



West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business Papers

6th April 2010

Meeting Commences 6:00pm

1. Business arising from the Minutes

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2. Carried forward from previous meetings

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| 2.1. Inclusion of 'Achievements' to Honour board | Sept | DP |
| 2.2. Discussion with WPHSC re changing of membership fees to Nov. | Feb | DP |

3. Correspondence Inwards

- 3.1. RNSWBA – invoice for new members
- 3.2. Betezy.com – offer for Bowls Bet. Forwarded to Jason @ WPHSC
- 3.3. RNSWBA – update club listing at 25/3/10
- 3.4. RNSWBA – circular on new fee structure effective 1/6/10; Amendments to COP; Rule book out of print; changes to advertising of events in Bowls NSW; Feb 2010 bereaved members list.
- 3.5. Max Walters – thanks to persons for assistance with corporate bowls and making bowls carriers.
- 3.6. Michael Schwarcz – complaint re handling of his selection in Pennants and denial of his request for dispensation in Major Pairs Championship.

4. Correspondence Outwards

- 4.1. WPHSC – Updated list of Club Championships for Honor Board.
- 4.2. Roy Forsyth – name badges for Ken Walker, John Williams
- 4.3. WPHSC – confirmation of bookings for committee meetings
- 4.4. RNSWBA – response & corrections to 25/3/10 member listing.
- 4.5. Roy Forsyth – name badges for Ian Thompson, Geoffrey Tweeddale, Noel Johnston, Peter O'Keeffe.
- 4.6. Terry Barnett – response to 3.6
- 4.7. Jackies Bowls – request to produce 50 club hatbands and sample to match.

5. Reports

5.1. President

Bereavements

It is with much sadness we acknowledge the passing of two of our esteemed members during March, Doug Harvey and Mr Lam.

Many members will have fond memories of both of these gentlemen, our club has been enriched by their friendship and contribution over many years of bowling and social activity.

Our collective thoughts of sympathy go to their families at this difficult time.

Pennants 2010

We are half way through the Pennant Season and find all grades in very good positions within their section.

It is great to see the enthusiasm from all sides, I congratulate everyone on their effort so far. We need to maintain our strong momentum to ensure we are up there towards the end of the rounds.

Club Championships

The Major Pairs have now been decided and I congratulate all finalists on a wonderful sporting effort. Matty Stubbs and Barrie Stuart proved a little too strong for Paul Van Tilburg and John O'Rielly. Well done to all.

Our next event is the Major Singles.

Koala Carnival 2010

The Koala Carnival Flyer has now been approved and produced for the 2010 event. Homeway First National Real Estate has been secured as the Major Sponsor this year. Their contribution of Prize Money and major raffle prize (\$500 Bar B Que) is greatly appreciated. The Sports Club will also provide us with \$2,000 worth of electrical goods to be raffled over the 3 days.

I would ask that all committee members make a concerted effort in promoting this event at every opportunity. I would also like our Selectors to ensure that each of our Pennant Team Managers has a quantity of flyers with them each week to leave with their opponents and invite them to participate.

I have written personal invitations to various bowlers from around our zone. I have also suggested to Pat Jones (Lady President) that she do the same.

We want to make the 2010 event the most successful ever.

Sponsorship

Signage Sponsorship of 3 signs on Green No 1 has been confirmed with Richard Hickey, Chartered Accountants of Beecroft. They have also agreed to share the cost of the printing of new scorecards with Homeway First National Real Estate, which will soon be required.

Turn Around Triples

The next major event on our calendar is the Turn Around Triples to be held on April 19th. I understand the event is full and Mal Horner has everything well in hand. Many thanks must also go to Keryn Smith (from our main office) for her assistance with this tournament.

I would again ask that as many committee members as possible be available to help out on the day of the event.

5.2. Senior Vice President

Attached below for discussion is a draft mufti code of dress for bowlers. Please consider the draft so changes may be made if necessary. Once approved the dress code can be distributed to bowlers and details posted on the notice board and website.

A number of bowlers attended the funeral service of Mr Wan Lam on Wednesday 24 March. The women's section was also represented. During the course of the service WPH Bowling Club was mentioned on a number of occasions. Mr Lam enjoyed bowling and sport in general having represented his province in China in the sports of basketball, volleyball and gymnastics. At the request of his family Mr Lam was laid to rest dressed in his WPH bowls uniform. The last game of bowls Mr Lam played at WPH was on Australia Day. Mr Lam will be missed.

