - There were equal votes for Danielle Feleppa and Toni Newbery, so a second ballot between Danielle and Toni was required
 - Chelsea Skene and Danielle Feleppa were elected to the Council

Reina congratulated the elected Officers and Council Members and thanked everyone for attending the meeting

11. MEETING CLOSED: 8:50pm

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to acknowledge the Kurna people- the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their elders.

It is with pleasure I submit my report as President of SAISA for the 15 months ending 31 December 2009. It is a 15month period this time because last year the members present at the AGM resolved to alter the Association's financial year from the October to September cycle to the January to December cycle.

Membership

In 2009 there were 104 registered SAISA Members (93 the previous year). Of these, 25 were skaters aged 16 years and over. In the past, the retention of older skaters has depended largely on there being a synchronised team available for them to join. In 2009 there was increased participation in Solo Dance with some of the dancers becoming interested in competition. This may become another enjoyable avenue for skaters to continue their sport in their busy lives.

There were 53 Junior skaters. In many sports a majority of playing members are juniors. Juniors are usually defined as being under 18 years of age (ie as minors). Minors aren't legally able to vote and the majority of sports follow this principle. At the last SAISA AGM members present voted to keep the voting age for SAISA members at 16 years. This still leaves the concern many families have that their junior members aren't properly represented. The SAISA Council is always mindful of the interests of juniors; it is an integral part of what the Council does. Parents have the option of joining as members and many parents have done this over the years and have been a great asset to the Sport. There is a reduced fee for this option that includes the ISA registration fee. Further options for parents of juniors are being considered in the Constitution review.

	Full Members	Junior Members	Associate Members	Honorary Life Members
Non-skating adults	20			3
Senior skaters	16			
Coaches			4	
Aussie Skaters		13		
Junior ISA skaters		39		
Synch only skaters	3			
Masters, adult, youth only	6			
Total = 104	45	52	4	3

SAISA membership structure 2009

Last year I reported that a more uniform membership structure across the States might follow on from the national insurance scheme. ISA (Ice Skating Australia) is a federation whose members are the State associations. The individual skaters and volunteers are members of the State associations. To complicate matters further some States have affiliated clubs and some don't and the club members may or may not also be members of the State association. This makes a uniform membership complicated to introduce but a start has been made with registration of Aussie Skaters.

Aussie Skate

Aussie Skaters are the largest division of skaters taking ice skating lessons. In some States the Aussie Skaters are members of the State association and in other States, as in SA, they 'belong' to the rinks. This situation - where the State and National bodies who work to advance a sport don't directly benefit from the large numbers practicing the sport - is repeated in many sports throughout Australia. A national registration scheme is one concept the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) promotes to address this situation. ISA have taken this on board with the New Aussie Skate Learn-to-Skate Program launched in 2009. During the promotional campaign the new program was very well received with the resources it provides for parents, rinks, coaches and skaters being particularly admired.

To be eligible to participate in the New Aussie Skate program skaters will need to be registered with ISA and pay a first year registration fee of \$66. Part of the fee pays for the Aussie Skate pack the skater receives; a portion will also be distributed to the State associations and the rinks for skater development. Registered Aussie Skaters will also be eligible to enter any ISA-sanctioned Aussie Skate event in the country.

At this stage it is not clear where it will be best for the Aussie Skate membership to lie. Over the years SAISA Councillors have encouraged Aussie Skaters to take up SAISA membership and have encouraged them to enter Aussie Skate divisions added to the SAISA competitions; I am sure both the skaters and the audience enjoy this. Because Aussie Skate membership is still an issue that is evolving the SAISA Council resolved that new Aussie Skaters who have registered with ISA will be able to enter SAISA competitions without taking out a SAISA membership in that first year.

ISA Registration

ISA has extended the registration concept to all members of State associations beginning this year. All members of State associations will need to be registered and pay a yearly registration fee directly to ISA (\$25 in 2010). The intention is for the members to do this themselves once the ISA website is ready to handle this (not ready at time of printing). Meanwhile, SAISA is collecting the registration fee as part of the SAISA membership fee. Later, when the ISA site is ready SAISA will assist its members to do the on-line registration.

