



West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business Papers

1st March 2010

Meeting Commences 6:00pm

1. Business arising from the Minutes

- 1.1. Koala Carnival committee formed – see President's report.
- 1.2. TAT – Geoff McIntosh has agreed to produce score sheet.
- 1.3. Letter sent to all Pennant players.
- 1.4. Annual Membership return – see Secretary's report.

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. Koala Carnival notices to clubs & players, harvesting of emails... | Feb | MH, TB |
| 2.4. TAT – modification to entry form to include email | Feb | MH |
| 2.5. Discussion with WPHSC re changing of membership fees to Nov. | Feb | DP |
| 2.6. Schools – Marion College to be invoiced | Feb | WP |

3. Correspondence Inwards

- 3.1. Pennant Hills BC – notice re Easter Mixed Triples
- 3.2. Peter Eagle – summary Zone10 meeting
- 3.3. Zone 10 Coaches – 2010 Coaching Communique 1 & 2 (forwarded to Bill Arnott)
- 3.4. Peter Eagle – summary Zone10 Meeting minutes
- 3.5. RNSWBA – Adjustment invoice for Annual affiliation fees and latest membership listing.
- 3.6. David Wilson – Match Committee Minutes & response to request from Clive Donohoo.
- 3.7. RNSWBA – Registration cards for 124 members
- 3.8. RNSWBA – circulars – 2010 Indoor Singles, Nov/Dec 09, Jan 10 obituaries, Nov09-Jan10 charity contributions, Application for 2010 Bowlsbet NSW Premier League, 2010 NSW Rookies Singles & Pairs.
- 3.9. RNSWBA – Status of membership of B. O'Brien & G.D'Costa.

4. Correspondence Outwards

- 4.1. RNSWBA – Affiliation Fees & Annual Return
- 4.2. WPHSC (WP) - Raffle requirements for 20/2/10
- 4.3. WPHSC (TB) – email from Terry to Jason Read re Pennant Trials and Pennant programme.
- 4.4. RNSWBA – Affiliation fees for newly registered & change status
- 4.5. WPHSC – Instruction to sell old stock shirts before new stock where current stock exists.
- 4.6. RNSWBA – Transfer & payment for G. D'Costa
- 4.7. Pennant Players - Letter of thanks to all Pennant Players
- 4.8. Roy Forsyth – request for name badges for Peter O'Keefe & Gerard D'Costa

- 4.9. Steve Brady – Letter of thanks for his involvement in obtaining new temperature equipment.

5. President's Report

- We have lost some days this month due to inclement weather (floods, heat etc). This has affected our Pennant trials both internal and external.

 - The trial against The Hills 3's and 6, 1's on February 20th proved to be an enjoyable day. I personally spoke to Chris Wallace from The Hills on Monday 22nd and thanked him and the club for their attendance. Chris commented that many of his members remarked as to how they enjoyed their day at WPH. Especially the team that actually won!

 - Our thanks must go to Steve Brady for the purchase of a new Temperature Measuring Device for the Bowls Section. A letter of thanks has been sent to Steve on behalf of us all.

 - A sponsorship pack has been drafted for the committee's perusal, once agreed I will take up further with Jason Read regarding implementation.

 - Our Friday Pairs changing to Mufti appears to have been well received. We will assess this after the 3 month trial period and confirm accordingly.

 - A Koala Carnival committee has been established for the 2010 event. This comprises Pat Jones, Margaret Wighton, David Wilson, Mal Horner and I. A flyer is being currently being prepared and will be circulated by March 8th. Pat advised that she could not get any other ladies to assist with the event so it looks like the Men will have to play a major part in making this event a success in 2010. I have spoken with Bill Austin and will be confirming sponsorship arrangements shortly.

 - Our Club Championships are now underway and already we have seen some keenly contested games in the Minor Pairs. The calendar for all events in 2010 is very tight and sometimes some difficult decisions need to be made, I would therefore ask that we give our full support to our Match Committee in assuring we get through all Championships as scheduled.

 - As we will have 5 Saturdays (minimum 72 bowlers) during the Pennant Season where we will have 3 visiting clubs at WPH at the same time I would like to confirm details of requirements for the Saturday raffle on these days in general business.
- I have advised Jason Read of the Pennant Draw Schedule to allow for staffing needs and also confirmed catering requirements with Shane in the restaurant.
- February 27th is Round 1 of the Pennant Season and I wish all grades the best of luck in achieving our goals in 2010.

6. Senior Vice President

Since the January 2010 meeting, Friday bowls has been run as a mufti event. The bowlers seem to have accepted the alteration of dress in the spirit of its intention. There have been a couple of grumbles that some bowlers are pushing the dress requirement too far with overly bright colours and overlong shorts.

As we are not far away from the cooler weather a dress code requirement now needs to be put together so all bowlers know what is required. This will receive attention.

Now that both greens are in commission, the Open Day Committee needs to meet and set in place a plan of action.

7. Vice President

I am still waiting to hear back from Miller's about the No. 4 Pennant Badge purchased for Eric Hilton. I will inform the committee of any progress at the meeting on Monday night.

