



West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

President: Terry Barnett
0417 681 044
president@demaj.com.au

Secretary: Dallas Palm
0412 299 813
secretary@demaj.com.au

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Business Papers 1st December 2010 Meeting Commences 6:00pm

1. Business arising from the previous Minutes

- 1.1 Correction to the Minutes, item 6.1.2, 3 to 7's Triples Carnival shown as 23 March 2011 should read 23 September 2011

2. Carried forward from previous meetings

2.1

3. Correspondence Inwards

- 3.1 Don Couch – request for changes to the green in line with changes to the laws from 1/1/2011.
- 3.2 Warren Phillips – impressions within the club (see attached)
- 3.3 Marian College – notice of intention to continue bowls as sport in 2011 and times (see attached)

4. Correspondence Outwards

- 4.1 WPHSC – re membership fees and request to issue renewals for 2011
- 4.2 Peter Eagle – response to Don Couch

5. Reports

5.1 President

No Report

Terry Barnett

5.2 Senior Vice President

Unfortunately the West Pennant Hills/Pennant Hills submission to host the State Grade 4 final was not successful. The Carlingford/Rydalmere submission was the successful one and we wish them well in hosting the finals.

I understand WPH/PH will receive correspondence from Zone 10 confirming the decision. It is to be hoped it will detail the reason(s) why the submission failed. If not then we need to find out for future reference. I am aware that Pennant Hills will press the issue.

Regardless of what some people say there is no doubt the WPH/PH submission was not expected by management of Zone 10. In essence the submission rattled the cage due to its quality. To be one of the two submissions considered after submissions by other clubs were discarded is something to be proud of and we should move forward so WPH may be considered to host future events.

Teamwork was the big winner. As Jason Read said in an email "I thought the submission and all the effort that was put into it was fantastic and showed some great teamwork". The other winner was the relationship that developed between West Pennant Hills and Pennant Hills Bowling Clubs.

Terry Rae, the President at Pennant Hills would like to see the relationship develop further. This needs to be considered by the WPH Committee. There is no reason why a competition between both clubs, played on an annual basis, should not be considered or something on a more regular basis. I am of the opinion a meeting with Terry early in the New Year should be arranged.

Finally, I would like to thank Dallas Palm, David Wilson and Mal Horner for the time and effort put into the submission. The support provided by Jason Read and the Board of West Pennant Hills Sports Club was excellent and I thank them for that support. It was very much appreciated.

Peter Eagle

5.3 Vice President

Preparations for our Presentation Day/Christmas Party are proceeding well with invitations going out last week and responses already coming back in. I am concerned however, that table groups are going up and I have not yet received replies from those people. Furthermore, I would appreciate guidance from the Management Committee concerning our response should a trophy recipient miss out on a place at the luncheon.

At the present time I have capped capacity at 150. The meal has been confirmed with Shane and is very similar to the sumptuous one we enjoyed last year. I have spoken with Pat Jones over the past week and she has confirmed that the ladies will run the raffle and have been putting together a Christmas hamper which will represent one of the prizes on offer. We have not yet addressed whether coloured serviettes will be on the tables or not.

In terms of the Presentation Day side of the event, all perpetual trophies of events which have been completed have been engraved. The two new shields for our mixed events are currently being completed and look very distinguished. All badges have been received from Millers (a full 2 weeks ahead of schedule!). I have been in discussions with a wholesaler who also does badges about the possibility of producing a very similar badge at a cheaper price. All feedback from this supplier has been good and I am told that they are much more reliable than Millers. Both winners and runners-up will receive individual trophies and Alan Bowry is in the process of acquiring the gift for Dallas Palm, our Major Singles champion. I feel that we should address the design of the individual trophies next year as it is starting to look a bit dated. The new cut glass trophies look very professional but cost twice as much as the current ones. The format of the day and programme are currently being worked out.

On a personal note, I would like to offer my thanks to all those who worked on our proposal to host the No.4 State Pennant Final next year. We were unlucky not to have been successful in our bid.

David Wilson

5.4 Secretary

Membership currently stands at 161 with the recent return of Eric Hilton. According to the main office, renewals are progressing well and we will have little issue in ensuring all members are registered with RNSWBA by the required time. On that subject, I have received notice from RNSWBA clearly stating that membership is due by 31st January, contrary to the position being put by RNSWBA earlier in the year.

The committee meetings for 2011 have been moved to the first Monday of the month to avoid clashing with other club activities. Where there is a public holiday Monday, we will move the date to the Tuesday or Wednesday of that week. I will issue a meeting schedule shortly to all committee members.

Dallas Palm

5.5 Treasurer

There is a correction to be made reducing the Raffles by \$192 and increasing green fees by \$192. This changes the overall percentages for raffles to 97% and for Green Fees to 94.9%.