Competitions

The skaters in SA are always beautifully presented and enthusiastic – a credit to themselves, their parents and the coaches. So many of the skaters made big leaps in their performance standards this year. I think one of the reasons is that there is now a requirement for skaters to be seen in a judged event, preferably in SA, in the months leading up to the State Championships; this seemed to help the skaters gain confidence and gave them an opportunity to review their marks and programme content prior to Hollins, State Championships and Nationals. SA Skate was well used for this purpose with 39 entries. The local skaters and audience were also treated to a fine display of skills when 3 Novice men from NSW skated in the Competition.

In the State Championships/Winter Challenge event there were also 39 entries in singles events. In addition, there were Novice and Senior synchro teams, a Mini synchro team, and, for the first time in many years, there was also a pair. Thank you to the skaters and their parents and coaches for all the hard work put in to preparing for these competitions. Congratulations to all the entrants and in particular to the 31 chosen as State Representatives, the Dejan Jovanovic Memorial Trophy winner, Madison Murray, and the Abram Family Cup winner, India Nette.

SA skaters also provided 32 entries into interstate competitions last year, namely the Olympic Trophy & Artistic Challenge in Victoria, Autumn Trophy in Canberra, Hollins Trophy in Sydney, Dragon City Trophy in Bendigo, and the Les Latham memorial Artistic Trophy in Perth. All skaters performed very well. The State Team members who competed at the National Championships in Penrith and Canterbury consisted of 11 singles entries, one pair and Novice and Senior synchronised teams. They all performed beautifully with many achieving personal or team best scores.

Scholarsips

Joshua Broad and Jessinta Martin are the current SASI scholarship holders and Joshua was also a State finalist in the Messenger Youth Sports Awards at the end of 2008. Robi Chalmers won a Wendy Ey Memorial Coaching Scholarship for Women in 2009 and Nicola Reese won an Officiating Scholarship for her other voluntary work with the Ice Hockey Association.

Skater Development

The ISA AGM of 2009 saw the launch of ASAS (Australians Shine at Socchi – Socchi being the venue of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Russia). This program is part of the ISA High Performance Strategic Plan for 2009-2018. The aim is to deliver athletes to the Olympic Winter Institute for 2014 and to create the basis to do this again for 2018. One of the features of the program is the Oceania Junior Development Program, a joint development between Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Hong Kong. It is aimed at Primary to Novice level skaters and provides competition and up-skilling opportunities. Last year Hannah Smith and Amy Newbery attended the first Oceania training camp. SAISA also hopes to see South Australians at the synchronised, pair, and dance development camps.

The ice skating calendar of events in Australia needed to change to make the high performance aims work properly. After several years of discussion the timing of the National Championships has been changed to December. This allows athletes aiming for international competitions to peak at the right times and also to have a rest period. Many of the State competitions have now also shifted to accommodate this new schedule. SA Skate will be held in the July school holidays and State Championships has been moved to September. The October holiday period turned out to be very crowded with events that SA skaters might also like to take part in and so our competition was moved back to September. This brings it back into the ice hockey season again (juniors only) and just means an early start for official practices.

Governance

SAISA is in the process of updating its Constitution. Last year at the AGM a presentation was given outlining reasons to consider changes to the governance structure and Constitution. The new Model Constitution for Sports commissioned by the Office for Recreation and Sport was offered for consideration. The result of the early consultation process was that members agreed the Constitution should be updated and a Board structure was worth considering. The members didn't like the more formal language of the Model Constitution and in fact it seemed to frighten some members. The process of consultation has continued with interested parties reviewing a series drafts. We have also used a system of surveys loosely based on the Delphi Method of reaching a consensus. This process has helped clarify some areas of the Constitution and has also provided a basis for some of the Policies. This process can't be hurried and in fact is working out better as practical experience of the problems that could arise is gained.

A draft of the Constitution suitable to post on the website for your comments will be available shortly. Policy documents, which are being drafted by Jan Sutherland of SportSA, will also be available shortly for the Council to consider. That will just leave the Strategic Plan to be updated. This plan needs to fit in with ISA's new plan. ISA have outsourced the drafting of the National plan to a professional group so SAISA feels it is prudent to wait for the publication of this, due in April.