8. Secretary

All our current bowling members are now registered with the RNSWBA. I am awaiting the latest listing from RNSWBA to reconcile with our records and I'm sure there will be some minor adjustments/corrections to be made. However, all Pennant players are registered.

Member Registration cards have been received although there are approximately 30 still to come. Members are advised their cards are available when paying green fees.

9. Treasurer

January 2010 and Year to Date Financial Results:

Attached is a copy of the January 2010 accounts provided by the main club.

Unfortunately the accounts are again inaccurate with two significant errors. The errors are as follows:

- The reallocation of the Xmas Catering costs of \$602.18 to the Ladies was not carried out as requested. See my report for December 2009 for details. This will be corrected in February.
- The club charged us with \$2,500.00 for raffle costs which do not belong to us. This will also be corrected in February.
- This makes the total value of the errors \$3,102.18 which is no small amount in our results for the year.
- The loss for the month should be \$1,471 not the \$4,573 as reported by the club.
- The loss year to date should be \$3,229 not the \$6,331 as reported by the club.
- There is still \$360 in Other Expenses which need to be transferred to Other Costs in February.
- I apologise to the committee for these errors but it is somewhat out of my control. I can only check the accounts when they arrive and ask for corrections to be made.

Month of January 2010:

- The adjusted Loss in the month is \$1,471 compared to a Budget Loss of \$4,469.
- With the large number of corrections being processed in the month I will focus my comments on the year to date numbers rather than try to explain the complex movements in the month.
- We lost two days bowling this month. This has had only a minor adverse impact on our Green Fees.

- Green Fees Income is however in line with budget.

Year to Date January 2010:

- The adjusted Loss Year to Date is \$3,229 compared to a budget Loss of \$2,272 ie a negative variance of \$957.
- The year to date short fall is made up of the loss from not holding the full Koala Carnival \$1,077, net shortfall in raffle profit of \$1,866, shortfall in sponsorship income \$283, the net shortfall in annual fees \$1,247 and offset with the profit on green fees of \$3,594. All the other minor variances basically offset each other.
- Sponsorship Income and Other Income remain an issue and was the subject of comments in previous month's reports.

Sponsorship:

Following is an update on the invoices we sent out mid January 2010 for last year's advertising:

- Jacobs Creek for signs \$1,000 plus GST. - Not paid yet.
- Image Pools for signs on Green \$500 plus GST. - Not paid yet.
- Independent gaming for signs \$500 plus GST. – Club working on contra deal and will advise.
- Cherrybrook Pharmacy for signs \$500 plus GST. – Paid the full amount but 30% given to Ladies Club.
- Albert Meyer for signs \$250 plus GST. - Not paid yet.

I will give the committee further updates at our meeting in April.

Other Matters:

- To improve recording and reporting of our income and expenses a new banking sheet has been introduced. A copy of the new form is attached for your information.
- I held a meeting with Richard Hickey to discuss our issues and concerns. The result is the new banking form mentioned above and the improved timing of the receipt of the monthly accounts. I also raised the matter of the annual payment to the RNSWBA and as yet I have no response. I will follow this up in the next week or so.

10. Bowls Coordinator

Turnaround Triples

Preparations for our Turnaround Triples Tournament, which will be held on the 19th April 2010, are well underway and at the time of presenting this report it is expected that entries for all twenty eight available places will have been received.

We will soon hold a meeting of the TAT Committee to iron out some of the logistical requirements to ensure we run a successful carnival.

Club Championships

The final of the Minor Pairs will be played on Friday 26th February instead of Sunday 28th February. This change of date is as a result of a team member of one of the semi-final winning teams being unavailable to play on the Sunday due to personal reasons. The Bowls Coordinator has gone to great lengths to produce a workable championship schedule this year and to have a member of one of the final teams request an alteration to the schedule was a disappointment, particularly as he was aware prior to entering the competition that he wouldn't be available for the final should he qualify.

It's unfortunate that players believe games should be rescheduled to suit an individual's requirements. Every championship nomination form clearly shows the conditions of play and match schedules etc., and it is understood that all members who enter their name on the nomination form, undertake to accept the conditions as listed.

In the case of the Minor Pairs, the Match Committee have allowed the rescheduling, however anyone entering future competitions need to be aware that they are expected to play under the conditions set out and on the scheduled dates, otherwise the play of forfeit rule will be applied.

The next championship event will be the Major Pairs and at the time of writing this report we have received fifteen entries.

11. Match Committee

As many committee members are aware, there was a small issue with regard to the playing of the minor pairs final. This issue was resolved by the playing of the final on a Friday. While this was not ideal, little could be done about it. The Match Committee feels that games should be played on the scheduled day, however, in certain circumstances are willing to entertain games played outside of these times. More will be discussed about this in general business. However, while flexibility is essential, members must also appreciate the need to stick to a very tight schedule in order to complete all championships on time. Already, the Match Committee has had to knock back several requests for changes in the scheduled time of championship because the time just isn't available. It is a situation which while being regrettable is nonetheless necessary.

