

**Minutes of the Clubs New Zealand National Women's 8 Ball**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Held at Cashmere Club Inc. 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

- Start Time:** 8:06 am
- Meeting Chair:** Keith Ballantyne (Clubs NZ General Manager Southern)
- Tournament Control:** Murray Davies
- Minute Secretary:** Janet McGrath
- Present:** Lizzie Moses (ALX) Janet McGrath (CAS) Lil Takiwa (CIT) Laureen McLean (CLW) Bella Brierly (GLR) Pauline Laugesen (HOR) Wendy Stevens (INV) Rachel Lamplugh (KAI) Nicki Cruickshank (PAP) Theresa Murti (PAT) Kat McKenzie (RCH) Jessica Clapp (SWW) Monica Kendrick (TAR) Mirihau Jamieson (TGA) Denise Brennock (WAI) Tracey Holdaway (BUL) Maureen Woods (NTH)
- Apologies:** Katrina Tito (GLR)
- Welcome:** Keith Ballantyne welcomed everyone on behalf of the board of Clubs NZ and called for a minute of silence for those we have lost in the last year.
- Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the AGM held at the Manurewa Cossie Club on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were confirmed as a true and correct record.
- Moved: M Kendrick                      Seconded: T Holdaway
- Matters Arising:** The question was asked if Tauranga was still hosting the Ladies & Masters Nationals in 2024, this was confirmed by Keith who had a copy of application to host from Tauranga. The letter of application was read in abbreviated form by Keith detailing what the Tauranga Citizens Club had to offer players attending the event next year.
- General Business:** Mirihau Jamieson from Tauranga Citizens Club said whilst playing on the first day as loud as anything the bad language, Mirihau suggested there were other words in the English language that could be used and there was no need for that kind of language, to which Keith responded "well said" that's what is good about clubs, we do have standards, they are a great place to go to and we shouldn't let our standards slip.

Murray Davies said he had been asked many times during the week about the payout structure. Cashmere pays out 82% of the entry fees in prize money, of which 80% goes to the main championship & 20% to the trophy which he believes came into place when the entry fees were raised to \$70 to bolster the trophy event, we have flights in each one but there will always be someone who misses out, the size of the field determines how deep you go down with the prize money, Murray said he would like to see a standardized format used around the whole country. Keith responded on behalf of Clubs NZ who are trying to get a bit of uniformity around Clubs NZ sporting events and the percentage expected to be returned to the players, the minimum being 60% allowing for 40% to be used for the rising costs involved for hosting tournaments. Nicki Cruickshank from Papanui Club said she would like to see if you make it to a semi-final or final you get acknowledgement of some sort or a payout of some sort for example if you play in the main event and qualify but get knocked out in the first round and go into the flight and play your hardest and make it to the semi-final to end up with nothing. Tracy Andrew from Richmond Club responded saying the flight was a bonus tournament and not a part of your structured tournament which is the Championship & the Trophy, other players chipped in and said it was not like that to the players because it was still the main flight not the trophy flight. Keith said it is better for the club if you can keep the players enjoying your facility rather than returning to their accommodation and should be looked at. It was suggested to take it to Open Nationals AGM as a motion as the decision can only be made at that meeting, the response was that this comes up every year and a committee was supposed to be formed but nothing ever happened to which Keith responded you have spoken to the right person this time.

Keith ended by thanking Murray, Tracy and the Cashmere team.

Meeting closed 8.24 am