

**CLUBS NEW ZEALAND 11TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL 500 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 2025
WEYMOUTH COSMOPOLITAN & SPORTS CLUB**

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING - SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2025 @ 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Cashmere Club – Bill Turei
Hamilton Workingmen's Club – Bob Lord, Joyce Blair
Kaiapoi Club – Jenny Ellenbroek
Mangere Cosmopolitan Club – Audrey Martin, Tepou Matangi
Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club – Leonie Terewi, Denise Wiki
Ohinemuri Club / Paeroa RSA – Phillip Montgomery
Papakura Club - Carl Cooke
Papanui Club – Alan Neale, John Marshall
Porirua Club – Florrie Karini
Rotorua Citz Club – Roberta Herbert
Swanson RSA – Peter Cowley
Taradale RSA – Val Russell
Tauranga Citz Club – Martin de Raat
Waiuku Cosmopolitan Club – Christine Koh
Weymouth CC – Jude Harding
Whakatane RSA – Mereana Arnold, Trevor Horgan

WELCOME: Jim Bhana – President Weymouth C&S Club (Chairman) welcomes all to the delegates meeting.

APOLOGIES: Clubs New Zealand

A moments silence was observed as a mark of respect for members who have passed.

CONFIRMATION OF 2024 MINUTES:

Passed as a true and correct record.

Moved – Jenny Ellenbroek / Kaiapoi Club

Seconded – Philip Montgomery / Ohinemuri Club

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING:

Showed in the minutes that Hamilton Workingmen's Club had expressed an interest in hosting 2026, Joyce Blair – She knew nothing about this.

APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE TOURNAMENTS:

Papanui Club 2026

All in Favour / Ae - Carried

Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club 2027.

All in favour / Ae – Carried

Both clubs will be expected to put forward a Contract to Host the National 500 Singles Championship Tournament

REMITTS:

The below was discussed and voted upon to be kept in the 500 Rules Of Play - 2025

Proposed Draft for Ratification – Remit changes

ALL CLUBS NZ SINGLES 500 RULES OF PLAY – (2025)

2. Proposed Amendments

1. The Game

c) No more 10-point tricks can be taken beyond 490.

5. The Kitty

a) 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.

b) 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, 100 points are awarded to the opposition's score.

* (A clause to be put in whereby if an accidental reveal occurs, common sense prevails, carry on with the game.)

c) If the maker fails to leave exactly 3 cards in the discarded kitty, before the first card is led, then the bid is deemed lost and the bid deducted from the maker's score. 100 points are awarded to the opposition's

6. During Play

i) 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.

All in Favour / Ae – Carried

The above rules have been ratified, moved and passed by all in attendance.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Tauranga CC – The standard of players today have been very poor, some of which are not considered social players and this is what has caused delays in play. There has to be a standard set by the club from presenting these players to the National tournaments.

Weymouth CC – Totally agree, would you not agree, that is up to the convenors of the sections of each club. If they know that their players are not up to standard, don't you think that they should be saying" No, You can't play!.

Manurewa CC – The organisers, all they see is the names, they can't see the quality of the players.

Kaiapoi Club – Maybe something could be put out to the clubs, that they need to look at that sort of thing when they are putting names forward.

Porirua Club – As a convenor, you would know that your players would know how to play. If you are not confident that they know how to play fairly or correctly.

Tauranga CC - Why do we have so many rounds of 8 x 8 games, that's what is also slowing things up.

Jude – I'll put my hand up, I made that decision, I thought we could skip through these games in all honesty. Looking at today, if you don't mind, we could just cut that down to play 3 x rounds of 7 x 8 games .

Hamilton WMC – There is nothing wrong with 8 x 8 games, it's the players. It's brilliant.

Tauranga CC – There's no need to have as many games. We are used to playing 52 games.

Papanui Club – Next year we will play on Saturday 3 x 7 games and 1 x 8, Sunday 1 x 8 games and 2 x 7 games

Hamilton WMC – How can we go about the players who shouldn't be here?

Weymouth CC – That's got to go back to the Convenors, that's up to them to sort out.

Whakatane RSA – A lot of us love to play 8 x 8 games on the first day, but it's the timing. Some people can only go 3 x games and then the bell goes. We should encourage short games on Saturdays.

Tauranga CC– Even if everyone is playing as fast as they can, you still need 12 to 13 minutes per games, You didn't have that

Kaiapoi Club– The sections or the clubs, do need to say something. People have to start playing these games a little more correctly. They should at least know the basic Rules

Note for Convenors:

The convenors of each club are responsible for making sure that their members who are registered to play in National tournaments are confident and know the rules. As learning “ how to play “ should take place on their Club Nights.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm