



威靈頓華僑體育文化中心

2011 AGM President's Report

1 May 2011

I am pleased to table the WCSCC President's Report for 2010.

I would like to formally thank the Centre's General Committee and the members of the various sub-committees for their efforts and commitment throughout 2010. I am deeply grateful for their (and their spouses/partners) support and assistance in the management and administration of the Centre.

The Centre has had a very busy and successful year on all fronts, it is very pleasing to see the large numbers of participation in all the areas of activities. We've brought additional focus on the membership administration which has wrought immediate benefits in terms of membership currency and payments. The website is a continued work in progress but have updated the content to ensure it is current. The focus on 2011 has been communicating effectively with our widespread membership and encouraging participation.

Financially, the Centre has seen a marked turn around in results. In 2009 we expended and provided for significant sums on building repairs and maintenance resulting in a deficit of \$47,245. For 2010 we achieved a net surplus of \$27,271, this is a \$60,000 turnaround. This has been achieved by an increase in stadium rentals, two significant bequeaths, improved membership returns and increased fund raising revenue, further assisted by significantly less repair and maintenance expenses.

We have maintained a conservative approach with the annual surpluses in term deposit, for 2010 the Centre's term deposits has grown by some \$67,000 over 2009. The surplus monies are targeted for three main provisions, firstly an operational expenditure reserve (in case of a drop off in rental revenue), secondly large scale refurbishment or repairs (such as the toilets), and thirdly new projects. A capital development plan and budget is being worked through for approval. The planning is being undertaken by Andrew Young, Vincent Sue, Mark Chiu, and Denis Chin.

The Centre facility continues to age, we have to spend or plan for increased maintenance or refurbishment, the major capital plan for 2011 is to refurbish the toilets, changing rooms and showers. This one of several projects the General Committee is kicking off to protect our greatest asset and extend our facility's useful life. The building's maintenance and management is through the efforts of Dennis Young, Tom Moon and Andrew Young, we have a multi-year maintenance contractor which is requiring ongoing effort to manage.

On a more sombre note, I would like to acknowledge the huge contribution Peter Kohing has made to the Centre over the some 30 plus years. His sad passing in August 2010 was a huge loss, we are eternally grateful for his guidance and leadership to the club.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the following Committee Members for their efforts:

- Justine Kohing, Club Secretary and WCA representative
- Mark Chiu, Vice President
- Andrew Young, Treasurer
- Bronwyn Chin, Communications
- Karin Won, Membership
- Thomas Chong, Cantonese Classes Coordinator
- Kim Lau, Yah Yih Yun
- Dennis Young, Building
- Tom Moon, Building
- Lisa Dong, Fundraising
- Rita Dong, Fundraising
- Grant Young, Sports
- Murray Young, Sports
- Kathy Young, Sports
- Vincent Sue, Cultural
- Monica Mercury, Sports
- Lawrence Young, Sports
- Liane Young, acting as Stadium Manager in my regular absences

The following report summarises the various activities for 2010 and outlines our proposed plans for 2011.

Thanks

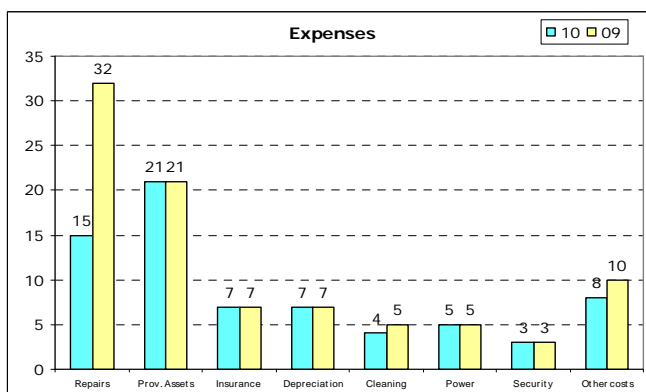
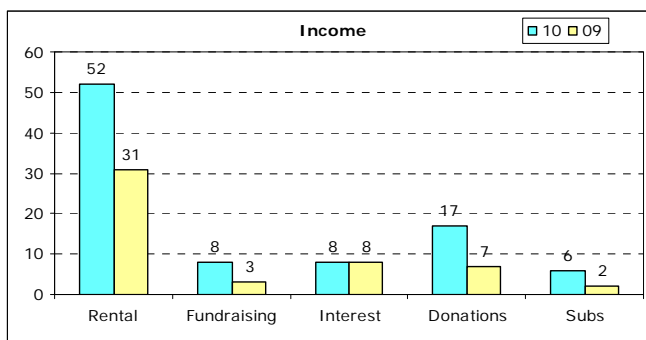
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Malcolm Young
President, WCSCC

FINANCIALS

The net surplus for the year was \$27,271 compared with a deficit of \$47,245 in 2009. The increase in net surplus by \$60,000 was due to the following;

- Income increased in 2010 by \$40,000 due to;
 - Rentals up by \$21,000 due to two new tenants.
 - Donations up by \$10,000 due to two bequests.
 - Members subscriptions were up by \$4,000 due to improved collections; and
 - Catering & Fundraising activities were up by \$5,000 activities mainly due to increases in the Social Dances and Catering income as compared to 2009.
- Expenses decreased in 2010 by \$20,000 during the year mainly due to a reduction of \$17,000 in repairs and maintenance costs from very high levels in 2009 due to various storms.
- The increase in Section activities income of \$6,000 reflects the increase in Yau Yih Yin and Sports bank accounts.



