

# CLUBS NZ 10th 500 NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 2024

## AT THE PAPANUI CLUB, CHRISTCHURCH

### MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING SATURDAY 4th MAY 2024 AT 7pm

**PRESENT:** -N.I. - Graham Drinnan & Rosemary Moore - Hamilton WMC, Jim Lynn - Hamilton RSA, Tepou Matangi & Audrey Martin - Mangere Coso Club, Leonie Terewi & Denise Wiki - Manurewa Cosy Club, Philip Montgomery - Ohinemuri & Paeroa RSA, Lynn Eves & Adrian Chambers - Porirua Club, Peter Cowley - Swanson RSA, Denise Gainfort & Martin de Raat - Tauranga Citizens Club, Roberta Herbert - Rotorua Citizens Club, Jude Harding - Weymouth, Mereana Arnold - Whakatane, Gerry Higham - Rules Committee - N.I. - Cathy Morton and Brent Logan - Cashmere Club/Rules Committee - SI, Jenny & John Ellenbroek - Kaiapoi Club, Molly Brown - New Brighton, Bev Ockwell, John Marshall & Alan Neale (Sec.) Papanui, Marie Turner & Denise Brown - Richmond.

**WELCOME:** Maurice Nutira (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the Delegates meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Hammington - Hamilton WMC

*Moved* - Jenny Ellenbroek - Kaiapoi     *Seconded* - Peter Cowley – Swanson

**A MOMENTS SILENCE** was observed as mark of respect for those no longer with us.

**CONFIRMATION OF 2023 MINUTES:**

*Moved* - Philip Montgomery - Ohinemuri     *Seconded* - Denise Brown - Richmond.

**MATTERS ARISING:** None

**NEXT YEARS HOSTING CLUB:** Weymouth confirmed they are going ahead - date TBC.

**APPLICATIONS FOR CNZ NATIONAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT 2026:** Hamilton WMC put name forward.

**REMITTS:**

Remit to: Clubs NZ (via 500 Rules Committee) Dated: 23rd February 2024

1. Proposed New Rules:

**Rule 4(l)** The Kitty may be viewed by the maker (winning bidder) only, who may, or may not, exchange the 3 cards. The kitty (and discards) may not be viewed or altered after the first card has been led.

**Rule 4(m)** If any card from the kitty (or discards) is revealed by the maker or looked at by their partner the maker's bid is deemed lost and the bid deducted from their score. The opposition score 100 penalty points.

**Rule 4(n)** If the maker fails to leave exactly 3 cards in the discarded kitty, before the first card is led, then Rule 5(f) is invoked.

**Rule 4(o)** A card is deemed “led”, when it is the first card played in the trick, at the moment it is exposed to any of the other players, regardless of whether or not it has been released by the player. An invalid lead shall be treated as an exposed card.

## 2. Proposed Amendments

### **Rule 1(c)**

Change “460” to read “490”

Background & Reasons:

The current Rule is historic and based on the original full play of 500 points, not the restricted time of 10 minutes, therefore it is unfair when determining which pair wins or loses when the game is played to 4 hands/10 minutes and not necessarily 500 points.

Accumulating “10 point tricks” up to 490 is usual in many forms of the game and Rule 1(a) must still be satisfied to win a game.

Submitted by: Tauranga Citizens Club 500 Adjunct, February 2024

Denise Gainfort - Tauranga Club, spoke to the remit in some detail and asked why the Rules Committee had taken the remit and included it in the updated 2024 rules which were then posted on the Clubs NZ website when it had not been replied to, or even ratified at a Delegates meeting. Also why had they had not adopted nor acknowledged Part 2 of the remit i.e. 460 to 490.

Brent Logan and Cathy Morton, (members of the 4 person Rules Committee), replied that when the Tournament became a National event (2014), there were a number of different versions of the Rules being played and a Rules Committee was formed (2 each from NI and SI) to look at all versions, with a view to adopting one common set of rules for all Clubs NZ Tournaments.

This was done with further changes made as and when remits were put forward.

The Committee believed they had a mandate to discuss, alter, add or accept any remits put forward, without being ratified at a Delegates meeting. This process speeded up the introduction of any new rules by a year.

Alan Neale - Papanui noted that he had checked minutes from 2014 on and could find no mention of a mandate given to the Rules Committee. A number of the Delegates were also unaware there was a Rules Committee.

The Committee acknowledged their communication could have been better.

Most Delegates believed the correct process was, when remits were put forward (at least 3 months prior to Tournament) they be displayed on Clubs NZ website for Clubs to see, discuss and comment on, then they are ratified, or not, at the next Delegates meeting.

The Chairman noted this was the normal process for all sections.

It was also suggested copies be sent to the Card Section Secretaries of all Clubs, as if just sent to Clubs, they were not always passed on to the section. Check with Clubs NZ if this is possible. If not, perhaps the Club doing the remit could do so.

The Chairman suggested that given the amount of confusion etc, that the remit be held over to next year. This was agreed to.

Bev Ockwell – Papanui, asked if there was any need for a Rules Committee with the rules fairly settled now.

Cathy Morton said she was happy if that was what the Delegates wanted as she would not miss the hours of work put in to discuss and sort things out.

Others had concerns that it would take two years to get any changes done.

**MOTION-** J. Ellenbroek, Kaiapoi/B. Ockwell, Papanui - That the Rules Committee be disbanded - **carried with show of hands.**

Clubs NZ to be advised the 2024 rules sent by the Committee to be taken down from their website and a copy of the 2021 rules be put up.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Jude Harding -Weymouth - asked why no one asked Elaine Tollen if she wished to step down from the Rules Committee.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Meeting closed 7.58pm**