

**West Pennant Hills Sports Club Ltd
Men's Bowling Section
Minutes for the 44th Annual General Meeting
Held on Saturday 1st September 2012 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), Barry Walker (patron & life member). Richard Hickey (Sports Club chairman) was unable to be present and sent his apologies.

Peter mentioned the passing of Ted Barfoot and Don Fletcher during the past year.

Attendance

There were 54 members in attendance as recorded in the attendance sheet.

Apologies

There were apologies from 29 members as recorded in the attendance sheet.

Minutes from 2011

Moved by David Wilson, seconded Kevin Hoffman that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting are taken as read.

2011/12 Annual Report

Moved by Michael Schwarcz seconded by Stephen Watson that the Annual Report for 2011/12 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 making special mention of Warren Phillips, Dallas Palm, Mal Horner. Peter described Mal as 'a tower of strength' for his management of the events calendar given the disruption due to wet weather.

Mention was made of the contribution by David Roles in his role of keeping the members up to date with members' welfare.

Peter then called on all current Committee members to vacate their seats and for 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 Peter Eagle re-elected President unopposed. Barry congratulated Peter and presented him with his badge of office.

Peter 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.

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

The new Committee is:

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

There were 5 nominations for Committee Member – Bob Cole, Mathew Stubbs, Paul van Tilburg, Geoff McIntosh, Mal Horner.

Following a ballot (scrutineers - Barry Walker & Michael Quinlan) Bob Cole, Mathew Stubbs, Geoff McIntosh and Mal Horner were confirmed as elected, with badges presented by Peter Eagle..

Election of Selectors

The following members accepted nominations as Selector: Bob Cole, Geoff Seamon, Michael Schwarcz, Trent Burnett, Don Couch, Kevin Tuckerman, Paul van Tilburg.

Following a ballot (scrutineers - Barry Walker, Michael Quinlan) Bob Cole, Geoff Seamon, Michael Schwarcz, Don Couch and Kevin Tuckerman wer confirmed elected as Selectors for 2012/13. Peter 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. (Note: a meeting was held immediately after the AGM with Kevin Tuckerman elected as Chairman).

A motion was moved to destroy the ballot papers – this was carried by the meeting and the scrutineers requested to ensure their destruction.

Peter asked that Don Stubbin be confirmed as Auditor for the coming year, and for Doug Gunton, Barry Walker and Wilf Morschel to be re-elected as patrons – each accepted and the meeting agreed with the nominations.

The meeting was advised that Don Couch had been returned as Chairman of Umpires at a meeting held prior to the AGM.

Peter made mention of Michael Schwarcz, Warren Phillips, Les Watkins, Bob Cole and Don Stubbin for the contribution to Zone 10.

Peter thanked Don Carpenter & Ian Corke for taking on the role of editors for the Koala News and adding a new flair to the articles, and thanked Max for his efforts over previous year.

Peter mentioned the progress on our greens, citing efforts of Steve (greenkeeper) to develop consistent coverage, line and speed.

Mention was made of Open Day planned for October, being the first in 5 years.

Motions

Motin 1:

“That the Mens’ Bowls Section of West Pennant Hills Sports Club request the Board of Directors of the Club to allow a single payment of around \$300 pa to cover all green fees and Association fees. The President of the Mens’ Bowls Section may be approached by members if they encounter financial hardship meeting this one off payment.”

Moved : Michael Quinlan
Seconded : Keith Robinson

Michael Quinlan spoke in support for the motion suggesting it was time for a move in line with other clubs in the zone. Michael believes the changes in the motion would encourage more bowlers to the club and for members to bowl more often.

Warren Phillips questioned the impact to the Sports Club of the lower expected membership revenue.

Terry Barnett spoke in support of the motion and noted that during his term as President he had unsuccessfully sought for Sports Club support of waiving fees for members representing the club in Pennant competition. Terry expressed concern for members that do not play frequently could leave the club.

Paul van Tilburg expressed concern of impact on players travelling or ill.

Michael Schwarcz was concerned how to make the proposal work financially, neither supporting or opposing the motion.

Geoff Seamons asked had the proposal been put to the Sports Club executive. Michael Quinlan responded that he had discussed with the Chairman and who considered the proposal a good way to stimulate the club.

Keith Robinson made point regarding arrangements for members in financial difficulties.

Bob Cole suggested possibility to split fee for active bowlers and fee for non-active bowlers.

David Roles put the view was to not lose money.

Micahel Schwarcz asked whether the management committee had discussed the Motion. Michael Quinlan responded suggesting it was up to the members to request it and have right to ask for committee to put forward.

Peter Eagle closed the discussion indicating if passed, the change would apply from start of 2014. The budget for 2013 had been approved and the annual fees set at \$80.

The motion was put to vote by show of hands with the motion carried with 35 votes in favour and 19 against.

Motion 2:

“The starting time for afternoon games of Bowls be set at 1:00pm during Eastern Summer Time (ie daylight saving time) and 12:30pm during the Eastern Standard Time (ie during the winter months)”

Moved : Michael Quinlan
Seconded : Keith Robinson

Michael Quinlan proposed to appeal to common sense and avoid finishing matches in the dark.

Keith Robinson spoke in support of the motion.

Kevin Hoffman prefers to start at 12:30 all year to avoid heat in summer.

Alan Meaker suggested this would cause confusion for post daylight saving Pennant matches starting at 1:00pm and club games starting at 12:30pm. Tony Boughton supported Alan's comments.

The motion was put to vote by a show of hands with the motion carried with 34 votes in favour, 11 against and 2 abstaining.

General Business

- Keith Robinson questioned why Mixed Competitions had been moved to week days when they had historically been played on weekends. Mal Horner responded with the main reason is to encourage greater involvement particularly from 'Wednesday' bowlers. Intention is to alternate between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Many bowlers had indicated they did not wish to bowl on Sundays, and this is an alternate.
- Max Walters spoke of the planned Open Day. 8500 leaflets would be delivered by members. Max will allocate streets to volunteers.
- Kevin Tuckerman proposed that fees for Probus bowlers (games go from 9:45 to 12:00) remain \$8. Peter Eagle suggested proposal be sent to committee to consider.

Meeting closed at 12:15pm.



Dallas Palm
Secretary
Men's Bowls Section