



West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Business Papers 1st December 2009 Meeting Commences 5:30pm

1. Business arising from the Minutes

2. Carried forward from previous meetings

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| 2.1. Inclusion of 'Achievements' to Honour board | Sept | DP | |
| 2.2. Resubmit schools bowling programme to Sports Club | Oct | DW | |
| 2.3. Lockers Review | Nov | DP | Underway |

3. Correspondence Inwards

- 3.1. John Lilly – request for Member Listing to be maintained
- 3.2. TAT Committee – details of sponsorship for 2010 events, and dates
- 3.3. Cherrybrook Combined Probus Club – request for 30th April for carnival
- 3.4. RNSWBA – Xmas hours, charity contributions, lost member lists for Auf-Oct 09.
- 3.5. Mixed Bowls Committee – minutes
- 3.6. RNSWBA – Host clubs for 2010 Association Events Belrose BC – 2010 Grade 2 Pennant Final details.
- 3.7. Zone 10 Umpires – Expired Umpires accreditation (Geoff Williams)

4. Correspondence Outwards

- 4.1. Sports Club – Christmas raffles
- 4.2. Sports Club – query on subsidy of club shirts
- 4.3. Zone 10 Match Committee – new local COP
- 4.4. Sports Club – Request to dispatch Christmas & Presentation invites.
- 4.5. John Lilly – reply re Member Listing
- 4.6. Zone 10 Match Committee – seeking approval to obtain additional Grade 4 Pennant badge to present to Eric Hilton.
- 4.7. Various Schools – invitation to have school bowls at WPHBC
- 4.8. Sports Club – Request to distribute latest newsletter
- 4.9. Sports Club – request for 130 drink vouchers for Presentation Day

5. President's Report

November has been a busy month with various tasks at hand also leading into December.

Invitations have been sent out (finally) to all members for our Presentation day on December 5th and our Christmas Party on the evening of Monday December 14th. It would appear we have excellent responses to both events at this time.

Bill Austin from Homeway First National Real Estate may not be able to attend our Presentation Day due to other commitments but I have organized with Bill for a representative from his office

to come along on the day. I believe we need to build on this relationship as we begin working on the Koala Carnival after Christmas.

My personal thanks go to Vice President David Wilson and the Match Committee for their efforts in organizing trophies etc.

December is a busy time for the overall club and our bowls section is no exception to this. We have some corporate events taking place in November and December and trust that our members will assist where needed as these events are good income for the bowls section. We have also begun internal Pennant Trials in preparation for our assault on 2010 season.

Our Koala carnival will be on Monday 7th (ladies), Thursday 10th (mixed) and Friday 11th (men's) June. These are the dates best suggested at our last meeting and suit the ladies club perfectly.

I am committed to making this carnival the best ever and will set up a Koala Mixed Committee in February.

Our second Handicap Carnival is to be held on November 28th and once again more than 50 bowlers are committed to attending, feedback from the November event was excellent.

This is only our 4th meeting of our current Management Committee and I would like to extend my personal thanks to all for the support and contribution made over the last few months. I congratulate you all on your efforts to project a professional approach in the challenging task to serve our members well.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to working together on many exciting projects in 2010.

6. Senior Vice President

In my October report, mention was made that for Friday bowls it was the responsibility of the bowlers to make sure their partner could play. It seems bowlers have accepted the message as the problem has not arisen again. Both names on the sheet are crossed out or a replacement is found. The support of the bowlers is appreciated and will be mentioned at gatherings prior to the commencement of bowls.

Since the formation of the new committee in July 2009 a number of new initiatives have taken place with bowlers appreciating what has occurred. One matter that needs consideration is the holding of "Open Days". Although we intend to hold an Open Day on 12 September 2010, it is 10 months away. We do have a full events program from 2010; however it is important that we try to gain new members. We do have a good base with Sports Club membership, therefore how do we tap into that membership base plus attract new members from outside?

7. Vice President

Presentation Day 2009 - All badges have been received. The majority of the perpetual shields are done and have been collected. There was a slight delay on the material used in our smaller trophies but all will be ready before presentation day. However, my recommendation to the committee would be to investigate other badge makers for next year as Millers have been very unaccommodating and I feel that the quality of some of the work is less than acceptable for Presentation Day.

The lectern book has been finished and bound.

8. Secretary

Presentation Day – Saturday 5th December

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

My thanks to David Wilson for his work organising the trophies and the run sheet.

