

# 2026 NORTH ISLAND CLUBS NZ POKER DELEGATES MEETING

**Date:** 31 May 2026

**Venue:** Hamilton Workingmen's Club – The Conservatory

**Start Time:** 9:00am - **Finish Time:** 9:13am

**Chair:** Terry Ray – Clubs NZ President

## Attendance

**Present:** Steve Leitch, Leonie Rapley, Trevor Wall, Bruce Barr (Upper Hutt CC) Duane Ashworth (Petone WMC) Te Arohanui Menary, Seine Tauia, Stan Liakmatagi, Vaiari Varvae, Chris Tau (Mangere CC) Jim Reinke, Sue Rpira, Tanina Reinke (Upper Hutt CC) Eddie Witehira, Eli Byles (Whangamata Club) Ces Terewi, Tony Leathers, Anna Lee (Manurewa CC) Karen Tinkler, Andy McMeeking (Hamilton WMC) Taania Thomas (Northland Club) Gerard McKenna (Porirua Club) Sharon Arcus (Taradale RSA) Gordon Hodges (Clubs Napier)

## Opening

The Chair opened the meeting and invited delegates to observe a moment of silence.

## Apologies

None.

**Moved:** Steve Leitch (Upper Hutt) **Seconded:** Anna Lee (Manurewa)

## Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the 2025 Delegates Meeting held at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club were confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Moved:** Jim Reinke (Upper Hutt) **Seconded:** Duane Ashworth (Petone)

## Matters Arising

Discussion was held regarding the tournament structure trialled at Hamilton WMC in 2026 and scheduled for Manurewa in 2027.

## Key Details

- **Entries:** 263
- **Main Event Payout:** to 16th place
- **Consolation Payout:** to 9th place (Final Table)

## Discussion Points

- **Petone WMC (Duane Ashworth):** Structure has been reasonable for the number of entries.
- **Taradale RSA (Sharon Arcus):** Asked whether payouts could increase if entry numbers grow.
- **Hamilton WMC (Bryce Tinkler):** Payouts are based on number of tables + 1, consistent with previous years.
- **Petone WMC (Duane Ashworth):** Numbers unlikely to exceed 300; only a limited number of clubs can host fields of that size.
- **Manurewa CC (Ces Terewi):** Preference not to dilute or alter the structure.
- **Upper Hutt (Steve Leitch):** Happy with the current structure; suggests reviewing again after next year.

## General Business

None.

## Applications for Future Tournaments

### 2027 Tournament Host

- **Manurewa Cossie Club** Application received and confirmed by Clubs NZ.

### 2028 Tournament Host

Expressions of interest were received from:

- Upper Hutt Cossie Club
- Petone Workingmen's Club

### Vote (show of hands):

- Petone WMC: 2 votes
- Upper Hutt CC: 7 votes

**Result:** Upper Hutt Cossie Club confirmed as host for 2028.

**Meeting Closure:** The meeting closed at **9:13am**.