



**Minutes for the 45th Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 31st August 2013 at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club**

Meeting opened at 10:45

**Welcome**

President Peter Eagle welcomed Bill Austin (Sports Club director & major sponsor), Keith Robinson (director & life member), Steve Brady (director), Doug Gunton (patron & life member), Wilf Morschel (patron & life member) - apology, Barry Walker (patron & life member). Richard Hickey (Sports Club chairman) was unable to be present and sent his apologies.

Peter mentioned the passing of Jim Collins, Norm Scott, and Peter Booth-Jones during the past year.

**Attendance**

There were 48 members in attendance as recorded in the attendance sheet.

**Apologies**

There were apologies from 7 members as recorded in the attendance sheet.

**Review by President Peter Eagle**

The club has taken big strides in the past 4 years from 'social' club to a 'competitive' club. It is important to maintain the focus and momentum.

Peter thanked and congratulated the Sports Club for the support of the section. The trust that has built up between Mens bowls section and the Sports Club is due to the close interaction and responsibility shown by the section. Examples of this are the willingness to allow early access to the club for tournaments. Jason and his staff are always willing to assist on any and all requests. The trimming of trees on the boundary above the top green is an example of close cooperation between the Sports Club and bowls sections.

A particular high point was the change in 5 years when our club was described at the Orange Blossom Carnival as 'just making the numbers', to winning 2 years in a row. It was fantastic to take the trophy from The Hills.

Peter thanked the Committee and all bowlers for support of the past 2 years as President.

**Minutes from 2012**

Moved by Les Watkins, seconded Roy Robinson that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting are taken as read.

**2012/13 Annual Report**

Moved by Keith Robinson seconded by Geoff MciIntosh that the Annual Report for 2012/13 be accepted.

**Business Arising from Previous AGM**

There were no matters raised.

**Election of Management Committee**

Peter thanked each of the current members for their support and contribution during his presidency before directing the Committee to vacate their seats and invite Barry Walker to take control of the meeting for the elections.

Barry Walker thanked Peter for his leadership as President over the past year.

Barry related some history around bowls before confirming Warren Phillips elected President unopposed. Barry congratulated Warren and presented him with his badge of office.

Warren thanked Barry and recognised Barry as being a long serving member of the club and patron and the ongoing support Barry provided the section through the year.

Warren thanked Peter for instigating the annual Challenge Cup against Pennant Hills and his tireless efforts working for all bowlers over past years.

Warren then presented Peter Eagle with the Past Presidents Badge.

Warren then announced the results of the elections, presenting each person with their badge of office.

The new Committee is:

President	Warren Phillips (un-opposed)
Senior Vice President	David Wilson (un-opposed)
Vice President	Max Walters (un-opposed)
Committee Secretary	Dallas Palm (un-opposed)
Treasurer	Stephen Watson (un-opposed)
Bowls Coordinator	Michael Schwarcz (un-opposed)

There were 5 nominations for Committee Member – Bob Cole, Geoff McIntosh, Keith Robinson, Max Walters, Peter Eagle. As Max stood un-opposed as vice president he withdrew his nomination for Committee.

Bob Cole, Geoff McIntosh, Keith Robinson, Peter Eagle were confirmed as elected, with badges presented by Warren.

Warren spoke of goals for the coming year –

- New fee structure to maximise involvement and increase membership
- Introduction of updated constitution and regulations, have been approved by Sports Club Board, and are to be approved at a Men's Section General Meeting.
- Friday Bowls – need to improve participation, possibly through change of format.
- Coaching – provide structure and encouragement for any bowler looking for improvement.
- Training – review of selection methods for representative games; provide training as found in other clubs helping them to win Pennants.

Warren then called on Don Couch to make a presentation to Rod Roberts. Don spoke of Rod's role in the club as an accredited Umpire since 1992 and as Marker since 2010. Rod has selflessly volunteered to umpire Pennant matches for a number of years. Don presented Rod with cheque for \$50.

### **Election of Selectors**

The following members accepted nominations as Selector: Bob Cole, Don Couch, Kevin Tuckerman, Mathew Stubbs, Michael Schwarcz and Peter Eagle.

Following a ballot (scrutineers - Barry Walker) Bob Cole, Don Couch, Peter Eagle, Mathew Stubbs and Kevin Tuckerman were confirmed elected as Selectors for 2013/14. Warren congratulated them and presented each with their badge of office.

The selectors were requested to hold a meeting to elect a chairman and advise the Management Committee of the result by the next committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. (Note: a meeting was held immediately after the AGM with Kevin Tuckerman elected as Chairman).

## General Business

- Terry Barnett thanked the committee and Peter for their concern of Aaron, saying he was well and home.
- Newsletter – John Skidmore & Ian Corke were thanked for efforts on the newsletter.
- David Howell – raised view that it appears to be overlooked that Friday Pairs is mixed. Women are not keen to play as it is organised by the men. Suggested changing form nominated format would improve participation by women.
- Keith Robinson – Motion of thanks to Dallas Palm on keeping the website up to date, commenting the effort had been noted by the Sports Club Board. Roy Robinson supported the motion.
- Roy Robinson – suggested online method for entering games for convenience.
- Harold Holden – questioned the changes to the green.
  - Peter responded with current plans and timing to convert green to tiffdwarf.
- Geoff Seamons – questioned why greenkeeper had not prepared rinks for Probus Bowls
  - Kevin Tuckerman responded the greenkeeper normally does have prepared, however the relief greenkeeper was not aware of the games. Probus play 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month.
  - Kevin also advised Probus bowls had contributed \$1200 in green fees over the year.

Meeting closed at 12:15pm.



Dallas Palm  
Secretary  
Men's Bowls Section