The Statement of Position reflects a stable cash position of \$249,000 (Cheque Account & Term Deposits) an increase of \$47,000 during the year due to the 2010 net surplus of \$27,000 plus non-cash items of \$21,000.

My thanks to Andrew Young for managing the responsibilities of Treasurer and coordinating the various Centre accounts.

FUNDRAISING

2010/11 was another successful year in relation to fundraising. With such a full calendar of events the committee resolved to follow the "tried and true" approach of fundraising events with the following being held for the year:

NZCA conference – 19 and 20 June
Goodwill Games – 15th August
Moon festival dinner – 19th September
Christmas lunch – Pines Restaurant – 21st November

The NZCA conference was a great success – a result of the excellent efforts of the WCSCC volunteers, who provided top quality catering to the attendees.

The Goodwill games was held at the WCSCC and was a great way for our younger members to compete with other Wellington teams in a familiar friendly environment. The canteen was a hit for the children and parents and this year saw a bumper crowd due to the cold weather and our tasty array of food!

The Moon festival was held on the 19th September greatly supported with 264 attendees. It was a great night of eating, entertainment and raffle prizes. All proceeds from this event going towards the WCSCC toilet/changing rooms upgrade.

The Christmas lunch was held at the Pines restaurant and was attended by many members of the WCSCC, and gave a chance for people to catch up and wind down after another busy year. Great food was followed by Father Christmas – a real hit for the children.

Fundraising is a major club activity involving all parts of the Centre, but certain people have stepped up to lead, special thanks to Rita Dong, Lisa Dong, Liane Young, Bronwyn Tims, Bronwyn Chin and Justine Kohing.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing at the WCSCC is still a very popular activity and membership continues to grow steadily. Classes held on Tuesdays and Saturdays are well attended.

We are very fortunate to have Avelyne Rowley a member who gives so much of her time to teach and lead our classes very ably supported by Stuart Chung.

Members enjoy the social aspect of the classes as well and it has become an important time for members to mix and socialise as well as doing some exercise. People are keen to improve their skills at line dancing as well as enjoy doing the dances to the very good music that Avelyne chooses.

Line Dancing is an activity suitable for the young and not so young

Thanks to Yvonne Chew Lee for being the Line Dance Coordinator

BALL ROOM DANCING

Another busy year for the BDG with Sunday Practices, a No Frills Social Dance for Club members, and the annual end of year Fund Raising Dance for WCSCC activities.

In addition they were involved in organising the Easter Veterans social dances plus sponsoring Community Dances as fundraisers for various WCSCC Groups.

In between they managed to attend many of the weekly community dances held in the district over the year plus brush up on their technique at mid week classes. Most can now dance with their partners without coming to blows,

A plus has been the fellowship and camaraderie within the group with pre dance dinners, after dance suppers, pre practice dinners, after practice suppers, event planning dinners, event debriefing dinners, new grandchildren dinners.....etc.

A sad loss during the year was the passing of Peter Kohing who, with Audrey, was the driving force behind the group leading it for over 12 years. His energy and enthusiasm encouraged many to share his love for dancing.

But listen, can you hear the music?,..... yeah the beat goes on, cmon lets dance.

Thanks to Eric Sue for being the Ball Room Dance Coordinator

YAH YIH YUN (Cantonese Pre-School)

YYY experienced a tough financial challenge for 2010 (and this is likely to continue), primarily as a result of the changes in Early Childhood Education policy where funding is a function of minimum student attending hours, so in order to maintain funding Early Childhood Centres are enforcing attendance at their facilities and impacting on YYY enrolment number (12 returned students),

- The low attendance levels also drove operational challenges in terms of the large number of vacant positions on the YYY committee. However the following people made the commitment to ensure there was a fully functioning 2010 YYY committee: Kim, Joanne, Andrew, Neil, Christine, Syliva, Tania & Kevin, Tina

Despite the difficulties, YYY achieved the following major successes in 2010:

- focused efforts on grant applications and recipient of COGs and Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust grant
- maintained funding from Ministry of Education and Asian Event Trust
- organised events each term
- actively promoting YYY and recruiting new members
- reviewed YYY curriculum

Our thanks to Kim Lau and the YYY committee for their 2010 efforts

BASKETBALL

Continuation of Basketball Program

In 2010 we continued to implement a new basketball coaching program that we began in 2009.

More progress was made with Coaching Manuals continuing to be used by most of the junior coaches and two new coaches namely: Greg Young & Lawrence Young taking Bini & Tiniball.

