



West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING **Business Papers for** **6th October 2009** **Meeting Commences 6:00pm**

- 1. Business arising from the Minutes**
- 2. Carried forward from previous meeting**
 - External Pennant trial games
 - Honor Board – discussions with WPHSC, & updating details
- 3. Correspondence Inwards**
 - Annual report form NSWBA
 - Response from Thompson Lee
- 4. Correspondence Outwards**
 - North Epping BC – Hornsby Cup fee
 - Don Yeates
 - WPHSC re Bowlsbet
 - Rod Roberts re gardens surrounding greens
 - Roy Forsyth re ordering player name plates
 - Letter to Thompson Lee

5. President

The Orange Blossom Festival Men's Bowls Tournament was held at WPH Sports Club on Saturday September 19th.

We welcomed fellow bowlers from The Hills, Dural and Castle Hill. My thanks goes to all who assisted on the day including umpires and our match committee. Thanks also to Peter Eagle for his contribution and Dallas Palm for keeping the scoring up to date.

I believe the day was a great success for our club as the host. I had much positive feedback from our visitors about our clubs facilities, greens and in particular the quality of the lunch we provided.

I have written a personal letter of thanks to Jason Read for his support and assistance for the event.

Our congratulations go to The Hills for being outright winner. The standard of bowlers was very high and most competitive.

On Sunday September 27th our club participated in the Hornsby Cup at North Epping Bowling Club. In extremely windy conditions the Cup went to Pennant Hills Bowling Club with all 4 teams being undefeated.

I congratulate all WPH bowlers for being selected to represent our club in both events.

Our thanks go to the volunteer members who donated their time and effort in planting some new shrubs in our gardens surrounding our bottom green. Peter Booth assisted greatly in coordinating this activity.

We are coming into a busy period at the club with such events as the Presentation day and Christmas Luncheon. I look forward to working with our committee on making these events successful and enjoyable for our members.

6. Senior Vice President

The Orange Blossom Festival was a successful day, based upon comments made by members of clubs who attended. The support of WPH members and the management committee was excellent. Also, the assistance provided by WPH Sports Club management and staff was invaluable. Recognition should be given to the Sports Club by the management committee.

7. Vice President

Schools Committee

With regard to Pacific Hills, their brief time with us has come to an end. We are in discussions now with them over the awarding of a **Most Improved Bowler Award** which includes membership of the club if so desired.

I am currently in the process of sending out letters to other schools in the area inviting them to join us at WPH and refining the programme to make it more fun.

I would like to thank Peter Eagle and Dallas Palm for their assistance with the Pacific Hills kids with special thanks going to my Deputy Chairman of the Schools Committee, Aaron Barnett who will be assisting me in my talks with Pacific Hills.

8. Secretary

Badge (office bearer) & key registers have been commenced. These will assist with collection of these items prior to next AGM.

I have spoken with Roy Forsyth who has confirmed that he is more than willing to continue producing name badges for our club - the first request for Michael Dalgairns, Leo Saly, Karlos Urby and Michael Trimboli have been delivered.

I have had discussions with Michael Schwarz re the current process for registering new bowlers both with WPHSC & RNSWBA. A procedure will be published in the near future.

9. Treasurer

Budget 2009-2010

Attached is a revised copy of our budget for 2009-2010. The total result has not been changed but new headings and monthly timings have been incorporated to aid in monitoring our performance. Income items and expense items now have names which are more easily read. The budget timings for July and August could not be changed as the reports had already been issued. The Year to Date budget for September will bring things into line. If there are any further suggestions on the format of the budget I would be very pleased to consider them.

Now that I have had more time to review the budget I need to point out two matters of concern:

1. The budget requires us to raise at least \$1,500.00 in sponsorship funds. This is in addition to prize money for the Koala Carnival and the Turn Around Triples.
2. We have an Other Income Item amounting to \$3,205.00 which is unexplained. I have spoken to the Past President and he advises that this amount should have also been removed when the unexplained costs of \$2,635.00 were removed from our budget. We need to consider advising the Main Club of this hole in our budget.

Financial Results for the Month of August 2009 and Year to Date

Attached is a copy of the August 2009 accounts provided by the main club.

Month of August 2009:

- a) Loss for the month is \$2,697 and is \$1,994 worse than Budget.