Christmas Function – Monday 14th December

Likewise,

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

All orders for Name badges have been delivered and have been or will be issued as recipients attend bowls. Welcome packs have been prepared / issued to: Ken Walker, Keith Watson, Jen Brown, Eric Gracie, Mark Kakoschke (awaiting clearance to play from coach).

The requisition for new club shirts stock was placed with the Sports club early November. They have had difficulty getting confirmation of the order; timing & final costs are still to be confirmed.

The Member Listing has been updated in line with details provided by the Sports Club in response to a letter from John Lilly. The Sports Room and website listings are now being maintained regularly. A review was conducted of the Bowls No issued and tags used by selectors with the result that all bowlers will have a number regardless of whether they bowl regularly or not.

The lockers review is not yet completed.

9. Treasurer

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

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

Month of October 2009:

- Profit for the month is \$287 and is \$955 better than Budget.
- We lost one days bowling this month (Saturday 3rd October 2009). This has had a minor adverse impact on our Green Fees and Raffle Income for the month.
- Green Fees and Raffle Income are however both above budget for a total favourable variance of \$769.
- Total Expenses were overall lower than budget by \$95.

Year to Date October 2009:

- Loss Year to Date is \$3,685 and is \$296 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 and Raffle Income are \$2,479 up on Budget. This is a very positive trend which is continuing through November.
- Sponsorship Income and Other Income remain an issue and was the subject of comments in previous month's reports.

Other Matters:

- Invoicing for sponsorship - still awaiting data from the Club (original request sent 3rd November).
- Bowls Stickers - following a stock take of the stickers it was decided that we did not need to any more at this time.
- Bowls Shirts - the club has advised that we do not get any subsidy for the shirts.
- Minimum numbers for raffles - the committee was advised that 28 bowlers was the minimum number to hold a raffle.
- Meat Raffles for the following days have been cancelled – Wednesday 23rd December, Saturday 26th December, Wednesday 30th December and Saturday 2nd January. Normal meat raffles will resume Wednesday 6th January 2010.
- Meeting with Jason Read - we were unable to get a time to meet during month of November.

10. Bowls Coordinator

Attached is the 2nd and final draft of the 2010 Events Calendar.

This final copy now has the 7th, 10th and 11th June as the Koala Carnival dates. These dates have been confirmed by the Women's section.

In addition, the Mixed Fours, Triples and Pairs have also been included and again, these dates have also been confirmed as acceptable by the Women's section.

In regard to Pennant Trials, the table below sets out Pennant Trials that have been arranged to-date. There may be other Internal Trials during the early Saturdays in January, but this will largely depend on who's available over the Holiday period.

Finally, we may still be able to get a trial for our 5's against Dundas Sports on the 13th February. If they are interested we would want it played at WPH so we don't lose too much in green fees on the day. I will keep the committee informed should that be a goer.

Date	Event	Comments
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 and 7's will play Internal Trails
6 Feb 2010	External Trial	3's versus Dural at Home 5's versus Dural at Home 7's versus Dural at Dural
13 Feb 2010	External Trial	3's and 7's at Warrawee. 5's will play an Internal Trial.
20 Feb 2010	Internal Trial	Last free Saturday before Pennants start
27 Feb 2010	Pennants Commences	

11. Match Committee Chairman

As per the committee's request a letter was sent to the Zone 10 Match Committee chairman Michael Schwarcz detailing the changes we have made to our conditions of play. Michael has verbally acknowledged receipt of the letter and thanks the club for its diligence in this area. A second letter was sent concerning the purchase of an additional No. 4 Zone Pennant badge for Eric Hilton. Though resolved by the previous committee to purchase one, authorisation must be obtained from the zone. Chairman Michael assures me that this will be no problem to obtain.

Finally, what seems to be becoming a very concerning issue for me and the Match Committee as a whole is the attitude within our membership with regard to Section 10.2 of our conditions of play. After a couple of very warm weekends this month and more to come I cannot stress enough that it is the Match Committee that reserves the right to enforce our conditions of play to the letter with no argument entered into. If people wish to suggest a better way of dealing with extreme weather conditions, the Match Committee is always open to reviewing our conditions of play through the proper procedures and channels. While I know that at times the conditions may see a bit draconian, none of us would like to see a fellow bowler collapse on the green.

12. Selectors' Chairman

The current number of bowlers who have nominated to play Pennants in 2010 is now (47). Logic must prevail with this number and at this stage we can only field (3 Sides of 36 players). Again the disappointment to the Selectors is that 10 Bowlers who have committed to play Pennants will miss out on selection unless the number of players can be increased to (55) then (4 sides) are a possibility.

Application by our Club of the number of Sides to be submitted to (Zone 10) is by Friday 15.1.10.

