



## West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

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### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Business Papers 5th January 2010 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 <b>DP</b> |
| 2.2. Resubmit schools bowling programme to Sports Club | Oct <b>DW</b>  |

#### 3. Correspondence Inwards

- 3.1. RNSWBA – Annual returns – forms & procedures
- 3.2. Peter Gibson – resignation from club due to lack of mobility.
- 3.3. Jim Lynch – Request for spare club badges for his collection.
- 3.4. Zone 10 Match Committee – approval for obtaining additional Grade 4 Winners Pennant badge.
- 3.5.

#### 4. Correspondence Outwards

- 4.1. Roy Forsyth – request for name badges
- 4.2.

#### 5. President's Report

December has been a month of festivities for Christmas and New Year. Our Christmas party for the men's and women's bowls section was a great success with more than 140 attendees.

Our thanks go to Jason and Shannon for accommodating such a large crowd within the club.

My personal thanks to the ladies for organising raffle tickets and prizes, Dallas Palm for his commitment as club secretary in organising all responses, and Alan Atkinson of Atkinson advertising for donation the lucky door prizes.

The feedback from many members has been very positive and I congratulate the committee members for taking time to visit each table during the evening. This was well received by all.

Now it's back to business. The next 6 months will have many challenges for our us and I look forward to working together in completing a successful 12 months as a committee.

The main tasks as I see them are;

- a.. The 2010 Pennant Season
- b.. The Koala Carnival
- c.. Sponsorship
- d.. Quality of our Greens

I wish all members a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Happy Bowling

## **6. Senior Vice President**

Now that we have reached the end of 2009, it is clear the initiatives that have taken place since July 2009 are being appreciated by the bowlers. With 50 bowlers attending on Wednesday 30 December the number was far more than expected which hopefully bodes well for the 2010 year.

We still need to consider the holding of "Open Days" in 2010. The introduction of new bowlers is the way to grow the club numbers, both men and ladies. With the new bowlers who joined in 2009, some are now pressing for inclusion into our Pennant grades augers well for 2010.

On a personal note, I look forward to working with the Committee in 2010 and wish you and your families a prosperous and worthwhile 2010.

## **7. Vice President**

### **8. Secretary**

#### Lockers Review

The review was virtually completed in December with a couple of lockers still to be confirmed. Three lockers have been leased to new bowlers and four bowlers have paid outstanding fees. Roy Robinson's locker has had the lock replaced due to failure of the lock.

#### Presentation Day

The day was a great success with most of the trophy winners present. The match following the presentation dinner was well supported with a full green of bowlers. Thanks to David Wilson for taking on the job of acquiring trophies and badges and having them engraved. David also made the presentations an easy task by preparing a well thought out run sheet.

#### Xmas Party

What a party! This was the largest Christmas Party I've attended in my 6 years bowling at this club. We had 138 people attend. Thanks to the ladies for organising the raffles. Feedback from bowlers and guests on the evening was very positive. Thanks also to Shane and his crew for providing us with a great Christmas dinner. Let's see what we can do in 2010 to top this result.

#### Membership

The primary task at hand now is to complete the annual membership review (requires data from Sports Club) and submit returns to RNSWBA. Club statistics will be available for the February meeting. There have been 3 bowlers request transfer to other clubs – Don Yeates, Ross Timmouth, Col Hamilton. Transfer forms have been sent to the bowlers, Zone10 and RNSWBA.

#### Bowls Shirts

The Sports Club have advised the shirt order from November 09 is expected by start of February 10. Prices have not been confirmed.

## **9. Treasurer**

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

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

#### Month of November 2009:

- Profit for the month is \$1,475 and is \$61 better than Budget.
- We lost one days bowling this month (Friday 20th November 2009). This has had a minor adverse impact on our Green Fees.

- Green Fees and Raffle Income are however both marginally down on budget.
- Sports Fee Income is down on budget but this will pick up in December as members pay their annual fees.
- There were no catering events in November so the income and costs are zero in the month.
- Raffle Costs are very low and I am following this up with the club. It looks like our supplier failed to send their invoice on time. This means we will have double the cost in December 2009.

#### Year to Date November 2009:

- Loss Year to Date is \$2,506 and is \$2235 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 \$2,734 up on Budget. This is a very positive trend which is continuing through December.
- Sponsorship Income and Other Income remain an issue and was the subject of comments in previous month's reports.

#### Other Matters:

- Meeting with Jason Read - Terry and I met with Jason on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Terry will provide a summary on the main points discussed.
- Invoicing for sponsorship - the Club has advised that no charges have been made for the signs around the green for the 2008-2009 year. The last invoices sent out were in April 2008 for the 12 months ending 30th June 2008.
- Bowls Shirts - the club has advised that we do not receive any subsidy for the shirts. We should consider increasing the cost to \$30.00 from the current \$25.00.
- 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 from Wednesday 6th January 2010.