Bowlers from the men's and women's sections attended the funeral service of Douglas Harvey on 1 April 2010. Also attending were representatives from West Pennant Hills Sports Club, Parramatta Rugby Union Club and Probus.

Doug was a former President of the Men's Bowling Section from 2000 to 2002. He was also on the board of the West Pennant Hills Sports Club. Doug had a keen interest in Rugby, Cricket and Sailing having played or participated in the mentioned sports. He was a keen bowler and was part of the side that won the mid week Pennant for WPH.

Barry Walker presented a eulogy during the service about the involvement of Doug in Masonry.

Doug battled with cancer over many years and clearly the number of people who attended the service showed he had many friends and will be missed.

Draft Mufti Dress Code

1. Shirts with collars or polo shirts. Conservative colours
2. Shorts - excluding cargo shorts and stubbies.
3. Long pants - excluding cargo pants. Jeans acceptable provided they are well maintained.
4. Jumpers or sloppy joes with or without designer names. Colours need to be conservative.
5. Hats, caps with or without logos provided they are conservative and the colour is conservative.
6. Socks must be worn. Ankle socks acceptable provided they can be seen above bowls shoes.
7. Bowls shoes to be worn at all times. Thongs and other footwear not acceptable and are not to worn on greens.

5.3. Vice President

5.4. Secretary

Club membership at 1st April is 147. There are still some details being sorted with RNSWBA to ensure their data, that of WPHSC and our data are all in agreement.

Mail delivered to the club's mailbox in the Sports Room is usually addressed to an individual by name or by role, for a reason. It would be appreciated if mail addressed to 'The Secretary' is left in the mailbox unopened. It is embarrassing when asked to respond to the subject of correspondence which I have not yet seen, although others in the club are discussing.

5.5. Treasurer

February 2010 and Year to Date Financial Results:

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

I am pleased to report that the accounts for the year to date are now correct. The month of February does however contain the corrections to bring the accounts into line on a year to date basis.

Month of February 2010:

- 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 three days bowling this month. This has had a \$400.00 approx adverse impact on our Green Fees.
- Raffle takings were also down by around \$300.00 approx due to the lost days.
- Shirt sales were \$350.00 in the month which reflects purchases made by members playing pennants. We also purchased 35 shirts in the month for a cost of \$1,305.00.

Year to Date February 2010:

- The Loss Year to Date is \$3,410 compared to a budget Loss of \$2,396 ie a negative variance of \$1,014.
- 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 \$2,190, shortfall in sponsorship income \$283, the net shortfall in annual fees \$1,853 and offset with the profit on green fees of \$4,021. 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.

We need to consider our next steps with these companies. Perhaps our President should contact each of them to determine if there is a future with them advertising on our score boards.

RNSWBA Fees for 2010/2011:

I have been advised the following for next year:

- Members \$40.00 an increase of \$5.00 per annum
- Multi Members \$20.50 an increase of \$3.00 per annum
- Junior Members \$25.00 an increase of \$2.00 per annum
- Junior Multi Members \$12.50 an increase of \$1.00 per annum

A Flat Club Affiliation Fee:

- 0-49 Members \$20.00
- 50-149 Members \$100.00
- 150-249 Members \$200.00
- 250 + Members \$300.00

Other Matters:

- I have been advised that the Zone Fees of \$9.00 per member may also increase.
- Tuesday bowls will give us an additional \$700.00 in green fees this year for 11 evenings. The only cost is the vouchers which will total \$220.00. Thus Tuesday Bowls has given us an additional \$500.00 approx net additional income. The club itself has also gained from this exercise. If we run this program for the full daylight saving period next year we could easily double this number.
- Thursday night bowls has given us \$465.00 this year over 20 nights. Max Walters has put in a lot of time with this and should be thanked for his efforts.
- We have received all the entry fees for the Turnaround Triples and Keryn has advised that we have also received the prize money from the sponsor in March.

5.6. Bowls Coordinator

Turnaround Triples

Preparation for the WPH Turnaround Triples Tournament is well in hand. The sponsorship money has already been received along with the entry fees for all but one team. That team will pay on the morning before the 1st match.

Club Championships

The final of both the Minor Pairs and Major Pairs have now been completed.

The Major Singles which will commence on Sunday 11th April attracted twenty three (23) starters and the draw has been posted on the notice board and on the Website.

