

Minutes of Clubs New Zealand 2026 National Masters 8 Ball AGM

Held Hornby Club Friday 17th July 2026.

Present

Chairman	Maurice Nutira
Secretary	Cherry Pavelka
Tournament Convenor	Pauline Laugesen
CNZ Representative	Keith Ballantyne

Clubs

Bays Club
Buller
Glen Eden RSA
Gore
Hamilton
Hornby
Howick
Invercargill
Kaiapoi
Manurewa CC
Northland
Papatoetoe RSA
Petone
Porirua
Pukekohe Cosi Club
Richmond
Runanga
Tauranga Citizens
Waikanae

Delegates/ Other Attendees

Neil Bowman
Rhys James, Amber James
Clare Shanahan,
Corrie Evans, Andy Cavanagh
Danny Ward
Pauline Laugesen, Paul Morris, Sherralee Boyce, Cherry Pavelka
Terry Andrews
Brian Stewart, John Brown
Barry Jones
Rod Buck
Chris Williams, John Stevens
Darren McKay, Steve Brown
Chris Baker
Ite Talosaga
Rachel Langdon
Tracy Andrew
Thomas Young
Nita Clarkson, Neil Clarkson
Denise Brennock

Meeting opened: 08:03

Maurice Nutira introduced himself as the Clubs New Zealand Area Board Delegate. He welcomed Keith Ballantyne and everybody to the meeting.

Apologies: Nil

A moments silence was observed in remembrance of those that had passed away.

Motion: That the minutes from the previous meeting are a true & correct record.

Moved: Rod Buck Manurewa Seconded: John Stevens Northland Carried.

Matters Arising: Nil.

Update from 2027 Hamilton

Danny Ward: Everything's on track, going well. Transports organised. Accommodation will be sent out nearer to tournament date advising places offering discounts. There will be food/drink specials throughout the tournament, so turn up in numbers and enjoy yourselves.

Application for future tournaments:

- 1) Letter of intent dated 9 June received from Invercargill to host 2028 Ladies and Masters Nationals
- 2) Email dated 9 July received from Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club to also host these tournaments in 2028.

Invercargill's representative – Brian.

We hosted the 2024 South Islands and the 2025 Nationals. We would be more than happy and honoured to host the Ladies and Masters 2028 tournaments. We have a great facility, tons of room, about 3 metres around every table

There's plenty of room around the outside of our venue. We can set up grandstands for people to sit and watch games. Last time round our restaurant was struggling, but our restaurant has come right. We will have buffets running all tournament. It's a great Club. A big club. Come and see us, I'm sure we'll host another fantastic tournament.

Late expression of interest from Manurewa Club.

Rod Buck: The reason we put in a late entry was because we believed that there is a remit/policy in place that these National events are held twice in the North island and once in the South. Although I have nothing against the Invercargill Club whatsoever, you can probably appreciate how many events we have held and because of this policy/remit we would like Invercargill to let us do 2028. They are very welcome to do 2029.

Maurice: As this issue was raised at the Ladies Nationals AGM, he followed up with Terry Ray, President of CNZ and the CEO. As far as they were concerned, there is no policy/remit. There is only a guideline that was put in place after the Christchurch earthquakes when South Island Clubs couldn't host tournaments because a lot of the Clubs were damaged. It discussed at the Ladies AGM, there was a guideline, one at the top, one in the middle and one in the South. Over the years this has fallen away. Quite often, not many applications to run tournaments are received.

Manurewa email expressing interest to host, only received 1 day prior to Ladies AGM.

On reflection, their email should not have been considered as Invercargill's application was received within 14 days of the Ladies AGM meeting, on the correct documentation and with a covering letter from the Club.

The vote at the Ladies AGM, although went in favour of Invercargill, by 1 vote, did not need to be undertaken as Manurewa expression of interest was not valid as it did not meet requirements as set out in Tournament Handbook. Maurice apologised for this.

From the ladies AGM. The ladies are expecting a vote to take place at this AGM on this matter, and for the votes to be combined, as although the AGM'S are separate, the tournaments are run back-to-back.

Maurice asked the CNZ representative, Keith Ballantyne if he had heard of a policy?

No. Over the years there have been several guidelines, but that's gone by the by. We just don't get the applications so it's open slather as to who wants to do it whenever they want to do it. Some Clubs like to host tournaments to align with their anniversary celebrations. The bottom line is applications must be lodged within 14 days of AGM.

A robust discussion ensued. There were differing views as to whether a policy existed or not and what it was? Suggested that if voted on at Ladies AGM then it should be put to a vote at this meeting then sorted out later as Rod has a contact who may have evidence/remit regarding this topic

Rod Buck from Manurewa then withdrew their application to host the 2028 tournaments, 'to make things simple' and congratulated Invercargill.