We lost three bowling days in September and October, so that has contributed to being behind in the total green fees and raffles to date.

Donations to Prostate Cancer research totalled \$226.30 @ 24th November.

Tony Boughton

5.6 Bowls Coordinator

Apart from a date for the next open day, the 2011 Events Calendar has been completed and is now presented for final approval by the Management Committee. There are two dates allocated for the 2011 Christmas Party, Sunday 11th and Monday 12th December. The Management Committee needs to choose the most suitable day and make an early booking of the room.

Open for discussion will be the timing of Club Championships, particularly those that are scheduled to be played in the summer months. Given the heat that we experience from December to April, I would suggest that consideration be given to playing those games in the AM, whether on Saturdays or Sundays.

As per the Calendar, external trials have been arranged with Warrawee on the 15th January, Asquith on the 22nd January and The Hills on the 26 February 2011. In between the commencement and end of the External Trials, the Club Fours will be first Club Championship to be run for 2011. Round 1 will be on Saturday 29th January and the Final on Saturday 12th February.

Mal Horner

5.7 Match Committee

The last scheduled event on the 2010 Events Timetable is the Mixed Pairs and unless there are further requests for dispensations this event should be completed on the 5th December.

Throughout the year we have struggled to keep all of the Club Championships on track due to a number of reasons such as inclement weather, external competitions, but mainly eligible requests for dispensations. There have been problems with the 2010 Calendar right from the commencement of the first event, the Minor Pairs on the 7th February through to the Mixed Pairs which is still currently running. In two cases we had players make the final of an event only to advise that they were unavailable to play the final on the scheduled date. When questioned why did they enter the event at all, they said they didn't think they would get so far.

It has been suggested that the Calendar is too full and that some events shouldn't be run at all. With that in mind I would like to open discussion with the Management Committee to see what can be done to ensure that 2011 doesn't go the same way as 2010. One suggestion already

received is that we only play Association Events and the Barry Walker Classic Pairs. My suggestion would be that keep all of the current events but amend our Conditions of Play to allow dispensations to be claimed for Association events only. Should players not be available for any other events for any reason whatsoever, i.e. Minor, Mixed and the Barry Walker Classic Pairs, they would be required to find a replacement or substitute, failing that they would be required to forfeit. I would also suggest that where rounds 2, 3 or 4 of any event are not played due to bad weather conditions, whether through heat or rain, then the following week two rounds are played on the same day.

Any changes approved by the Management Committee should be reflected by amendments to the Conditions of Play and implemented without delay.

Mal Horner

5.8 Selectors

No report.

Alan Bowry

5.9 Schools Committee

As mentioned in correspondence inwards, we have received a letter from Marian College requesting the use of our greens for terms one, two and three next year. While this is a good source of income for the club, I feel that this is more trouble than it is work. I would like to see a more aggressive strategy with regard to encouraging junior bowlers but fail to see how these visits are of benefit to that outcome with many if not all participants lacking enthusiasm for this sport. I would appreciate guidance from the management committee on how to proceed with this matter.

David Wilson

5.10 Zone 10

The next Zone meeting will be on Wednesday 1 December 2010. The Business Papers are yet to arrive but should they arrive prior to the WPH meeting a further report will be issued.

As directed by the committee, an email was sent to Tony Hyem, Zone Secretary, dated 6 October 2010 formally advising that WPH will not be participating in the Mixed Pennants Competition.

Peter Eagle

5.11 Greens

There is little to report this month.

The Sullivan green is looking good and has had its final rub in. Blake is of the opinion that this green will be back in play by the middle of December. The normal repairs and maintenance associated with bringing a green back into play is underway.

The weather has been good to us (for growing grass not play) and we are well on schedule for the number 1 green to be renovated and back in play well before the start of the Pennant season

The garden (Cliveas) on the Northern bank is to be replaced, at this stage we are looking at a row of Agapanthus. These need little upkeep and are colorful all year round.

Keith Robinson

5.12 Coaches

Current coaching activity:

· Ken Wighton - Loretta Polley, Sue Gamble

The Saturday morning coaching sessions have been successful from the point of view of the bowlers looking for assistance at improving their performance in the game. In all cases except one, the solution has been reasonably simple – observe the bowler delivering and look for the inconsistencies, then attack the first of the inconsistencies in the delivery and watch to see how many of the other issues disappear. All bowlers to date that have asked for help have left the session with hope about the future of their bowls, and have noticed an improvement in their games.

Thanks to Michael and Keith for their support and assistance.

Dallas Palm

5.13 Welfare

My report begins with the sad news that our past member, Col Hamilton, passed away late in November. He had been a member for some years before he left the district to live on the South Coast to be close to his daughter. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family.

I have been in touch with our members on the sick list. They include:

Clive Montague
David King
David Catts
Ken McCrum

I have kept them up to date with Club news and they appreciate hearing news of the members.