- b) Raffle income was basically inline with budget while raffle costs were under budget by \$298.00.
- c) Green Fees of \$4,187.00 were well over budget by \$1,587.00. This good result was aided by no rain days, good attendance at the AGM and Presidents days as well as barefoot bowls income of \$448.00 and Probus income of \$304.00.
- d) Affiliation fees were over budget by \$1,806.00 simply because the budget timing was incorrect.
- e) Other Costs, Other Expenses and Catering Costs totaled \$3,285.00 and were over budget by a combined \$2,665.00. I have combined these for this report as some items need to be re-allocated to different expense items. The main items of expenditure were:
 - i) Presidents day drinks \$609.00 (budget \$675.00)
 - ii) AGM drinks and catering \$417.00 (Budget \$560.00)
 - iii) Appreciation lunch \$851.00 (Budget \$900.00)
 - iv) Mid week Pennants catering \$527.00 (a budget has been set for all pennant days)
 - v) Friday Jackpot Cash \$432.00. The green fees include the extra \$2.00 per head paid.

Most of these items have been budgeted for but the timing was incorrect. As we move forward the budget timings will radically reduce this overspend shown in the August report.

Year to Date August 2009:

- a) Loss year to date is \$2,808 and is \$2,690 worse than Budget.
- b) The loss from not holding the full Koala Carnival is net \$1039.00
- c) The year to date variance to budget is explained by the loss from the month of August plus the loss from the Koala Carnival offset by the favourable variance in green fees.

Other Items

1. Office Bearer badges were purchased from Kopycut for a cost of \$120.00 plus GST.
2. The Triples Shield has been sent for engraving of both the 2009 and missing year's winners.
3. The Match Committee should check the other shields to ensure they are current.
4. The Match Committee should also ensure the computerised Honor Board is updated after each championship is concluded.
5. I have made contact with two badge and trophy suppliers who are able to assist with our end of year needs providing we move quickly as this is a busy time for this industry.
6. We are currently compiling a list of suppliers used by the Men's club.
7. September has been a good bowling month with only one cancelled due to the dust storm.

10. Bowls Coordinator

Presently, work has commenced on the preparation of:

1. 2010 Events Calendar
2. planning of Pennant trial games both outside and within Zone 10

Completion of the Events Calendar will be dependant on the outcome of a number of matters and initiatives that the Match Committee will be putting forward via their report and in general business. I would expect the Calendar to be ready in its final state for presentation to the Management Committee by the November 2009 meeting.

In regards to the Pennant trials, we now know that the 2010 season will commence on Saturday the 27th February 2010. Preliminary talks with some of the selectors would suggest that they would like some of our external trials to be against clubs outside of Zone 10. Therefore, with this in mind, I have sent emails to Asquith and Warrawee requesting them to consider trials against our club. Asquith has three greens and will contest all three grades that we will probably play

during 2010. We could play two grades at Asquith and one at home. Warrawee have grade 3 and 7, therefore we could play one match at each venue. I have also made an approach to Dundas Sports who have indicated we can get games against them.

I would suggest each grade play three or four external trials and apart from the three clubs mentioned above we could also approach other “local” Zone 10 clubs, i.e., Dural, The Hills, Castle Hill, Northmead or perhaps Beecroft.

Below is a possible timetable for Pennant trial dates.

Date	Trial Type
7 Nov 2009	Internal Trial
14 Nov 2009	Internal Trial
21 Nov 2009	Internal Trial
28 Nov 2009	Internal Trial
5 Dec 2009	Presentation/Internal Trial
12 Dec 2009	External – Zone 10
30 Jan 2010	External – Zone 9
6 Feb 2010	External – Zone 9
13Feb 2010	External – Zone 10
20 Feb 2010	Internal Trial
27 Feb 2010	Pennants Commences

These dates may change slightly depending on the availability of the other clubs.

11. Match Committee

The Match Committee held its first meeting on Wednesday 23/9/09. It was a very productive meeting and since then has met informally to make other decisions as required. From our main meeting;

11.1. Consideration of a handicap system

a. Implementation

b. Administration

The committee decided that while the aims and premise of a handicap system was well worth pursuing that the administration of any system and the subjective nature of the original grading made it difficult to implement. However, the match committee decided that M. Horner’s suggestion of a ‘handicap championship’ is a potentially valid one. Thus, it is the recommendation of the match committee to hold a mid week ‘Seniors Triples’ Championship with entry restricted to those over 75 years of age in November and depending on the success of this championship, a mid week ‘Handicap Triples’ championship in February/March may eventuate.

The committee will send a letter to Steve Brady, following the decision of the Management Committee, explaining its reasoning behind this decision.

11.2. Review of the Inclement Weather Policy (Section 10 of the Club’s Conditions of Play)

a. Particularly Section 10.2

The committee decided to make some changes to Section 10.2 to remove any ambiguity in the interpretation of this section. With the approval of the Management Committee, the revised

section (reproduced below) will be included in the conditions of play ASAP. (Additions/amendments highlighted in red)

On days with high temperatures, the Controlling Body will employ the use of a temperature gauge, **to be placed under the shade-cloth covers at either end of the green**, to decide whether to commence or indeed continue playing in such conditions. In regard to **all matches**, if the temperature at the commencement of play is greater than 32 degrees but during **play** doesn't exceed 37 degrees, **then two mandatory drink breaks of 10 minutes will be taken at the conclusion of the 7th and 14th ends**. If the temperature exceeds 37 degrees for 5 minutes, the Controlling Body will halt all matches for a period of up to one (1) hour in the hope that the temperature will fall below that point. In the event that the temperature does not fall below 37 degrees, play for the remainder of the day will be abandoned (refer 10.7).