Internal Trials are now proceeding with some impressive individual performances to date which goes well for selection in our first external Trials against the strong West Epping Club on Saturday 12.1.09.

Again I stress the importance of regular practice each week by all prospective Pennant players and to seek advice by our Coaches to improve your skills.

13. Schools

Letters have gone out to Cherrybrook Tech., Redfield College, Pacific Hills, Pennant Hills, Carlingford, Tangara School for Girls and Marion College.

14. Zone 10

At the time of writing this report the Zone 10 Business Papers for November have not been received.

From the October Zone 10 meeting the only matters of main interest, which have been circulated to committee members, are:

- Entry forms for 2010 Association events are now on the Zone 10 website.
- When clubs enter Association events the entry forms will not be accepted unless accompanied by a cheque or the fee is paid electronically.
- Michael Schwarcz has confirmed that he now has details of WPH representatives re Zone 10 Match Committees.

15. Greens Report

The maintenance of the number 1 green is progressing well. Thankfully, the weather conditions have been kind. The new plinths have been installed and the green has been top dressed. A further light top dressing may be necessary. The small rubbish bins are to be replaced prior to the opening of the green, plus maintenance of the ditches and banks completed.

The plan is to have the green in operation prior to the Pennant trial on 12 December 2009. If this occurs, the number 2 green will be closed and maintenance commenced. As we have all noted the number 2 green is very worn. The possibility of changing direction from North-South to East-West has been mentioned to the greens keeper, however in his opinion if the number 1 green is opened within the next few weeks it is probably not worth pursuing. The problem with the East-West option is the gum trees at the western end, which are dangerous to bowler's safety when strong winds are blowing from the south and westerly directions. Is this a matter that can be addressed by the Sport's Club?

16. Coaches' Chairman

Trainees

- William May is currently being coached by Dallas Palm. He is somewhat deaf so progress is rather slow. However, he is keen to learn and Dallas is satisfied that he will make the grade.
- Mark Kakoschke, who has played bowls with the Probus group and has joined the Men's Bowling Section, is currently undergoing a "speed" course with Keith Robinson as his coach and is expected to be cleared to play before the end of the year.
- I still have no news as to the coaching status of Peter Cochran (coach- Keith Robinson), of that of Barbara and Jack Nugent (coach- Michael Schwarcz).

17. Umpires' Chairman

Further to the Committee's agreement to pay non playing umpires as per the November minutes, a survey of our umpires was undertaken to ascertain their individual points of view.

As there was NOT total agreement in any way, I request the original request be withdrawn.

The status quo will therefore remain.

The subject is now closed and I thank the committee for their time.

18. Welfare

Contact has been made during November with:

- Owen Dowling
- Doug Harvey
- Ben Snelling
- Col Johnston
- Ralph Smith
- Ted Barfoot
- Barry Walker
- Jim Collins
- Clive Montague

Details of their progress have been reported weekly to the members.

I have made two visits to Col Johnston. He is grateful for our support.

Ralph Smith is in rehab. I have asked Frank Barr to keep us up to date with his progress.

Members' birthdays have been announced weekly.

19. Membership Committee Report

20. Mixed Bowls Committee

The meeting of the Mixed Bowls Committee was held on 18 November 2009.

The next mixed day is to be held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 – **Australia Day**. The theme is Green and Gold and a flyer will be appearing on the notice board of the ladies and men's sections shortly. The Committee decided to commence the promotion of the day immediately to allow the ladies to promote the day prior to their Christmas break. The same urgency of the promotion is not as important for the Men's section as they play through the Christmas break. The Sports Club has agreed to send a small flyer with the Bowls Newsletter when they are posted shortly. The small flyer has an RSVP attachment.

The format of the day will be much the same as before which has always been successful.

Although **Anzac Day** in 2010 falls on a Sunday the Monday has been gazetted as a public holiday in NSW. It is planned to hold a mixed day on the Monday subject to the ladies or men's sections not intending to hold an event on that day. The matter will be addressed after Australia Day.

There will be a **Mixed Championship Bowls** committee formed to organize Sunday mixed bowls. Representing the ladies are Denise Hopkins and Anne Lucietto, David Wilson and Mal Horner will be the Men's reps. Future reports on this section will be from the newly formed committee.

21. Communications Committee

The latest newsletter has been printed and distributed by the Sports club to all members on the club's mailing list. This is the last issue for 2009.

The approved events calendar for 2010 has been uploaded to the web.

22. Corporate

23. General Business

24. Next Meeting

Proposed: 12th January 6pm