

Minutes of the meeting for the
CNZ National Women's 8 Ball Championship Tournament
Held at the Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club
7 July 2021

CHAIRPERSON: Terry Ray, Clubs NZ President

HOST CONVENER: Kevin Stowers

MINUTES: Ritihia Kahu

ATTENDANCE:

Karen Edwards (Te Aroha); Tracey Holdaway (Bulls); Carol Hunt (Fielding); Lil Saunders (Tauranga); Sheryl Wills (Ohakune); Rangi Te Tomo (HCRSC); Cathy Bell (Whakatane RSA); Chantelle Gray (Palmerston Sports Club); Maureen Woods (Northland Club); Denise Brennock (Waikanae); Monica Kendrick (Taradale); Karen Amiria (Weymouth); Katarina Davis Bird (Kawerau); Christine Cameron (Invercargill); Karen Burns (UHCC); Nicola Burns (Petone); Debbie Coates (Manurewa); Gina Grimwood (Club Waimea); Ann Chadwick (Otahuhu); Louise Kerr (Kaiapoi); Clare Shanaher (Hornby); Leisa Rogers (Rotorua); Thea van Kempen (Hamilton Cosmopolitan); Kimberley Cullen (Swanson RSA); Jade Cullen (New Lynn RSA); Emma Bidois (Pio Pio Cosmpolitan); Rita Toamau (Pukekohe); Leeanne Stowers (Glen Eden); Crystalee Jane (South Taranaki)

APOLOGIES

Wendy Cook, Tatum Manning, Hazel Cook, Camelia Cook, Suzy Byrne

Moved: Lil Saunders (TAU)

Second: Sheryl Wills (TAU)

CARRIED

Terry Ray opened the meeting, welcomed the players and delegates, and called for a moment of silence for those players who have passed away in the last 12 months.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held at the Cashmere Club in 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

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MATTERS ARISING

Terry Ray confirmed only one official application from Manurewa for the 2022 tournament and one official application from Cashmere for 2023.

It is noted that an application has been received from Tauranga Citizens Club to host in 2024. At this stage applications are still open for 2024 year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Maureen Woods (Northland Club) stated WINZ have a number of bookings at various motels in South Auckland which makes it difficult to know which motel to book. The delegate asked if Manurewa could include accommodation options in Papakura, Drury etc as well as indicate which motels have WINZ bookings.
2. Karen Edwards (Te Aroha Club) read a text received from Wendy Cook requesting that it be read on her behalf.

Club New Zealand 8 Ball members and pool players. I write to discuss the committee that was set up a few years ago to promote the sport and be a liaison and spokesperson for all the players. The original committee was the following:

- Wendy Cook, Karen Edwards, Mike Ryan, Gary Simpson (resigned), Barry Appleton (resigned), Graeme Carr (resigned), Trevor Higginson, and others that had not made it to meetings.

This committee is passionate about the sport and representing players with the best of intention always. Due to many reasons outside of our control this committee has not been able to have these meetings for some time albeit all that have worked behind the scenes and assisted when required. Myself, Wendy Cook, and Karen Edwards hereby resign from the committee. We thank everyone who has worked with us. This gives an opportunity for others to setup something similar in the interest of the sport we love. I know I speak for Karen when I say we will always be approachable and available to offer our knowledge and assist anyone that asks. I would like to finish by stating this committee was setup at an Open AGM and would like to see everyone go away and think about if a new committee is to be setup, who these people will be and hopefully with a full and correct process of nominations and votes etc. There will always be challenges but I have faith we can always keep working together for the future of the sport we all love. Kind regards.

3. Terry Ray thanked the outgoing committee for their time and look forward to the establishment of a new committee at the next National AGM.
4. It is noted that this year's tournament started a week earlier i.e. would usually start the first week of the school holidays. It was also confirmed that the National Women's and Master Tournaments will start on a Sunday. The 2022 dates are:
 - Women's tournament will start on Sunday 10 July 2022
 - Master's tournament will start on Sunday 17 July 2022

Both tournament dates will need to be confirmed then posted on the Clubs NZ website.

