

CLUBS NZ 12th 500 NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 2026

AT THE PAPANUI CLUB, CHRISTCHURCH

MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING SATURDAY 9th MAY 2026

PRESENT: -N.I. Hamilton WMC - Bob Lord & Kay Lord / **Mangere Cos. Club** - Tepou Matangi & Audrey Martin / **Manurewa Cos. Club** - Leonie Terewi & Denise Wiki **Ohinemuri** -Philip Montgomery / - **Porirua** – Flo Karini / **Swanson RSA** - Peter Cowley **Tauranga Citizens Club** -Brian Pope & Martin de Raat / **Weymouth** - Jude Harding & May Breyhen / **Waiuku** - Gerry Higham & Helen Robinson / **Taradale** – Val Russell **S.I.** – **Kaiapoi Club** -Jenny & John Ellenbroek / **New Brighton** - Molly Brown **Papanui** - John Marshall & Alan Neale (Sec.)

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

APOLOGIES: Cashmere & Ashburton
Apologies accepted - Moved - Kaiapoi Secoded - Waiuku

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

CONFIRMATION OF 2025 MINUTES:

Moved - Philip Montgomery - Ohinemuri Secoded - Audrey Martin - Mangere

MATTERS ARISING: None

NEXT YEARS HOSTING CLUB: Manurewa confirmed dates will be 1st 2nd May 2027

APPLICATIONS FOR CNZ NATIONAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT 2028: Papanui put name forward. – TBC

REMITTS:

Remit to Clubs NZ from Alan Neale, Secretary from Papanui Club
seconded by Jenny Ellenbroek , Secretary from Kaiapoi Club

We propose changes to Rule 2.k which reads:-

“ Providing **All** cards have been dealt onto the table prior to the finish bell/whistle, that hand is deemed to have started “

Proposed change to read:-

“ Providing **One Card** has been dealt onto the table prior to the finish bell/whistle, that hand is deemed to have started. “

The Remit was posted on Clubs NZ website on 16/3/26 for Clubs to discuss prior to Delegates meeting.

Tauranga said they had trialled it & found it added 1 to 2 minutes between some games but were in favour of it as had Papanui & Kaiapoi.

Discussion was had with most feeling while it added time it was not onerous but those running Tournaments needed to allow for up to 15 minutes for each round.

Alan pointed out the Nationals Rules state there must be a minimum of 50 games over the 2 days, Papanui were playing 51 this year.

Bob Lord would like to see it kept as is, he felt there was too much tinkering with the rules.

The Remit was put to a vote by show of hands – 10 for 3 against. – passed

Clubs NZ to be advised of the rule change & when posted on their website it becomes the new rule.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A discussion was held on Bidding Rules J & K which say that if a player changes suit or ups the bid during bidding every player can then re-enter the bidding, even those who had previously passed.

Several people disagreed believing this was wrong & these had been introduced without being ratified – Alan Neale to check.

Note:- I checked all rules back to 2018 ,being the oldest copy I have.

The same wording for those rules & subsequent years when other rules were amended & have not changed.

Discussion was had on cutting when about to deal.

The rules state scorer shuffles and must be cut by an opponent.

It can be either of the opponents not just the one on the left of the dealer as is the norm.

For future reference if any Club wishes to have a rule altered the must put forward a remit (with a seconder from another Club) to Clubs NZ who will put it on their website as well as sending remit info to every Club in NZ.

This gives all Clubs the opportunity to discuss it prior to the Delegates meeting where it can be ratified or not.

Bob Lord felt any rule change should have a high acceptance threshold before a change is allowed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed 7.30pm