

Clubs New Zealand National Snooker Pairs 2023 AGM held at Howick Club on 10 September 2023

MEETING OPENED: 8.45am

Mike Cassidy (CNZ Delegate for Greater Auckland) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mike thanked Howick Club for hosting the event and was pleased to see a good attendance at the meeting (25 attended from Howick, Manurewa, Te Aroha and Hornby).

Mike requested everyone stand for a moments silence for those that had passed in the last 12 months.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

No Minutes were available from the AGM held at Club Mount Maunganui in 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mike tabled an application from New Plymouth Club requesting to host the 2024 National Pairs. Although no representative from New Plymouth was present at the meeting, the application was approved.

Mike Tuatai (Manurewa Club) expressed an interest in hosting the tournament in 2024, but had no approval from the Club for hosting in 2025. A host Club for 2025 was therefore not confirmed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Brent Jones (Hornby Club) requested that Clubs New Zealand and NZBSA work together to ensure that tournament dates do not clash. Tournament dates should be set as early as possible at the beginning of the year.

Vince Tate (Manurewa Club) suggested that more be done by Clubs NZ to advertise tournaments. Mike commented that Clubs NZ ensures that all relevant information is posted on its website and is sent to all Clubs, and it is for Club Managers to ensure it is passed on to members. The Clubs NZ App had recently been upgraded and should be promoted by Clubs. Vince pointed out that social media such as Facebook is more widely used by members, and that websites are a thing of the past. Somebody should take a lead and create an App or Facebook page specific to Snooker, so that more information regarding tournaments reaches a wider group of players.

Vince Tate (Manurewa Club) queried whether there was a limit on the entry fee payable for tournaments, as the prize pool needs to be increased to encourage more players to participate. Travel/accommodation costs can be expensive for players, especially if prizes are relatively modest. It was recognised that sponsorship is difficult to raise, but the host Club should do all they can to push for a higher prize pool.

IN CLOSING:

Mike thanked those that had attended the meeting, and wished the players well for the remainder of the tournament.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.06am

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Tracey Paskell (Howick Club)