Maurice thanked Rod and confirmed that he can accept an expression of interest from him to host in 2029, but he needs to ensure that their application and covering letter is lodged 14 days prior to AGM at Hamilton next year.

Maurice wanted it put in minuted that Manurewa will be expressing an interest in 2029.

Maurice to meet with Rod after meeting to discuss contact that Rod has regarding evidence/remit.

Maurice to discuss with Terry that this issue needs to be resolved.

Suggestion from the floor that we vote now for Manurewa to host 2029 tournaments.

Denied as they need to put in an application in first.

Complaint about referees

After recent North Island tournament. A letter of complaint was received about refereeing at tournaments. After a lengthy Board meeting, the board have decided that it must be a requirement in all 8 Ball tournaments whether Islands or Nationals, that referees must be available or accessible at all times, a head referee. It will be the responsibility of the host club to ensure that these referees are there. It will be added to the hosting agreement which you need to sign.

Clarification from floor that a head referee, needs to be a senior referee.

Trophies

It was discussed at the ladies AGM that the trophies that were sent via post to Hornby arrived in disrepair. Cherry has arranged for these to be repaired and engraving updated. Maurice thanked Cherry for organising this.

Maurice: This is the second time that we have had these trophies repaired. It's expensive

Acknowledged from the floor, that there are always missing trophies at tournaments and the engraving isn't always up to date.

Cherry: Recommended only using businesses where engraving is machine produced, they tend to have common font sizes which keeps the continuity of the engraving and sustainability of the trophy.

Using businesses that use freestyle hand engraving is not recommended. Example: SI Open trophy had been engraved freehand diagonally across trophy face taking up entire side. Large fonts used in another trophy taking up 4 spaces. Also please check previous years engraving has been done or leave appropriate space, so results are maintained in chronological order.

Suggestions from ladies meeting was that trophies be held at CNZ and winners receive miniatures/ photos of the trophies.

Suggestion from this meeting, that winners need to sign for the trophies and that they take responsibility and replace them if they are lost.

Consensus from the floor: Players who win trophies sign for them. It is then the responsibility of their club to ensure that the trophy is returned engraved and in good condition.

This suggestion to be discussed at Open Nationals AGM.

Rachel Pukekohe Cossie Club wanted to know if there are any guidelines about byes and how they work.

Background: She was a reserve and couldn't get into the tournament even though sections had byes. Other Clubs have allowed for sections to be filled.

Sherralee Boyce, explained: The draws were not done manually by a spreadsheet, where you can copy paste and sort. Once we get all the entries, the draw is generated because we have close off dates, programmes to sort etc. Once that draw is done that's it. There is no room to put any reserves in unless somebody pulls out. Otherwise, I have to redo the whole draw again and it's a nightmare. The suggestion is if you are wanting to play in a tournament, then you should put your name in by the closing date to get into the draw.

Pauline Laugesen: Acknowledged the amount of work Sherralee put into doing the draws. Entries were even accepted up to 2 weeks after the closing date. There were no reserves.

Feedback from the floor:

- In the ladies' singles draw, there were 2 sections of 5, (not 2 sections of 6 with a bye).
- There is difficulty doing the Masters draw as entrants who have just turned 50 have no history thereby no ranking so often get put into 6th spot.
- Usually other clubs do fill byes, however accepted the hosts Club explanation in this instance.

Query regarding Les Nailer

Tracy explained: As Tournament Controller, I have to make hard decisions. Les Nailer was 50 minutes late. I called him twice. I tried to get his phone no from someone else to see where he was. I could not keep Les Nailer in because if he has a bye, and arrives on his 3rd match, he's timed out for those first 3 matches, and plays those last 2 matches. How is that fair on those first 3 players who have won 3 nil when they haven't physically played, and he comes in and plays his next 2 players and beats them? How are those last 2 players going to feel? Are they going to say well they got 3 nil just because he's turned up 50 minutes late and now, he has to play us and we miss out. It's not fair on the rest of the section. You must put the whole section in context not just 1 player. I felt bad for Les. He's come all the way from Australia. I was gutted, I was just about crying. I didn't want to put him out, but if I make 1 rule for 1 person then I must make it for everybody. I've been stressed the last 2 days about it, but in my role, you just have to suck it up and make

hard decisions. But I don't want this to overshadow this whole awesome 2 weeks we have had with everybody.

Howick: As Les Nailer was registered, a replacement should not have been put in his spot according to the rules?

Tracy: The answer to that going forward is that at CNZ events, you do not have any early registrations. You register for the pairs on your session, and you register separately for the singles at your session so tournament control can see whose here and who's not here by cut off time.

Maurice thanked everyone for their feedback.

He thanked Pauline, Cherry and everyone at the Hornby Club for putting on 2 excellent tournaments.

Tracy for doing a marvellous job and all the referees. Thank you.

Maurice to speak to Rod after the meeting.

Meeting closed at 08:40