Biggest highlight of 2010 was the increasing number of junior players attending and their enthusiasm throughout the year. This has continued into the start of Bball for 2011 with virtually all juniors returning and a lot of new faces, particularly in Biniball.

Basketball Tournaments

WCSCC Queens Birthday Tournament June 2010 – Held at the centre

Dragons Funday July 2010- Well attended and successful for our Juniors

WCSCC Goodwill Games Aug 2010 – Held at the centre for Juniors and attended by Dragons and ACM

Dragons Tournament Sept 2010 – Attended by all our senior grades

Kapiti Hoop Club Informal Tournament – Held in Kapiti our junior players won all but 1 game against the Kapiti Hoop Club.

Social Activities

Despicable Me Fundraiser Movie

25 Sept – Karori Pool Party & Awards for Juniors

4 Sept – Centre Sleepover.

To ensure another successful 2010 our thanks to Grant Young and the Basketball Committee and the coaches

Cultural Group

The key planks of the Club's cultural activities revolve around traditional Chinese folk dancing, Lion dancing and Dragon dancing. Each group participates in a significant number of performances throughout the year and are in real demand.

Over the last twelve months receipts exceeding \$15,000 have been derived from the paid performances and fundraising. This has gone towards the maintenance of equipment, purchase of new uniforms, replacement of dragons, lions and instruments.

All this would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of the parents who tirelessly chauffeur their children to training and performance locations. Thank you to all involved, without your continued support our achievements would not be possible.

Thank you also to the Chinese Heritage Poll Tax Trust for their grant towards our new family of 2 new baby dragons. They will be on display at our eye dotting ceremony on Sunday 15th of May – from 2pm.

Chinese Dancing

The 2011 year has been a stand out to me for the following reasons:

- Largest number of participants in recent times;
- Participation at 7 functions this calendar year; 4 different groups performed in total over 20 times including a TV show and an audience with the Prime Minister;
- All performances were taught by previous dancers. Thank you to Nicky Lim, Steph Lee, Kim Wong, Natasha Young and Jess Loh.

Special thanks to our co-ordinators Bronwyn Tims and Liane Young for their dedication to the cause and unrelenting desire to find training times to suit the busy timetables of our children. Also thank you to the group co-ordinators Karen Szeto & Kathryn Wu (Tigers), Wendy Yung & Karen Lee (Dragons), Lisa Dong (Ponies), Bronwyn Chin & Michelle Sue (Monkeys) for organising their groups and ensuring all props etc are accounted for.

It is the intention of the group to teach more dances throughout the year rather than a one off event for Chinese New Year. Keep an eye out for more information on this development.

Lion

The Lion Pride is going from strength to strength. The younger members of the Pride are developing their skills and learning more complex and intricate patterns and the seniors are really taking their routines to a new level. The following feedback was provided from a recent performance:

“Comments [from the audience] have all been positive with some patrons making a particular emphasis on the lion dance being very engaging”

Demand has been high for their performances with over 2 dozen in the year to date. Performances have included private functions, Chinese New Year celebrations, weddings, and the annual performance for the Prime Minister of NZ and other VIPs at Parliament.

We have recently taken delivery of two new lions which will replace some of our aging equipment. There will be an eye dotting ceremony in May 2011 to bring our new lions to life.

A special thanks to Angela Wong who has been the Pride's mother over recent years. Angela has handed over control to Jason Roberts. Welcome Jason, we look forward to the continued growth of the Pride. Thank you to Aaron Lee who has been coaching the young cubs and James Roberts for leading the percussion team.

Dragon

After the extraordinary efforts for Hong Kong in Jan 2010, the rest of 2010/11 has been a period of consolidation. We've seen retirements plus the addition of new younger participants.

A highlight has been a paid role in the Broadway musical – Miss Saigon, which funded a replacement dragon as well as an excellent promotional activity.. We were warmly welcomed by the cast and got to experience first-hand the back stage workings of a professional show. Other paid performances for our luminous routine included

- Half time entertainment for the Richter City Roller Derby Club delivering a more complex routine which involve dancers completing sit-ups, rolling on the floor, holding two poles at the same time
- We took the opportunity to showcase two dragons for Chinese New Year, it definitely was a highlight for the crowd, while the team had to cope with a strong Wellington wind
- The troupe performed in 4 different cities over 4 consecutive weekends over March and April this year. One weekend was spent at WOMAD in New Plymouth and involved 2 luminous performances, 2 workshops and 3 parades.

We have taken delivery of two baby dragons and have started training a group of young dancers. Training will take place on Sundays and is targeted at the 10+ age group. All enthusiastic dancers are invited. Our strategy is to grow the troupe and provide a pipeline for the adult dragon. In the medium term we are keen to parade a family of dragons for the 2012 Chinese New Year celebrations – which is also the year of the Dragon.

Thanks to the organising committee – Vince Sue, Liane Young, Denis Chin, Bronwyn Chin, Linda Lim and James Roberts for their contribution though out the year.