

Minutes of the 2024 Clubs New Zealand National Junior 8Ball Championship delegates meeting

Chair: Keith Ballantyne

Minute Taker: Donna Cheal

Date: 15th April 2024 9:00am

Location: Richmond Club

Present: Keith Ballantyne CNZ (Chair), Kat McKenzie Richmond (Convenor), Donna Cheal (minute taker), Wendy Cook (Tokoroa), Terri Argus (Papatoetoe), Jess Brown (Kaiapoi), Peter Wilson (Cashmere), Zane Burnard (New Plymouth), Blake Burnard (Waitara), Tab Pou (Kaiapoi), Nainz Tupai (Swanson), Jan Mareko (Richmond), Jacques Howiga (Taradale), Sarah Davidson (Papanui), Sharyn Syder (Richmond), Steven Argus (Manurewa), Shyla Tukya (Papanui), Michael Langdon (Pukekohe), David Stuart (New Plymouth (Keri Keri)).

Welcome from Keith Ballantyne on behalf of Clubs NZ for the South Island (Maurice unable to attend)

Apologies: Maurice Nutira

Minutes silence for those that has passed.

Minutes: Nil.

M/: Kat McKenzie, Richmond **S/:** Jess Brown, Kaiapoi

Applications to Host:

Letter of Intent received from Papatoetoe Cosmopolitan Club to host 2025

– **confirmed to host 2025.**

Letter of Intent received at the meeting to host 2025 and presented by Keith from Kaiapoi Club

– **confirmed to host 2026.**

Letter of Intent received from Tauranga Citizen Club to host either 2026 or 2027

– **confirmed to host 2027.**

M/: Zane Burnard, New Plymouth **S/:** Wendy Cook, Tokoroa

All in favour – carried.

General Business

Wendy Cook, Tokoroa, discussed the Junior Pairs that is presently being run. A few years ago, there was many things set up to try and get the Junior's in and playing scotch pairs / alternative pairs and good numbers now, i.e. 40 players which have increased. Wendy suggested to treat the Juniors the same way as the adult tournaments and to enter the Junior Competition as a Pair (enter as a pair). To allow and assist with the Juniors from smaller clubs to pair up with a junior member of another club. Wendy put it to the floor that players can choose their partner for the Junior Pairs National Competition going forward.

Zane Burnard, New Plymouth, up to the hosting club to decide the format or did we not discuss? Kat McKenzie, Richmond, replied that it wasn't discussed about choosing your own pair. Commented that for some of the players, it's their first Junior National competition and not dominated by the strong pairing - Scotch Pairs allows to mix up the pairs and create long term friendship groups, shake of the nerves and ready for the Junior Singles. Kat was keen to keep it drawn pairs.

Keith raised that a remit was passed at the National AGM that the format for pairs, whether it be straight or scotch to be decided by the host club and advertised on the flyer and registration form. This is to be discussed further about the competition.

Wendy stated that for adult competition format must be the same members of the same club, however, can be different for Juniors. We come to a Junior Tournament and expect to who the National Pair and Single Champion and don't expect to teach other Juniors, its not the time. Coaching can be done at another time. How is the drawn completed? Is it drawn from higher players one half and lower players others from another half? Tab Pou, Richmond, concerned of the selected pairs entering i.e. higher-ranking players will put them off and lose their confidence and not play. It's good that lower-ranking player is learning from the higher-ranking player. Wendy replied that it was protecting the Juniors too much and taking away a prestige of a tournament. Tab commented that the players have worked hard to achieve their wins.

Zane asked if the hosting club chose what they want to do. Papatoetoe could try at the next Junior Competition? In the constitution right now, there is flexibility to try it and the rules are in place to try and do something different. Can go back and review the format. Try different things. straight pairs, not alternative shots.

Wendy said in the minutes, that host club doesn't have the right to choose pairs or drawn pairs. The wording in the AGM minutes were discussed further to confirm straight scotch or drawn pairs.

Kat asked how players contact each other if playing from another club? Jacques Howiga, Taradale, mentioned their player met other players for the first time at the

competition was great, how does he contact someone from another club? Jess Brown, Kaiapoi, agreed they wouldn't mingle or play with anyone else if straight pairs. Wendy suggested that the parents of the players come along and mingle, and the club will ensure contact with the right people / players. Keith emphasised allows people to get together as it grows and gets bigger and bigger. Remit can be passed and bring it up at this Junior meeting and not decided at the National AGM.

M/: Wendy, to move the motion and discuss it with the host club and chose their own partner for pairs, not drawn **S/:** Terri Argus, Papatoetoe.

David Stuart, New Plymouth, raised that his son liked the drawn pairs as he didn't know anyone else, otherwise wouldn't be in the pairs. Likes the drawn pairs. Terri suggested to meet the night before and choose their partner. Comments were made about comparing it to a school team choosing players (i.e. picked last in a team) and first year playing, perhaps feeling nervous and getting to know other kids playing. Sharon Syder, Richmond, raised her son entered the competition for the first time knowing it was drawn pairs and felt more comfortable entering drawn pairs, rather than trying to find someone he doesn't know and not play.

Wendy requested a motion to the floor that the authority to talk to the host of next year and suggest to them to leave it in their hands to have the right to choose normal or drawn pairs, example chosen pairs or drawn pairs. Given the right to the hosting club.

Keith put it to the floor for voting drawn or entering as a chosen pair.

In Favour (7), Against (5).

Voted in favour that the host club gets the choice.

Wendy thanked the Richmond Club of running the event, staff went above and beyond and the packs that the kids received were great.

Keith thanked on behalf of the Clubs NZ as clubs struggle to host and thank you to Richmond and the facilities, i.e.

all the gear and live camera and staff here at Richmond.

Thank you everyone for your attendance and all the best for the players who are currently playing and good luck to the kids. Important getting the kids to play cue sports and excited about it.

Meeting closed 9:26am.