Administration

SAISA is very pleased with its website and we thank Cathy Macaulay for being the webmaster and for all her attention to maintaining and updating the site. The easy-to-use site is a bonus for everyone. Photos are being prepared to add to the site, but we are mindful of not slowing the operation of site as a result. Last year Kelly Binelli, Cathy Macaulay and myself, together with the website designers created an online membership database to be accessed from the website. It is proving to be a marvellous asset and we sincerely thank the State Government and the Office for Recreation and Sport for making this development possible through the Statewide Enhancement Grant Scheme for sporting associations.

The online membership database allows members to login and check their membership details including Test levels, POA numbers, their competition and test entries and result, and whether their payments have been received. They will also be able to update some of their personal details if they need to. As the Council approves membership renewals this year, members will be given passwords so they can start accessing the database. This process will start shortly. Members will only be able to access their own details. Council members will be given read only access to the whole database if that is what is needed to fulfil their tasks. There is also an administrator-level access to the database. This allows the designated person to add details and change them, so obviously this right is carefully allocated. The system is very easy to use and is designed so that tests and competitions can be planned on the database as well. It is in fact the central office. The next development in the pipeline is an online form facility so that it is easier to submit forms.

Separate to this report are the judging report and the financial report. You will see that the judges have had a busy and successful year and I thank them for all their support of skating in South Australia. The financial report shows that the Council is being wise with the finances in its trust. It is necessary to use the funds for projects that make a difference to all the members and that will keep skating going into the future. SAISA still hopes to stage a large competition in the future and also to be prepared for the time when SA has an Olympic sized ice surface and modern facilities. Funds need to be kept in reserve to make use of these developments which we hope won't be too far off.

In conclusion I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, the coaches, the rink staff, and all the volunteers who are dedicated to the sport of ice skating. Two Council members are not continuing with Council duties this year and I would like to thank them for all their hard work. Kelly has ably organised the treasury business, migrating all the necessary details to MYOB in an easy to understand fashion. Apart from handling the tricky business that a secretary has to manage, Cathy brought all the members' information up-to-date and created an access database making it easy to start the web based version. I sincerely thank them for their time and effort. We haven't lost them however. Kelly and Cathy will remain as judges and Cathy is also the Registrar and webmaster.

Another idea has also developed that allow experienced and valued volunteers to remain involved. The Council feels an advisory group would be very useful to the Association. The Council will be able to run ideas and problems past all or some of the members of the group. The first person to be asked to join the group is Bob Battersby, an Honorary Life Member of SAISA. Bob has willingly acted as mentor to the SAISA judges and councillors for many years and his advice is invaluable. Kelly and Cathy will also be called to give us their insights. Over time, different people could be asked to join the Advisory Group; SAISA could benefit from the experience of past Council members, interstate judges and ISA volunteers who could mentor the SAISA Council via the Advisory Group.

Thank you to Tara and Chelsea, our younger Councillors. They were both busy students who worked as well, but they still volunteered their time and effort and made valuable contributions to the meetings, surveys and events. Thank you to Nicky who, apart from being a busy Test convener as you will see from the Judging report, always volunteers to assist wherever she notices help is needed. Thank you to Kym and Dani who also slotted Council duties into busy lives and always volunteered to help wherever it was needed and acted as club representatives when those positions were vacant. SAISA is very fortunate to have such a team of dedicated volunteers. I am sure SAISA will again have an excellent team this year and invite all members to consider helping out as a SAISA volunteer in some way.

Reina O'Connor
President

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

At the 2007/2008 AGM, members agreed to change the existing financial year from October through September to January through December, the change taking effect immediately. Therefore, the financial statements for the year 2008/2009 comprise 15 months instead of 12.

The Council invested funds in purchasing more computer equipment for use with IJS in the amount of \$5749.54. The other major investment was the development of the Online Management Database in the amount of \$5750.00.

Summaries of our two major events in 2008/2009:

SA Skate

The total amount earned in entry fees was \$4751.65. The total expenses incurred totaled \$2992.73. We received a generous discount on ice hire from the Ice Sports Federation in the amount of \$1237.50

SA Championships and Winter Challenge

The total amount earned in entry fees was \$8205.00. The total expenses incurred totaled \$6317.77. We received a generous discount on ice hire from the Ice Sports Federation on ice hire in the amount of \$787.50

Bank balances as at 31/12/09

Cheque Account: \$16188.25
Savings Account 1: \$11,872.62
Savings Account 2: \$6014.45

