

Clubs New Zealand National Snooker Pairs 2024 AGM held at New Plymouth Club on 6 September 2024

MEETING OPENED: 8.30pm

Royce Tunbridge (CNZ Area Delegate for Manawatu, Whanganui & Taranaki) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Royce introduced Murray Cotter – President of New Plymouth Club. Murray welcomed everyone and wished the players a good weekend.

Royce introduced Tracey Paskell (Howick Club) as minute secretary.

Royce thanked New Plymouth Club for hosting the event and was pleased to see a good attendance at the meeting (16 attended from New Plymouth, Wanganui, Hornby, Invercargill, Howick and Manurewa).

APOLOGIES: Nil.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of AGM held at Howick Club on 10 September 2023 were accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Neil Croft (Howick Club) Seconded: Brent Jones (Hornby Club) Carried.

Matters Arising: Guy Burt (Howick) queried whether an App or Website specific to Snooker had yet developed into anything. Apparently there is an App not associated with Clubs NZ. It was inferred this was through the NZBSA website. Although there is no specific App, Clubs should reach out to NZBSA to advertise tournaments. Clubs NZ will also advertise, but information needs to be supplied through to Head Office so it can be placed on the website. Clubs were again encouraged to push their own sport.

APPLICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Royce tabled an application from Manurewa Club requesting to host the 2025 National Pairs (proposed for 6-7 September 2025). Jon Davies (Manurewa) was asked to speak. 6 tables would be available. There are Motels/Hotels in the area. Good facilities/restaurant. Ensure there is no clash of dates, and that there is a gap between the Pairs and the National Singles. It was confirmed that the National Singles would be held in May next year. There is guidance available through Clubs NZ as to the number of entrants as against number of tables available. It was moved that Manurewa Club host the 2025 National Pairs.

Moved: Neil Croft (Howick Club) Seconded: Mike Shaw (New Plymouth Club) Carried.

Royce wished Manurewa Club all the best from Clubs NZ.

Brent Jones (Hornby) queried whether an application had yet been received for 2026. Royce pointed out that this should first be approved by the Club's Executive prior to offering to host. It should be tabled as an approved application.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Dress Code for National Snooker Tournaments: Guy Burt (Howick Club) advised that this had been discussed at the National Singles the prior week. Players should be encouraged to maintain a good standard of dress, ie dress shoes, dress trousers, waistcoat or bow tie, and shirt done up to second button down. This had been approved at the National Singles. Some discussion took place with regards to Club Shirts (ie polo shirts). Guy advised that polo shirts had also been discussed the prior week, and it was decided there was a space for that, but not with regards to National tournaments. NZBSA allow polo shirts, but not at NZ Open, Champs, Big 4, etc. Further discussion took place. It was pointed out and agreed that if there was to be any change to the rules, this should be by way of remit at the 2025 Delegate's Meeting.

Tournament Conditions: A query was raised by Mike Shaw (New Plymouth Club) as to whether there should be a standard set of tournament conditions (ie section play, snookers required, etc), or is it up to the host club to decide? It would come down to the host club and number of tables available, etc. This lead on to the point being made that the Clubs NZ Snooker Rules are very old and are in need of being reviewed and updated. It was suggested that Kate at Clubs NZ be requested to look into this.

Entry Fees: Laurie Jordan (New Plymouth Club) pointed out that the Clubs NZ Tournament Guidelines stipulate that this meeting should set the entry fee for next year's tournament. This again is a guide and comment was made that it should be set by the host club based on what funds can be raised through sponsorship, etc. Royce suggested that a motion be passed that the entry fee should be set at this meeting. Discussion took place and it was moved that the host club should set the entry fee.

Moved: Ryan King (New Plymouth Club) Seconded: Jon Davies (Manurewa Club) Carried.

Future of Competition: Neil Croft (Howick Club) queried what the pairs competition means to players going forward, ie two players from different Clubs, or the same Club? At the recent North Island Pairs, there had been discussion prior to the event that players from different Clubs be allowed to pair up. Pros and cons were discussed, but the consensus was that both players must be a member of the same Club to pair up. This should be made clear in the Clubs NZ Tournament Guidelines. It was also ratified that all entries must be on the prescribed Clubs NZ entry form which stipulates that the manager signs the form to confirm that the players are members of that Club. All agreed.

IN CLOSING:

Royce thanked those that had attended the meeting, and wished the players and the tournament committee all the best for the tournament.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.17pm

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Tracey Paskell (Howick Club)