12. Selectors

Pennants

- 1/ The Season has now commenced for all our four Grade Sides and we look forward with great anticipation to another successful season for our club in 2010.
- 2/ All teams have been selected on ability and harmony with one another which is the key to success in any team sport.
- 3/ A special thanks to our "Fill in Reserves" who have responded to support our Club where several selected players were unavailable for the first round of games.

That is what true Club spirit is all about.

13. Schools Committee

I am happy to announce that Marian College has attended the club 3 times over the past month. The girls have varied levels of enthusiasm and interest and I am very grateful to all the members who have assisted in the facilitation of this program.

14. Zone 10

On Tuesday 2 February 2010 and Tuesday 9 February 2010, representatives from WPH attended meetings concerning coaching and Pennants (2010) briefings.

A report has been submitted to Bill Arnott dated 6 February 200 relating to coaching. The Pennants requirements are also in hand.

In the latest minutes from Zone, the results of the extreme weather survey conducted by Zone 10 have been supplied. Details have been sent to David Wilson for his reference. Now that we are into the latter part of summer, Zone probably will not seek to apply a uniform requirement;

however there is still the possibility that Zone may play a more active role in the latter part of 2010 and in 2011.

An important aspect from Zone is unfinancial clubs. The 30 day payment allowance after the due date has gone. If a payment, by a club, is due to be made on a certain date then it has to be made prior to or on that date otherwise the club becomes unfinancial and cannot enter events. The change in position was made and passed at a board meeting in 2009. The RNSWBA has also noted the amendment. WPH needs to adhere to the altered payment requirement.

15. Greens

The No2 green came back into play on the 20th February, for the one day, however due to some additional top dressing to address a slope on the Western side of the green only 5 or 6 rinks running North/South were available for play on the 20th before being taken out again for 7 days.

Due to the amount of work on hand for our service contractor there is a delay of 2 weeks before the mower used on the No2 green can be serviced

The flowerbed on the western side of the No1 green is finished and has been taken out. The northern side of this green was enhanced with a bark mulch to give it some extra colour, unfortunately the recent heavy rain-washed most of the bark on to the green. There was no damage to the green.

Windsocks for both greens are in place; (unfortunately for some they are red and white !!!)

The proposed new signs for the No1 green advising non bowlers to stay of the green are hard to source, however a proto type is being prepared for us by a contact of Blake's. This should be available in the next 2 weeks.

The trimming or removal of the gum tree on council property on the west side of the No2 green has still not been resolved. Council is aware of our concern and we are still awaiting a response from them. My concern is that we will be playing on this green from the 27th February.

There is a need to review the information on the outside notice board with the introduction of Tuesday evenings and the increasing popularity of Thursday evenings.

16. Coaches

- There is no further news regarding William May (currently being coached by Dallas Palm).
- I am still waiting to hear from Rohan Limaye and his wife, who had expressed a wish to be coached a couple of months ago. Rohan had promised me that, while a recent promotion in his employment raised doubts about his being able to commit to bowls for the time being, his wife is still keen to learn and that she would get in touch with me on their return from holidays after the 12th of February.
- Camillis Joyce and Patricia O'Keefe have completed their coaching sessions with Keith Robinson and are now playing bowls.
- Noel Johnston of Cherrybrook has completed Stage 1 of our coaching course (coach – Bill Arnott) and has now been passed over to Barrie Stuart, who will present the remaining four stages. Barrie is also handling the formal coaching of Margaret Gillies.
- I still have no news as to the coaching status of Barbara and Jack Nugent (coach- Micheal Schwarcz).

17. Umpires - no report

18. Welfare

Contact has been made during February with:

- Doug Harvey
- Ralph Smith

- Clive Montague

I have kept up-to-date with the progress of:

- Owen Dowling
- Col Johnston
- Ben Snelling

I have given news of the above members and also made birthday announcements on bowls days in February.

19. Membership – no report

20. Mixed Bowls

Nothing further has taken place since the January report. Another meeting will be held shortly to plan the Anzac Day holiday event to take place on Monday 26 April 2010.

21. Communications

I am happy to announce that a new editorial team has been found for the club's newsletter. This will comprise of editor Tony Boughton and deputy editors Peter Booth and Micheal Schwarcz. I have every faith that this group will continue to produce a high quality publication. I thank them and wish them the very best of luck over the next 10 months of the year. The January/February edition will be published in the next week.

The hosting provider for the web site has recently been changed. This change allows us to provide greater content and options for our website, such as a member blog or forum.

22. Corporate

I had a lot of enquiries to play bowls, but unfortunately most are for Saturday afternoons.

It may be worthwhile to have a Sunday afternoon “barefoot play”, and charge people \$15 for 1 ½ hrs, and have 2 sessions. However this is up to the committee.

I have several wooden carrying cases made, and I expect one new one per week.

Saturday 6th March I expect 30-35 people to play, starting at 5.30 pm.

Sunday 14th March I expect 35 people to start at 4.30 pm – with barbecue. (This has been organized with the Assistant Club Manager).

In both instances I shall need assistance.

23. General Business

- 23.1. Championships schedule and changes to dates of games.
- 23.2. Sponsorship packages

24. Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th April, start 6:00pm