I have hit a couple of rough spots during the month and am very grateful to Peter Eagle for keeping an eye on things when I have been out of action.

Barrie Stuart

5.14 Mixed Bowls

As reported in the Business Papers for October 2010, it was agreed by the Mixed Committee that the next event will be held on Australia Day 2011. I will send an email to the Chairperson, Denise Hopkins, reminding her that a further meeting needs to be arranged. It had been planned that the next meeting was to be held in November.

Peter Eagle

5.15 Communications

Thanks to Warrens Phillips for his report on the Minor Singles match which was published on the club's blog.

Dallas Palm

5.16 Corporate

No Report

Paul van Tilburg

6. General Business

6.1

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday

NSW 2158

NSW 2156

Dear David,

Thank you for your continued support of Marian College throughout 2010. Our internal sport programme is greatly enriched through your support.

We would like to again use West Pennant Hills Bowling Club during our internal sport programme for 2011.

The days we would like to book your facility are as follows:

Times are always 11.30 until 12.30

Term 1

- Fridays from 4th of February through to the 8th of April (Year 10)
(approx 25 students)

Term 2

- Fridays from 6th of May through to the 31st of June (Year 10)
(approx 25 students)

Term 3

- Fridays from 22nd of July through to the 23rd of September (Year 10)
(approx 25 students)

If you could please check these dates for 2011 and let me know via email or fax that would be much appreciated

Regards

Adam Thomas
Internal Sport Co-ordinator
Marian College
Kenthurst
9654 2118 (phone)
9654 2359 (fax)
athomas@parra.catholic.edu.au

Hi Dallas,

I am writing this to you as Secretary of the MBC at WPHSC to be tabled as “Correspondence In at your next meeting”.

The Committee needs to understand that recent events surrounding the running of the Fours and Triples do not reflect well on the club. Members need to see a Committee which is unified, impartial and well mannered. The following extract from the Laws of the Sport of Bowls should be uppermost in the minds and actions of all the committee members at all times.

‘The Laws of the Sport of Bowls (‘the laws’) have been drawn up in the **spirit of true sportsmanship**. So, if a situation arises that is not covered by these laws, players, markers and umpires should use their **common sense and a spirit of fair play** to decide on the appropriate course of action.’

I urge the Committee to review what has happened over the past few weeks and especially the events of Saturday 14th November 2010 and decide how to ensure this does not happen again. It is clear to me that our Conditions of Play need to be reviewed so that all the matters that have arisen over the past few weeks are dealt with and can never happen again.

People are now saying we are no longer the Friendliest Club in the Hills and tensions are running high. It is up to the Committee to recognise this and do something about it. Most of our members come to play a friendly game of bowls and enjoy time with their mates. They do not want to get involved in petty squabbles over games of bowls and see committee members arguing with each other.

I realise that some members take Championships very seriously but may I remind you that this is a minority of our members. The committee needs to realise that in the end it is just a game of bowls to be enjoyed and winning is not everything. The vast majority of our members could not tell you who won anything over the past year or two.

I for one was embarrassed at the antics, comments and actions taken over the past few weeks and it is time to take steps that this does not happen again.

Kind Regards

Warren Phillips FCPA, FCIS

November 14th, 2010 – received by email

Subject: Re: Committee Meeting
From: "Peter Eagle" <pfeagle@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, November 14, 2010 8:08 pm
To: "Don Couch" <don@couch.name>
Cc: secretary@demaj.com.au ([more](#))
Priority: Normal
Options: [View Full Header](#) | [View Printable Version](#) | [Download this as a file](#) | [View Message details](#) | [View as plain text](#)

Don,

Thank you for the email.

Based on the changes, before the top green is re-commissioned, the marker dots indicating the 23 metre mark need to be altered. The top green will not be used until December, therefore there will be only a short period before 1 January 2011. The 23 metre line could be painted on the banks. The bottom green can be altered during its service.

We also need to raised with Zone, the length of the lines from the Tee. Currently, Zone 10 require the lines to be 4.6 metres from the tee in length. Now we are going to 21 metres, the lines need to be extended by one metre at each end. You may wish to consider. I mentioned it to Micheal a few days ago who was of the opinion it needs consideration.

I will see Blake during the course of next week and raise the marker alterations with him.

Regards

Peter

On Sun, Nov 14, 2010 at 3:13 PM, Don Couch <don@couch.name> wrote:

Dallas

Following the informative meeting of Umpires on Sunday 14th November 2010 I would request the committee's consideration on the following:

1. When the new law books are available, after print on 10th December, to provide me with 12 law books for distribution to the club umpires. I am aware more than this number will be ordered as new members will be provided with a copy.
2. The markers on all side boundaries will need to be altered to 21 metres to be effective from 1st January 2011.

Many thanks

don