## **10. Bowls Coordinator**

### **11. Match Committee Chairman**

It is with much frustration that I write this month's report. I would draw the committee's attention to the situation which occurred last Saturday, January 2nd. The Match Committee feels that no matter how many times the point that "the decision of the Match Committee is final" is raised, some members of the club consistently wish to challenge the decision and undermine the responsibility bestowed upon the Match Committee to make decisions with regard to all games played on our greens. Any decision taken is only made to ensure the safety of members and the protection of the greens. The Match Committee also feels that this matter must be dealt with now to avoid further issues arising in the future.

I have been asked on behalf of the Match Committee to most strongly remind all members that we have policies and procedures as outlined in the conditions of play, which this committee has approved and as such we are bound to follow them. No decision is taken lightly or without weighing up all factors. The Match Committee feels that in this case, a decision was made in haste without following the procedures laid out in our conditions of play.

The Match Committee therefore feels that it has no choice but to further clarify the conditions of play, especially our inclement weather policy, to ensure that there is no ambiguity in anyone's interpretation of the decision making process in these matters. I would hope that there will be no further incidents of disagreement with the decisions made by the Match Committee. The Committee is fast approaching a point where any enforcement of the conditions of play may as well be abandoned because of a lack of willingness from within our club members to abide by the conditions of play.

The Committee has included their suggested amendments to section 10 of the conditions of play (highlighted in italics) and further suggest that any time the green is closed or play is suspended, the controlling body, their representative or the person responsible should lodge a report with the club secretary as to why the green was closed. The Committee feels this is the best way to maintain transparency and accountability in this process.

## **10. Inclement Weather and Safety**

Inclement weather is where any weather conditions or safety aspects are such that no one should be expected to be playing the game of bowls. *In the event of inclement weather occurring before or during the game, the Controlling Body will make the final decision as to the suspension or continuation of play. An indication of circumstances that may be deemed inclement and the resulting course of action are outlined as follows;*

10.1. If there is a likelihood of play on a game day being cancelled by inclement weather, *the decision to temporarily suspend or cancel play will be made by the Controlling Body.* A decision as to play shall not be made before 8:00am for AM games or 11:00am for PM games. AM games are normally scheduled to commence at 9:00am and PM games at 1:00pm, however, *all of the above times* may vary by up to an hour due to weather conditions. Such delays will be decided by the Controlling Body. *Should the decision require input from other committees or panels (e.g. greens, umpires etc.) the Controlling Body will consult with them. However the final decision shall rest with the Controlling Body. (refer 1.3)*

10.2. 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 one mandatory drink break of 10 minutes will be taken at the conclusion of the 11<sup>th</sup> end. 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 10.9).

Should either of the mentioned situations occur, players will be instructed by the Controlling Body to leave the green and adjourn to the shaded area adjoining the clubhouse or the clubhouse itself and take fluids to prevent dehydration.

10.3 *In the event of particularly heavy or extreme rain before the commencement of play, the Controlling Body will consult with the greens committee chairman before deciding whether play should commence. As per section 10.1, the Controlling Body can wait for a period of up to one (1) hour before making a decision on the conditions and the playability of the green.*

10.4. If the Controlling Body believes that lightning poses a threat to the safety of participants, then matches will be suspended and players directed to take shelter until the threat has abated. The general rule to make such a decision will be based upon the sight of lightning followed within thirty (30) seconds by thunder.

10.5. In the event of strong winds causing the Jack to become unstable by moving on the green, matches will be temporarily suspended until such winds abate sufficiently enough to allow a restart of matches. If the winds continue making a restart impossible, then matches will be abandoned. (refer 10.9)

10.6. If inclement weather delays or interrupts a game, failure of a Singles player or team to be present if the game is to proceed will result in the match being awarded to the non offending team.

10.7 The Controlling Body on the day may remove the players from the rink if he considers continuation would affect the health of the bowlers, or cause damage to the rinks. There need not be an appeal from the players or umpire.

10.8. If play has been suspended and the weather improves, the players' skip may appeal to the Controlling Body to resume play. Only if the weather has improved, would the Controlling Body give permission.

10.9. In the event that the Controlling Body has suspended play and there has been no noticeable improvement in the weather conditions for one (1) hour, then play will be abandoned.

10.10. Players may appeal to the Controlling Body to come off in extreme weather conditions or darkness, or if no umpire or controlling body present, then by mutual agreement.

## **12. Chairman of Selectors**

Following the enthusiastic response from our Bowlers to play Pennants for our Club in 2010 and in view of that number of Bowlers, herewith the current situation:

1. There are now 53 Bowlers who have now committed to play Pennants, together with 8 additional Bowlers who will be available to fill in when an emergency arises throughout the season. A total of 61 Bowler which should suffice the required number to support 4 Sides.
2. In view of this number of players available we the selectors recommend that our Club apply for 4 Sides in 2010 Pennants i.e.  
Grades --- 3, 5, 6, 7
3. The opportunity of having 4 Sides is so important in the development of our new Bowlers and those players who have never had that chance to play in such a prestige competition as Pennants.
4. This will be of great benefit to our Club in the short and long term.
5. Further to selection of Sides, players have now been graded into various Teams for the forthcoming internal and external Trial games in January and throughout February.