SAISA Inc <i>PO Box 125</i> <i>OAKLANDS PARK SA 5042</i>		
Balance Sheet As of December 2009		
Assets		
Bank SA Cheque Account		\$11,147.00
Power Saver Account		\$11,807.58
Investment Account 2		\$6,002.47
Trade Debtors		\$1,566.00
Fixed Assets		
Computers		\$5,749.54
Computers Accum Dep'n		(\$881.00)
Printers		\$525.30
Other Assets		\$650.00
Provision for Depreciation		(\$375.08)
Walkie Talkie Sets		\$127.44
Total Assets		\$36,319.25
Liabilities		
Net Assets		\$36,319.25
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$30,293.24
Current Year Earnings		(\$3,647.78)
Historical Balancing		\$9,673.79
Total Equity		\$36,319.25

Profit & Loss Statement

October 2008 through December 2009

Income		
Donations		\$10.00
DVD Sales SA Championships		\$90.00
Grants		\$12,000.00
Interest Earned		\$327.09
Membership Fees		\$7,830.00
Membership Late Fee		\$120.00
Other Income		\$775.00
Program Sales SA Skate		\$671.65
DVD Sales SA Skate		\$460.00
SA Championships Entry		\$8,115.00
SA Skate Entry Fees		\$3,620.00
State Jackets Sales		\$195.00
Test Fees		\$6,500.00
Total Income		\$40,713.74
Cost Of Sales		
Gross Profit		\$40,713.74
Expenses		
Bank Fees		\$19.50
Depreciation of Equipment		\$789.00
DVD Expenses SA Championships		\$570.00
DVD Expenses SA Skate		\$510.00
ISA Affiliation Expense		\$1,320.00
ISA AGM Expenses		\$1,709.95
ISA Skater Development		\$500.00
IT Costs		\$6,831.00
Judging Gratuities - Tests		\$665.00
Judging Gratuities - SA Skate		\$235.00
Judging Gratuities - SA Champs		\$300.00
Memberships		\$159.50
National Insurance Scheme		\$1,742.40
Other Affiliation Fees		\$288.00
Other Expenses		\$1,046.45
Printing, Stationery, Postage		\$230.00
SA Championships Expense		\$3,556.52
SA Championships Ice Hire		\$1,891.25
SA Skate Expenses		\$953.98
SA Skate Ice Hire		\$1,293.75
Seminars Expenses		\$155.50
Special Projects		\$1,297.20
State Jackets Expense		\$132.00
Testing Expense Ice Hire		\$2,887.50
Testing Expense ISA Fees		\$2,175.00
Training Expenses		(\$600.00)
Total Expenses		\$30,658.50
Operating Profit		\$10,055.24
Other Income		
Interstate Competition Entry		\$6,785.00
National Championship Entry		\$8,015.00
Total Other Income		\$14,800.00
Other Expenses		
Interstate Competition Entry		\$6,310.00
National Championship Entry		\$8,015.00
Total Other Expenses		\$14,325.00
Net Profit / (Loss)		\$10,530.24

At 2008 AGM members agreed to change the financial year from October through September to January through December, therefore the 2008/2009 financial year was 15 months.

Other Income comprises mostly payments received that have not yet been identified.

Adjustment of training expenses incurred in 2007/2008 but paid in 2008/2009

P & L Summaries

SA Championships Summary	
Income	\$8,205.00
Expenses	\$6,317.77
Balance	\$1,887.23

SA Skate Summary	
Income	\$4,751.65
Expenses	\$2,992.73
Balance	\$1,758.92

Tests Summary	
Income	\$6,500.00
Expenses	\$5,727.50
Balance	\$772.50

Balance in Bank Accounts as at 9/3/09	
Cheque Account	\$16,004.00
Savings Account 1	\$11,920.63
Savings Account 2	\$6,037.79
Balance	\$33,962.42

7.1 SILVER BLADES FIGURE SKATING CLUB

As President of Silver Blades Figure Skating Club, I am happy to say that the new committee formed at the 2009 AGM, with Bobbi Netté taking over as Secretary, have worked very well as a team.

Our Club championships for 2009 went well to plan, our Artistic competition even better. It was very entertaining and our Silver Blades Skaters put together creative and very colourful costumes! Our guest judges were honored to judge our Artistic competition and are more than happy to do it again! Silver Blades re-introduced our Club Newsletter in August 2009. Thank you to Bobbi for putting it together for Silver Blades!