Hopefully, the timetable set for the Major Singles will be adhered to by all of the players who entered, unlike some of the finalists of the Pairs championships who entered those competitions knowing full well that due to prior engagements they couldn't play in the finals on the set dates.

Up-coming Carnivals

We are now at that time of the year where most of the local clubs will be holding carnivals. Dural have a 4's to 7's triples on the 2nd May, West Epping will be holding a 3's to 7's pairs on the 7th May, Pennant Hills will have their Turnaround Triples on the 24th May and an Open Men's Triples on the 5th July. Beecroft also have a carnival planned for August.

It would be advisable for us to ensure that we encourage a number of WPH teams to enter these carnivals as we would then expect to have these club's support our Koala Carnival on the 7th, 10th and 11th June.

5.7. Match Committee

Once again, the last month for the Match Committee has been particularly busy and in some respects not particularly nice.

The committee made a ruling on dispensation requested by Micheal Schwarcz for the semi-final round of the Major Pairs. In hindsight I feel there are ways that we could have improved the decision making process. However, the events which occurred following this decision have caused me and other members of the committee considerable distress. While all is well now, I would certainly hope that situations such as this can be avoided in the future.

As requested at the last meeting, the Match Committee is furnishing this committee with suggested amendments to several sub-sections of the club's conditions of play. They are reproduced below.

5.8. Should a game being played early be washed out or deferred for any reason, then it can still be rescheduled as long as it is played on or before the scheduled draw date, with the exception of semi-finals and grand finals which must be played on the scheduled date except in very exceptional circumstances.

5.12. If a skip wishes to postpone a match after the scheduled draw date, the Match Committee may approve this subject to:

5.12.1. Situations provided under the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

5.12.2. A final may be postponed for a maximum of one (1) week and rescheduled as per 5.7.1 and 5.8 above.

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 that one (1) week from the original scheduled date.

I feel that over the last 8 months, the members of this Committee have been firm but fair in their interpretation and administration of the club's conditions of play and I would like to thank Mal, Don, Alan and John for their work thus far.

5.8. Selectors

Pennants

Results achieved by our (4 Sides) following the completion of the first round.

(Grade 3)

Currently leads this section (by ½ a point). This has been an outstanding effort by this Side to date.

However, a reality check in the last round will certainly jolt this Side back to perform to the high standard of play shown by all teams in this Side to consolidate our current position and go on and win this section with real purpose in the second round.

(Grade 5)

This Side is in (3rd place) after the first round with varied Team performances to date. The Team of Norm Jackson, Les Watkins, David Jeffrey, Kevin Hoffman remain undefeated (outstanding effort).

However, the potential of this (Side) has yet to be fully realised. It is important to recognise that if all Teams were to perform to their undoubted ability then this section can be won and surely this will be met with extreme admiration.

(Grade 6)

Currently in (4th place) with again varied Team performances due to constant Team changes with unavailable players. This Side has often been in the position to win games only to be run down in the latter stages. Well done to Barry Walkers team winning 4 from 5 games. This Side can be encouraged to measure their performance in terms of positive results in the second round with stable Teams compared with the first round.

(Grade 7)

This Side is in (5th place) in a very tight competition with only 3 points separating the top 5 Sides.

To be in this position at the end of first round is simply outstanding from this Side comprising

many of our new and developing bowlers. The results achieved are indeed a reflection on the positive attitude and will to win of very harmonious Side. Congratulations to all players.

This season now presents itself with the opportunity for all our 4 grade Sides to improve their ladder positions and win their sections where possible but above all to enjoy the rest of the pennant season.

5.9. Schools Committee

We have finished up for the school term with Marian College, collecting in excess of \$400.00 for our juniors program. I think that those who have assisted in the facilitation of this program will agree that the boys were far more responsive to the course than the girls. Be that as it may, Marian College returns to WPH on the 23rd April. My thanks to Peter Eagle and his team for running the program in my absence, whether it is due to uni or work.

5.10. Zone 10

The next Zone 10 meeting is on Wednesday 7 April 2010. The agenda details have yet to be received however, should they arrive before the WPH meeting any matters of importance will be raised.