## **13. Schools Committee**

We have had a positive response to the letters sent to local schools with Marian College eager to join us at West Pennant Hills in 2010. After looking at their programme, they were hoping that their year 10 students could be accommodated each Friday from approx 11.30 'til 12.30.

The dates would be:

- Term 1 - 5th of February to 26th of March
- Term 2 - 23rd of April to 25th of June
- Term 3 - 23rd of July to 21st of September

Peter Eagle has already addressed this with Blake who has said it is no problem preparing the greens early. I feel we should wholeheartedly embrace this sort of activity and would ask for additional members for the Schools Committee so as to more effectively facilitate the bowls.

#### **14. Zone 10**

The next Zone 10 meeting will not take place until Wednesday 3 February 2010. All matters that arose from the December 2009 meeting were emailed to Committee members on 3 December. The two requirements that need to be completed in January are:

- Entry form for State/Zone Fours needs to be completed by 5 January 2010.
- Pennant entries need to be completed by 15 January 2010.

Also:

- Club President and Club Delegate to attend the Zone meeting on Wednesday 3 February 2010.
- A selector, bowls coordinator and match committee member need to attend the Zone meeting on 9 February 2010.

The Zone Conditions of Play for 2010 has yet to be posted on the website.

#### **15. Greens Report**

The No1 green came back into play on Wednesday 30th December 2009. This is much later than originally planned, however the delay has given us an excellent green which will see us through a long year of play. Sand in the ditch is still to be supplied and I am assured that this is forthcoming.

A Grooming Wheel is being used to break up the runners and will be used over the next 2/3 weeks.

The Cliff and Joyce Sullivan Green (No2) green is now under going renovation and will be out of play for some time, hopefully it will be back in play for the commencement of the Pennant season. The soil profile on this green is good and will not be cored as in previous years. The green will be laser leveled on Tuesday 5th January.

The Gum Tree on Council property on the West side of No2 green is still a concern. This has been reported to the Board and reported to Hornsby Council.

#### **16. Coaches' Chairman**

- Mark Kakoschke, who previously played bowls with the Probus group, recently joined the Men's Bowling Section, and underwent a "speed" course with Keith Robinson. He commenced playing social bowls during December.
- William May who is currently being coached by Dallas Palm has not been available for coaching during the recent hot weather, but Dallas is hopeful that he can get him to continue his lessons either early morning or late afternoon once the festive season is over.
- Peter Cochran (coach Keith Robinson), who had his first lessons late in 2009 is presently involved in playing baseball, and will resume being coached when the baseball season is over.
- Bob Banks who joined the Sports Club in 1999, and who tried his hand at bowls some thirty years ago, has had his first formal coaching session from Bill Arnott. He will continue with his lessons when he returns to Sydney in mid-January.
- Contact has been made with 36 year-old Rohan Limaye who, along with his wife, wishes to be coached. He has promised to call me when he gets back from holidays so that coaching can be arranged for both of them.
- The WPH WBC President, Pat Jones, has advised that Bryan Joyce's wife and Peter O'Keefe's wife wish to take up bowls, and further advised that they would like to be coached by Keith Robinson who was responsible for teaching both of these members. Keith is planning to undertake this task, commencing in early January.

- I still have no news as to the coaching status of Barbara and Jack Nugent (coach- Micheal Schwarcz) for whom “Coaching Aids for New Bowlers” folders were prepared some months ago.

### **17. Umpires’ Chairman**

Current protocol is that bowlers requesting to become Umpires have to be passed by the Management Committee.

Requests from David Wilson and Leo Saly have been received by me for a Level 1 course beginning 18th Feb 2010. I recommend acceptance of these requests.

Also Tony Boughton, Les Watkins & Geoff Seamons will attend a reaccreditation course which commences 4th Feb 2010.

### **18. Welfare**

Contact has been made during December with:

- Owen Dowling
- Doug Harvey
- Col Johnston
- Ralph Smith
- Clive Montague

I have made two hospital visits to Col Johnston. He is always happy to hear of news of our members. He had hoped to be home for Christmas, but his leg is not healing so his operation has been deferred. His Doctor is away for 3 weeks, so it will be some time before he gets home.

Ben Snelling had expressed interest in attending our Presentation Day – I called in to collect him, but he had made other arrangements to go out with his son.

During the month of December I have given up-to-date news of the above members and I have also made birthday announcements.

### **19. Membership Committee Report – no report**

### **20. Mixed Bowls Committee**

A further meeting of the Mixed Bowls Committee was held on 2 December 2009. Good progress is being made for the next event on Tuesday 26 January 2010. All arrangements have been completed and another meeting will be arranged shortly.

So far 19 entries have been received which augers well for a successful day. The cut-off point is 42 entries.

In relation to the Mixed Championship Bowls Committee, the formation and running of the committee needs to be reconsidered at our next meeting. At this stage I understand there is nothing to report.

### **21. Communications Committee – no report**

### **22. Corporate – no report**

### **23. General Business**

- 23.1. Need to form a WPH TAT committee in readiness for our turn to host the event on the 19th April 2010.

### **24. Next Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 6pm