



## West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

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### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Business Papers 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 Meeting Commences 6:00pm

#### 1. Business arising from previous Minutes

#### 2. Carried forward from previous meetings

2.1. Updated member listing for Sports Room	Sept	<b>DP</b>
2.2. Inclusion of 'Achievements' to Honour board	Sept	<b>DP</b>
2.3. Honour Board updates	Sept	<b>DP</b>
2.4. Resubmit schools bowling programme to Sports Club	Oct	<b>DW</b>
2.5. Invoicing for sponsorship	Oct	<b>WP</b>
2.6. Establish joint committee for 2010 Koala Carnival	Oct	<b>TB</b>

#### 3. Correspondence Inwards

- 3.1. Slicker Stickers – order form for bowls stickers

#### 4. Correspondence Outwards

- 4.1. Roy Forsyth – requesting name badges for Joe Cassab, Eric Gracie, Brian Joyce  
4.2. Roy Forsyth – Ken Brown, Mark Karoschke, Ken Walker, Keith Watson

#### 5. President's Report

At the time of writing my report we had received 48 entries (a full card) for the handicap carnival on October 31st. This would indicate 6 rinks of 4's and I understand the selectors have diligently selected teams in accordance with experience and ability. The feedback from members is more than favourable, hence the number of entries. Total prizes to the value of \$200 will be shared by a winning team and a non winning team.

Earlier in the month I had written a personal letter to Steve Brady advising him of the carnival. It was good to see Steve as the first to enter.

The Novice Singles Final will also be decided on this day as well as our end of month second chance raffle draw. The Novice Singles Final will mark the completion of our club competition events for 2009 and I congratulate all participants in this event as there has been some closely fought matches played in high spirit.

A word of thanks goes to our match committee for completing all 2009 championship events with time to spare before our presentation day.

I have met with Pat Jones, our lady President and discussed the Christmas Party dates, all seem to be acceptable. The ladies will help out on the evening with raffle ticket sales. A joint invitation from Pat and me will be sent out in due course.

Pat was pleased to hear that we have agreed to run Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours in our club competitions on 2010. These of course will be played on a Sunday afternoon so as to fit in with both ladies and men's calendars.

It was also agreed that a committee be formed between the ladies and men to run the Koala Carnival next year. We are both keen to ensure this event is a success in 2010.

Finally, the match committee has completed a draft of the events calendar for 2010; this will be presented to our meeting on November 3rd for comment and agreement.

## 6. Senior Vice President

The reports that have been issued for Zone 10, greens and mixed bowls will cover issues raised or matters that require discussion. Whilst Barrie Stuart was on holidays he requested that I look after Welfare on his behalf. A separate report has been issued and a copy sent to Barrie for his reference.

On Friday 23 October one of the bowlers in the nominated pairs competition did not attend. This caused disruption to the competition as three bowlers were unable to play and time did not permit for alterations to take place. On top of this there was a loss of \$40 to the bowling section on the day.

Following discussions with Alan Bowry, bowlers will be reminded that bowlers who form teams are responsible for making sure that both attend on the day and not just assume that this will take place. It is not the responsibility of the selectors to locate missing bowlers or form teams. Hopefully the reminder will put a stop to this occurring in the future.

## 7. Secretary

### Presentation Day – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Preparation is well under way.

Activity	Resp.	Status
Book Function Room	DP	Done
Prepare programme	DW	Done
Draft invitations	DW	Done
Finalise & post Invitations	DP	w/c 2/11
Prepare runsheet	DW	
Collect perpetual trophies	DW	Done
Purchase new trophies	DW	Ordered
Engrave trophies	DW	Ordered
Arrange drink vouchers	DP	
Arrange lunch with Dinning room	TB	
Finalise acceptances	DP	23-Dec

### Christmas Function – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Likewise,

Activity	Resp.	Status
Book Function Room	DP	Done
Draft invitations	DW	Done
Finalise & post Invitations	DP	w/c 2/11
Prepare runsheet	DW	
Arrange for table wine	TB	Done
Arrange meal with Dinning room	TB	Done
Prepare table nomination sheet	DP	Done
Finalise acceptances listing	DP	6-Dec
Organise tables	DP	
Prepare admission check list	DP	
Discuss hampers with Ladies	DP	Done

Name badges have been ordered and/or received for a number of bowlers since the AGM, and welcome packs have been presented to 3 new bowlers during October. Getting these items to the new bowlers is an important part of welcoming new members into our bowling community.