From the February meeting, the main points that arose are:

- The Zone 10 President's Day is to be held on Saturday 25 September 2010 at Rydalmere Central.
- Gary McAndrew, Zone 10 President, thanked all clubs who responded to the Extreme Weather Survey. Zone 10 will not be issuing an across the board policy. The responsibility rests with the clubs.
- The next coaches course will not take place till June 2010.
- Measurer's courses have had little response from clubs.
- Club Presidents and Secretaries need to be aware of the required processes for dealing with dispute and appeals if matters are being heard by Zone or RNSWBA.

5.11. Greens

There is little to report this month. Both greens are playing well and importantly, true.

The rain last week and the no play on Tuesday and Wednesday have given both greens some welcome relief.

Peter Booth and Blake are waiting for suitable plants to become available for planting on the No1 green gardens so that we will have a colourful showing for the Koala Carnival.

The Mower used on the No2 green is no closer to repair than my last months report. This is due to a backlog of work by the repairer. Blake assures me that this is not causing him any problems but would like the mower repaired ASAP.

Three signboards have been made up for use advising NON BOWLERS to stay off the green. The actual wording is to be approved by the CEO of the Sports Club before we can proceed further.

The Gum tree on Council property is still a concern. Correspondence to Council about this matter has still not been answered.

5.12. Coaches

Trainees

Noel Johnston of Cherrybrook (coach – Barrie Stuart) has completed all stages of our coaching course and has now been cleared to play bowls. Barrie continues handling the formal coaching of Margaret Gillies.

James Anthony Hindle (Tony) also of Cherrybrook, husband of Lynne Hindle (one of our lady members who was coached by Don Yeates late last year), has commenced our coaching course with Bill Arnott and will hopefully complete his training by the end of the month.

5.13. Umpires

5.14. Welfare

I begin my report with the sad news that we have lost two members in March.

Doug Harvey (who played a very important role in the life of our Club) and Mr. Lam will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with Val Harvey and her family and the Lam family.

Contact has been made during March with:

- Col Johnston
- Jim Casey
- Steve Watson
- Ralph Smith
- Clive Montague
- Ted Barfoot
- Jeff Williams

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

- Jim Collins
- Owen Dowling

Sympathy cards have been sent to Leo Saly and the Lam family.

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

5.15. Membership

5.16. Mixed Bowls

A meeting was held on 16 March 2010 to plan the mixed bowls day to be held on Monday 26 April 2010 – the Anzac Day weekend.

In the past, TAT games have been played. The committee have decided for this event to play two games of triples of 11 ends. The teams will stay the same for both games and will play the same opposition on the same rink. It does not matter if the teams win or lose as they all will participate in the prize draw.

The cost per person will be \$15 which includes a sausage sizzle, raffle tickets and the game of bowls.

The prize money has been increased and dress will be mufti. Flyers have been completed and have been posted on the bowling club notice boards.

The next committee meeting will be held in early April 2010.

5.17. Communications

The latest edition of the newsletter was produced and distributed by WPHSC late March. This edition was the last by David. David will work with Tony Boughton and his team on the next edition to ensure a smooth transition.

The website now has '*Bowler's Blog*', a new feature to encourage comment and questions from the membership. At this point '*Bowler's Blog*' is experimental both in design and as a gauge to determine member interest in the feature. It will undergo many changes over the coming weeks

as the concept develops and in response to suggestions. It would be a good lead for members of the Committee to make use of the blog to help fire up the membership usage. If that fails, then it may be concluded the blog is of little value.

The use of CMS (Content Management Software) is being investigated for replacing the current site. CMS would be introduced as a means of making the website more bulletproof and secure, and more open to contributions from a wider segment of the membership (i.e. direct updating of championships, news, tournaments, commentary on events...), allowing me to concentrate on the management and development of the site and less on the content (everyone knows I'm not an exciting author).

5.18. Corporate

We had three events:

- One church group with 24 people.
- One church group with 42 people.
- One group of teachers – with only 7 people – they were supposed to have 20.

I am going through a learning curve, and in future I hope that I can prevent people changing numbers constantly.

Total money received for the Bowling Section in March was \$730.

I would like to have a receipt book with W.P. Hills Bowling Club stamped on it. This is for my own record and for the Club.

I think it would be nice if we thanked Cliff Johnstone for all the wooden carrying cases he is making. Perhaps a personal letter from the Committee.

Unfortunately I shall be away from 10th April to 10th May 2010, and I apologise that I shall not be able to attend the May meeting.

6. General Business

- 6.1. Game times post Daylight Saving.
- 6.2. Disposition of mail

7. Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th April, start 6:00pm