Should either of the mentioned situations occur, players will be instructed by the Controlling Body to leave the green and adjourn to the club house.

11.3. Consideration of Jim Collins' eligibility to receive recognition as a member of the Major Triples Champion team.

While the match committee is mindful of the anguish which this situation has presented to those involved, we have no option in this matter. As D. Stubbin was entered as a 'substitute' player and not a 'replacement' player, the team was not reconstituted. The committee agrees with the suggestion of T. Barnett that D. Stubbin receive recognition as a 'substitute' member of the team with a trophy and name on the honour roll.

11.4. General Policy on the rescheduling of games and the committee's thoughts on what constitutes "reasonable grounds".

In this regard, the committee has sought to refine Section 8 of the Club's Conditions of Play with regard to dispensation. Review of this Section has shown deficiencies in our Conditions of Play with regard to the Zone Conditions of Play. Thus, the match committee has sought to bring in to line our conditions of play accordingly. With the approval of the Management Committee, the revised section (reproduced below) will be included in the conditions of play ASAP. (Additions/amendments highlighted in red)

All Members selected to represent or officiate at the State/Zone will be given dispensation in club championships if club dates clash.

8.1. Dispensation will be given where there is a death in the family within seven (7) days prior to the event. If unable to comply with this dispensation, a replacement must be used in a team game.

8.2 Dispensation will be given to players representing the club at State/Zone level for the day of competition where there is a clash. However, where the commitment extends beyond one (1) week, a substitute player must be used in a team game to preserve the continuity of the championship.

8.3. For all other situations the 'play-or-forfeit' rule will apply, except in finals where extra dispensation may be given by **the Match Committee, for a period no more than two (2) weeks from the original scheduled date.**

If players who find themselves in any of these situations wish to receive dispensation, notification must be made to the Match Committee at least two (2) weeks before the match they wish to receive dispensation for (with the exception of those applying under section 8.1).

Players who receive dispensation will be expected to try and play the club game earlier if possible. If not the game must be completed prior to commencement of next round or as the Bowls Co-ordinator programs (opposing players/teams are to be asked to assist in playing games early).

If no notification is given, or a substitute cannot be found for that game, the Match Committee will have no choice but to enforce the ‘play-or-forfeit’ rule (refer 7)

11.5. General Business

a. Major/Minor Pairs

M. Horner asked on behalf of D. Stubbin and T. Boughton whether T. Boughton who is substituting for D. Stubbin in the Major/Minor Pairs could play skip in the first round (26/9/09). The committee decided that as the Major/Minor Pairs is not an association event, an exception would be granted, on the grounds that it is customary for the player classed as ‘major’ to play skip and as T. Boughton is substituting for the skip, he would be allowed to do so in this case.

The committee suggests that the definition of a ‘major’ and ‘minor’ should be revised for next year’s Barry Walker Classic Pairs.

b. Friday ‘Jackpot’ Pairs

Furthermore, with regard to Friday ‘Jackpot’ Pairs, there may be a slight modification to the Conditions of Play as follows.

Games will only be played in pairs or triples, with a triples game only being played if there are in excess of 14 teams. There will still be no swingers. Any triples game will be created by the selectors on the day on a last in basis but only if the numbers are even. (E.g. The last three teams in a 16 team field will be made into a triples game, however, a 15th team would be asked to withdraw as per usual).

For example in the event of a 16 team field, the pair matches would come from the 1st to 10th entries on a blind draw basis whilst the triples would come from the 11th to 16th teams, and created by the selectors who will wherever possible keep players with their team mates. That means the 14th 15th and 16th teams will not automatically play together. The selectors may see a better match by placing say teams 11, 13 and 15 together.

As for the jackpot, any margin will be included in the jackpot draw just like any other game and should the winning margin come from a triples match the jackpot will be divided by three instead of two.

12. Selectors

Orange Blossom Tournament Saturday 19. 9. 09

Reviewing our Club’s performance in the 3 Grades, we had mixed results with both A & B Grade sides struggling in all games and C Grade providing a super effort winning 2 games and unlucky to lose the last game. Well played!!

In view of these results it is clear to all that if our Club is to be competitive against other Clubs, specifically Castle Hill & The Hills who had Grade 1 players in attendance, we must select our strongest teams possible if we are to win this annual prestige tournament.