Our club also acknowledged our past Presidents and Secretary at our Artistic competition. Deb Zadow, Deb Tyson and Nicola Reece were presented with gifts from our Club for their past efforts.

As a committee we continue with our fundraising efforts to support Silver Blades to assist our figure skaters who attend Nationals and competitions. Silver Blades were also pleased to donate to the Salvation Army for Christmas, and lastly our end of year Christmas party went well as per usual, and that was a wrap for 2009.

Summary of Silver Blades Events for the year:

Club Championships - April
25 Individual Events from 21 skaters

Artistic Competitions - October
45 Individual Events from 34 Skaters

Christmas Party – December
Held in conjunction with the Adelaide Ice Skating Academy at the Ice Arena.

Fundraising events:

- . ACCU Lottery
- . Face Painting
- . Cake Stall
- . Trading Table
- . Entertainment Books

Ending the year with 69 members

7.2 NOARLUNGA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

The Noarlunga Figure Skating Club was kept very busy in 2009 with the many events the club has organised. We have had many competitions that skaters have participated in but without a doubt the most popular would have been the Artistic Trophy. All the skaters throughout the year had outstanding programs and beautiful costumes, and as always their dedication and hard work shone through.

The Noarlunga Figure Skating Club also participated in the Onkaparinga City Council Christmas Pageant. The committee members assembled the float and skaters of all ages participated with a lot of fun had by all. The club also held its annual Christmas Party where the club members were able to enjoy a lot of fun on the ice and all the extra goodies that we had on offer.

The Noarlunga Figure Skating Club was able to financially support skaters going to Nationals and Oceania Camp and have been hard at work fundraising with activities such as raffles and BBQ's. As always we have been looking for sponsorship to assist our members in Training and Development on all levels and we strive to continue the great work of previous committees.

We would also like to acknowledge our hard working volunteers, dedicated coaches and the Noarlunga Ice Sports Centre who always give their full support. Thank you.

7.3 JUDGING

The State judging panel had a busy and successful year, resulting in promotions for everyone on the judging panel. Bob Battersby, Ruzena Baranikova and Tara O'Connor were accredited to undertake judging duties up to and including referee at State Senior level. Cathy Macaulay and Kelly Binelli also received promotions during the year, Cathy to Primary and Kelly to Novice, and we extend a warm welcome to Toni Newbery who qualified as an accredited judge up to Elementary during the year. These judges make a very strong team and work well together and with interstate judges to further their skills. They put a lot of care into assessing the skaters and providing positive feedback. Their work as SAISA volunteers is greatly appreciated.

There were again many rule changes and clarifications this year, some at the ISU level and some at ISA level. One of the aims of the ISA changes is to bring as many of the local rules as possible in line with the ISU rules. For example, Adult competition in Australia will now use the ISU rules in preparation for the time when Australian adult skaters wish to compete in the ISU-sanctioned international adult competitions. Many ISU rule changes are finalised during the northern hemisphere's summer. In the future there will be more time to adapt to these changes because from 2010 the Australian National Championships will be moving to December to line up with the international calendar. The judges recommend that wherever possible skaters and coaches actively learn about the requirements for their level and the elements they need to perform. This will help them to 'skate smart' and achieve good results.

This year several training sessions were held for the judges as well as skaters and coaches. Cathy Taylor assisted with pairs and ice dance training at SA Skate 2009 and returned in June to give skills update sessions which involved both on- and off-ice sessions. The sessions concentrated on the updated marking system for Tests. The changes make marking Tests more in line with the International Judging System of marking (IJS for short). Cathy's assistance was greatly appreciated.

At States 2009 SAISA Wendy Langton and Susan Lynch gave excellent seminars on ice dance and pairs skating respectively. These were very beneficial to the judges, technical specialists, skaters and parents who attended. Robi Chalmer's assistance with these seminars was also appreciated; the on-ice dance seminar was an effective way to learn.

You will see from the Judging Panels listed below that the SA judges are now able to undertake judging duties in pairs and ice dance up to and including the levels listed. The judges have also been recognized for all their past efforts in judging synchronized team skating. Ruzena also undertook further training at the 2009 National Championships and is now accredited up to and including Junior at the National Championship level.