The Sports Club office provided a stock take of club shirts on hand and details of the previous order. A requisition has been placed with the Sports Club office to order club shirts in a range of sizes. Based on the previous order we can expect a 4 month lead-time until receipt of shirts.

A review is underway to update the details on the lockers which will be completed over the next 2 weeks. There have been a few bowlers express interest in having a locker and it is quite likely that this review will yield some vacancies.

## 8. Treasurer

### Financial Results for the Month of September 2009 and Year to Date.

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

#### Month of September 2009:

- The month of September has been impacted by the changes and reallocations I have made to both the budget and actual numbers. These changes have gone a long way to making the Year to Date numbers more accurate and comparable.
- Loss for the month is \$1,460 and is \$1,439 better than Budget.
- We lost one days bowling this month (Wednesday 23rd September 2009). This has had an adverse impact on our Green Fees and Raffle Income for the month.

#### Year to Date September 2009:

- Loss Year to Date is \$4,268 and is \$1,251 worse than Budget.
- The loss from not holding the full Koala Carnival is net \$1,077.00 which accounts for the bulk of the variance for the Year to Date.
- Green Fees are \$2,187 up on Budget and just under \$3,000 up on last year. This is a very positive trend which is continuing through October.
- Sponsorship Income and Other Income remain an issue and they were the subject of comments in last months report.

## 9. Bowls Coordinator

Attached is the 1st draft copy of the 2010 Events Calendar.

I would be pleased if all members of the Management Committee would review the Calendar and put forward any recommended changes for consideration by the Committee at this meeting. When recommending changes to any event, you will also need to show what affect such changes will make elsewhere on the planner and how such changes can be accommodated.

In regard to Pennant Trials, I have included a table below showing what external games have been organised and with which clubs.

Asquith looked like they may have been a possibility but the promised confirmation phone call from them hasn't materialised as yet. I don't propose to follow up with them again. If they don't get back to us by early next week I will approach another local club. Dundas Sports is a definite possibility for the 6th February 2010.

Date	Event	Comments
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 Trial	3's and 7's versus West Epping at West Epping. 5's versus West Epping Panthers at Home

30 Jan 2010	External Trial	3's to play in State 4's – Possible 2 games Saturday and 2 on Sunday. 5's versus Dural at Dural 7's versus Dural at Home
6 Feb 2010	External Trial	Possible games against either Asquith or Dundas Sports
13 Feb 2010	External Trial	3's and 7's at Warrawee. 5's to be Matched against another Zone 10 team.
20 Feb 2010	Internal Trial	Last free Saturday before Pennants start
27 Feb 2010	Pennants Commences	

### **10. Match Committee**

The Match Committee met Saturday 31st October to discuss some minor alterations to administrative sections of the club's conditions of play including section 2 (addition of a member to the controlling body) and section 5 (addition of the minor triples championship). The committee also discussed the recent revision to the club's inclement weather policy and whether further revision needs to be made.

I understand that there was a disagreement between the controlling body and some members over leaving the green recently due to the extreme heat. I would remind the committee as I have with the members at large that at no time is there to be a questioning of the controlling body's decision in these circumstances. Their decision is final.

### **11. Selectors**

Pennants 2010

There has been a positive response from our Bowlers with 35 applications received to date for selection with a possible 16 further applications from Bowlers who have yet to advise their availability for selection in teams for 2010.

As from the first Saturday in November internal trials will commence for teams to represent our Club in Grades 3, 5 & 7. Plans are now in place to have external trial games throughout December, late January early February. Our first external trial games will be on Saturday 12th December against West Epping - Grade 5 at home and Grades 3 & 7 away at West Epping.

In view of a possible 50 Bowlers available for selection the competition for places in the 3 grade sides will certainly be competitive. Therefore regular training by all bowlers would be beneficial to increase skills and ability in the weeks ahead.

### **12. Zone 10**

At the time of writing this report the Zone 10 Business Papers for the meeting on Wednesday 4 October have not been received. Should any items need to be raised at the WPH October meeting they will be mentioned at that time.

From the previous meeting, details have been supplied to Tony Hyem, Zone 10 Secretary, of contact details for Mal Horner and David Wilson should the Zone Match Committee need to contact them.

Clubs have been notified that RNSWBA will be closing for Christmas as per the following:

- Close Friday 18 December 2009 @ 2PM
- Re-open Monday 4 January 2010 @ 8AM

### **13. Greens Report**

The number 1 green has received the following maintenance during October:

- Scarification
- Coring
- Laser levelling

After the laser levelling was completed parts of the green were top dressed. Fertiliser has been applied and the green is coming on quite well due to good weather conditions.