5. Terry Ray confirmed the Clubs NZ Draw process has changed. Kevin Stowers informed the delegates that the hosting club is now required to record the player names and memberships numbers to be forwarded to Clubs NZ. These will then go into a draw at the

end of the year. The Chair noted the difficulty for everyone to find sponsors and thanked the Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club for hosting this year.

6. Terry Ray referred to the comments on the Hamilton Cosmopolitan face book page regarding the recalculation of scores that were overlooked. Terry Ray stated the comment was inappropriate and contacted that person to tell him so. The Chair suggested if anyone has a concern to approach the host club.
7. Lil Saunders (TAU) raised an issue regarding two Tauranga players in the same section. Karen Edwards stated there are no rules regarding this issue however club clashes should never happen in section play unless there are more players than sections. Kevin Stowers accepted the error on behalf of the hosts. Kat Tito informed the delegates that they picked up some errors in the Draw, communicated with Kevin Stowers and those were fixed. Kevin Stowers confirmed he had received some calls and managed to fix the errors before the start of play.
8. Lil Saunders (TAU) noted a player was a no show and asked where were the reserve players? Kevin Stowers stated as soon as he was notified that a player was unavailable, he contacted those on the reserve list. The first one had to work that afternoon, could not contact the second one and managed to get the third reserve to fill in. Kevin Stowers stated he had omitted to tell the reserves they had to be present for registration with their gear. It was suggested that a comment regarding requirements for the reserves be added with the draw and booklet.
9. Denise Brennock suggested players from different clubs could become an honorary member of a chosen club in order to make them eligible to play in the pair's tournament. The Chair stated an honorary member in that case would be illegal however the Club Manager could ask for a minimal fee to make the player a member (not an honorary member).
10. Kevin Stowers reminded the delegates there is an official entry form which should be completed. A delegate stated the purpose of the official entry form to be signed by the Club Manager is to confirm that those players are eligible to play in the tournament. Names from individuals should not be accepted. It is noted that some Club Managers do not know what they have to do, and members know they have to present their current registration card when registering for the tournament.
11. Karen Burns (Upper Hutt) asked for referees at Clubs New Zealand tournaments to have a set of Rules on them at all times. Carol Hunt (City Club 2000) asked that the referees be registered referees with Clubs New Zealand. Karen Edwards stated the issue of registered referees is a contentious one and is unsure how long it would take to get it sorted. The referees panel has chosen to dismiss all long-term referees who are now required to re-sit for the badge. It is difficult for clubs who run tournaments to know what to do regarding referees. The Chair confirmed the Club NZ Rules covers all sports and suggested that a remit to discuss this matter is required 21 days prior to the AGM. Karen Burns (UHC) stated referees have shirts that signify they are recognised referees and they should be used at National tournaments.

12. Christine Cameron (INV) spoke of the dress code. Kevin Stowers reminded the delegates that some players have asked for exemption and provided a medical certificate. Karen Edwards stated there is no Rule regarding the colour of the clothes to be worn during National tournaments and that fashion has changed. The distinguishing mark is there are to be no studs in the trousers. Jeans are not allowed. The Dress Code should be on the entry form. If there are any issues with Dress Code, then approach the host club. A delegate suggested the Club Captain for each club should talk to their players about the dress code.
13. Negative personal comments on and off the table is not acceptable.
14. Louise Kerr asked if past ranked players could be seeded higher in the sections. Kevin Stowers explained the process for ranking. Karen Edwards also explained there is no discretionary power in ranking therefore past players are not ranked. However, their names are now being retained so that they cannot be eligible for the first-year performance title. It is noted that players will earn their ranking in the tournament that they play in regardless of where they are placed in the section.

As there is no further business, the meeting was closed at 10am