Hornsby Cup Sunday 27. 9. 09

All games were played in very difficult windy conditions and our players were very competitive against strong teams comprising(Grade 1&2 players).

Reviewing all games –

- Don Yeates in the Singles gave a strong performance in losing to a top flight player.
- In the Pairs Terry Barnett & Keith Robinson were unlucky in losing by 2 shots to very strong team. A sterling effort !!
- Our team in the Triples Warren Phillips, Peter Eagle & Neville Roach gave a very creditable performance against a resolute opposition.

- The Fours team of Dallas Palm, Alan Bowry, Barrie Stuart & Geoff McIntosh after being competitive for most of the game finally lost to a very focused side.

Pennants

In view of the advice that Pennants will commence in late February 2010 the Selectors will now focus and plan ahead to develop Teams for trial games against other Clubs out of the district in the later part of this year and in mid January & February.

13. Zone 10

On 2 September 2009, with Terry Barnett, we attended our first Zone 10 meeting. During the course of the meeting it became obvious WPH needed to attend to a number of outstanding matters, which now have received attention. These matters were:

- Club delegate/alternate delegate details i.e. Peter Eagle/Terry Barnett (alternate).
- Match committee representation details i.e. Mal Horner & David Wilson.
- Payment of 2009 Zone affiliation fees and note change of mailing address for Zone 10.
- The issuing of umpire and coach shirts. Details have been supplied to Don Couch and Bill Arnott.
- Suspended bowler information re WPH.

The commencement date of Pennants for 2010 has yet to be officially advised. Hopefully, the meeting on 7 October 2009 will provide the date.

WPH was given the opportunity to be one of the hosts of the EOI NSW Qualifying 2010 Australian Open which is to be held in November of that year. The matter was given consideration by the executive but it was decided that WPH does not have the facilities to run an event of this nature and a reply was sent to Zone 10.

It should be noted however, that WPH may be given the opportunity to host other Zone 10 events during the course of the 2010 year

14. Greens Report

The number 1 green was taken out of commission on Monday 28th September 2009 for its annual maintenance. It is planned the green will be ready for use by mid December 2009 so the number 2 green may receive maintenance. Both greens need to be ready for the commencement of the 2010 Pennant season.

The number 1 green will receive the following maintenance:

- Full scarification
- Core for drainage purposes
- Laser level
- The plinths will be raised to the required level

As most bowlers are aware, the edges of both greens are sloping downwards towards the ditch. This is caused by bowlers who stand on the edges. The raising of the plinths will help to alleviate this problem however it is the responsibility of bowlers to refrain from standing on the edges.

15. Coaches

Trainees

- Peter Cochran (coach – Keith Robinson) has completed the first three stages of the coaching course, while Ken Walker (coach – Ken Wighton) has completed the course and has been cleared to play.
- Joe Cassab (coach – Bill Arnott) has completed four stages of the course over the past two weeks, has paid his bowling section fees and will finish the course this coming week.
- Dallas Palm advises that he will begin coaching William May on Sunday 4th October.

- Micheal Schwarcz advises that he has been unsuccessful in contacting Barbara and Jack Nugent regarding continuation of their coaching.

16. Umpires

Nil report.

17. Welfare

A sympathy card was sent to Don Couch when his father passed away.

Contact has been made during September with:

- Owen Dowling
- Barry Walker
- Doug Harvey
- Norm Scott
- David King
- Ben Snelling
- Bevan Crossman
- Max Bell
- Peter O'Keefe

Details of their progress has been reported at Saturday Bowls Days.

Don Fletcher has been in hospital with internal bleeding – I have been unable to contact Don personally, so have been getting progress reports from Barry Walker.

Ralph Smith is in hospital after suffering a brain hemorrhage. No contact is to be made with him – news to be obtained from Frank Barr. I will follow up.

Peter Booth Jones has moved – he is caring for his wife who is ill.

Ron Oriel is going on an overseas trip.

I have asked Dallas Palm for a copy of members' birthdays so that I can make note of them on bowls days.

18. Membership

No report.

19. Mixed Bowls

At the time of completing this report, thirty people have nominated to play on Monday 5 October. It is expected a few more will attend on the day. Hopefully we will have 42 people involved.

It has been agreed by the committee to hold the BBQ and arrangements have been made for raffles and cash prizes.

The October 2009 report will provide details on the success of the day.

20. Communications

I would like to thank everyone for their kind words about that last edition of the newsletter. The publication deadline for the September/October edition will be October 16th.

21. Corporate

No report.

22. General Business

- Thanks to Integria for support of raffles
- Game Times during summer

23. Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd November, 6pm start

Attachments:

- a) MBC Budget 2009 2010.pdf
- b) MBC PL August 2009.pdf
- c) Correspondence with Thompson Lee