Robi Chalmers, Bernadette Mercurio and Sean Abram can all act as Technical Specialists (TS) and their willingness to help out is greatly appreciated. Last year SAISA members Rod Hocking and Chelsea Skene also volunteered for more technical specialist assistance and training; this is very helpful and appreciated.

The judges and technical specialists are quite comfortable using the new judging system now. Last year the SAISA Council decided it would be prudent to always have a maximum of 3 judges on a competition panel when the IJS is going to be used. This meant it could purchase three laptops for the judging system so that each judge could enter their marks directly. This is much more efficient and the judges enjoy being able to do this. SAISA is grateful to the State Government and the Office for Recreation and Sport for making this purchase possible through the Statewide Enhancement Grant Scheme for sporting associations.

The 6.0 system is still being used for Aussie Skate and artistic events as well as other club events. It is certainly easier to set up. It may not be realized that the IJS takes a bit of planning to prepare before an event and then, on the day of the event it is quite physically demanding to set up the solid tables and benches and lay out the IJS in time. More volunteers to help with this will always be appreciated. SAISA hopes to be able to organise some physical improvements to the judging area to make setup easier this year but the design options to do this are quite limited at present.

There were 13 Test sessions between October 2008 and December 2009. If we count the Elementary Tests as two Tests, there were 99 Test applications handled. From these there were 67 passes, 2 withdrawals and 30 not-ready-to-pass. The number not-ready-to-pass is a little disappointing, mainly because the skaters will be disappointed. The judges give these skaters positive feedback, just as they do to those that did pass, and encourage the skaters to continue practicing. Coaches are offered feedback sessions, by request, with judges after a Test session so that they are informed on decisions made during the Test session and what to work on to gain positive outcomes. It is heartening to see those skaters return to re-test after they have put in further hard work to master the skills they had difficulty with. Positive feedback is also appreciated by SAISA. After feedback from parents, a card system was introduced between the judges and the officials to ensure that correct recording of results is achieved.

Thank you to Nicola Reese who does a great job as Judging and Test Convener. Thank you again to the judges and also the other volunteers who help out at Test sessions.

Any member who is interested in judging, technical specialist roles, data entry, clerking, helping set-up of the judging area or making cups of coffee to thaw out the judges will be a very welcome member of the team of SAISA Volunteers.

SAISA	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PANELS				STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PANELS				NATIONAL TEST PANELS		
	SINGLES	PAIRS	DANCE	SYNC	SINGLES	PAIRS	DANCE	SYNC	SINGLES	PAIRS	DANCE
Bob Battersby	NOV J	NOV J	=	NOV J	REF	NOV J	ELEM J	SEN J	SEN	NOV	ELEM
Tara O'Connor	NOV J	=	=	=	REF	NOV J	ELEM J	SEN J	SEN	NOV	ELEM
Ruzena Baranikova	JUN J	=	=	=	REF	NOV J	ELEM J	SEN J	SEN	NOV	ELEM
Kelly Binelli	=	=	=	=	NOV J	NOV J	=	SEN J	NOV	NOV	=
Cathy Macaulay	=	=	=	=	PRIM J	PRIM J	ELEM J	=	PRIM	=	ELEM
Toni Newbery	=	=	=	=	ELEM J	=	ELEM J	=	ELEM	=	ELEM

ABBREVIATIONS: REF= Referee J = Judge SEN = Senior JUN = Junior NOV = Novice
 INT = Intermediate PRI = Primary ELEM = Elementary PRELIM = Preliminary
 REF – Senior Referee - If a judge is listed as a nov, jun or sen referee they are also a senior judge for that category.

8. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1:

"That:

1 it is noted that the SAISA Council remains the governing body of SAISA; and

2 the SAISA Council shall henceforth be known for operational purposes as the SAISA Board; and

3 the SAISA Board shall have all the powers, rights and responsibilities of the Council; and

4 the Directors of the Board be those elected Officers and Council Members of the Council, together with up to 2 appointments by the Board and a delegate from each affiliated Club with immediate effect"

The reasoning and discussion for this resolution was published on the SAISA website on 15 February 2010

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following nominations have been received in accordance with Clause 29 of the SAISA Inc Constitution:

POSITION	NOMINEE
Vice President	Nicola Reese
Secretary	Chelsea Skene
Council Members	Kym Broad Rhianon Reese