The plinths are to be replaced. The current plinths cannot be lifted due to their age and the material used. The new plinths are to be metal, the same as used on the number 2 green. Once this task has been completed it becomes a matter of waiting until the green is ready for use.

The number 2 green is showing a lot of wear and bowlers need to be mindful of how the green is treated. It will be taken out of commission as soon as the number 1 green is brought back into play.

#### **14. Coach's Chairman** Trainees

- Joe Cassab (coach – Bill Arnott) has completed all stages of the coaching course and has commenced playing in social games. He, like a number of other new players, is experiencing problems in trying to buy an official WPH-MBS shirt. I would recommend that action be taken to avoid this problem in the future as it indicates a lack of professionalism on the part of our club and leads to members not being able to comply with the rules regarding attire.

I have no news as to the coaching status of Peter Cochran (coach- Keith Robinson), Barbara and Jack Nugent (coach- Micheal Schwarcz) or William May (coach – Dallas Palm), but, in the absence of completed Coaching Records for these people, assume that they have yet to complete the course.

#### **15. Umpire's Chairman**

Official events on the clubs calendar are coming to a close with the last event on Sat 31st October. During the year all events have been provided with an umpire and for that the club should be thankful. WPH should be thankful for the number of members who have become umpires over the years - indeed we have more than some other clubs in our area.

Zone 10 was trying to organise a charity day of " Umpires v Coaches " which was cancelled due to a lack of support. WPH was the only club to provide any number of participants.

There are a number of events during the year which require a non playing umpire to be present. Some are state events plus there are zone events and some club events. I would ask the committee to consider "payment" to these umpires in the form of a drink voucher (\$3.80?) & a \$5 club voucher. I envisage the cost would be in the vicinity of \$135 pa. (\$9 x 15 events). I understand Dundas Sports Club offer this to their umpires. It would be the responsibility of the Chairman of Umpires to organise & advise the Treasurer.

#### **16. Welfare**

While Barrie Stuart has been on holidays, two matters have arisen. Cards have been sent to the following:

- Ralph Smith
- Col Johnston

Contact has been maintained with Ralph through Frank Barr. Ralph has been convalescing at Lady Davidson Hospital after leaving the Sydney Adventist Hospital. He is on the road to recovery and there is the possibility that he may be allowed home within the next week.

Col has been admitted to the Norwest Private Hospital. He is undergoing treatment to his right ankle plus another medical condition that arose whilst in hospital. The treatment to his ankle will be ongoing. There is no set date when he will be leaving hospital.

A number of bowlers have visited Col and he appreciates the kindness that has been shown to him. Contact with Col will be maintained.

### **17. Membership Committee Report**

#### **18. Mixed Bowls Committee**

The mixed bowls day held on Monday 5 October was successful, although we did not have the maximum number of 42 people attending. Due to weather conditions, a few people pulled out on the day and stopped others from attending. Overall 29 people attended. From the comments made by those in attendance they all had an enjoyable day.

Although the numbers were down on expectations it was agreed by the committee to hold the sausage sizzle. Raffle prizes were kindly donated by Thursday Plantation and the Sports Club. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding with the Sports Club the meat trays were not available, however four \$15 vouchers were substituted.

Income of \$415 was received, \$290 from the entry fees and \$125 from the raffle. After the deduction of expenses such as prizes, sausage sizzle and vouchers a net result of \$160 was achieved. This was split 50/50 between the men's and women's bowling sections.

The next event is to be held on Australia Day 26 January 2010.

#### **19. Communications**

The next edition of '*News from the Green*' will be published early November. Agreement has been reached with the Sports Club office to print and mail the newsletter on our behalf at a cost under \$1 per newsletter. The mailing will only be to those members that have not provided an email address.

The Website has continued to be maintained with timely updating of results and news for bowlers. Contributions of short articles are more than welcome. These can include plans for the coming Pennant season, commentary on championships, news of other club's activities that our members are involved in, news of expats' successes, etc....

#### **20. Corporate**

No report

#### **21. General Business**

1. Raffles over the Xmas New Year period
  - Dates in December in question are Wednesday 23rd, Saturday 26th and Wednesday 30th. As numbers could be quite low we should cancel the meat raffles and only arrange Vouchers or Wine if we have enough starters.
2. 2010 State Pennant Finals
  - Consideration on funding a side for finals which will be in the country. Cost will likely be much greater than 2009.

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#### **22. Next Meeting**

6pm December 8<sup>th</sup>