

**West Pennant Hills Sports Club
Men's Bowls Section**

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business Papers

6th February 2012

Meeting Commences 6:00pm

1. Reports

1.1 President

Now that 2012 has commenced, I hope all of our bowlers enjoy their games whether they be social or at competition level. It is your involvement that makes the club.

In the latter part of 2011, West Pennant Hills achieved good results. We need to continue down the same path in 2012. The selectors have been working hard putting training packages together, which hopefully will bring results. The ultimate aim is to win another Pennant. We already have one so why not two?

The *Challenge Cup* is to be held in March 2012 between WPH and Pennant Hills. This will be an annual event. A meeting with representatives from the Royal will have taken place prior to our meeting to discuss *Open Days*. Details will be supplied at our meeting. We are also very close to the commencement of the Pennant season. We also have three bowlers attending at Rydalmere Central in February to try out for team selection in the over 60 year's age group. Experience will be of benefit and hopefully success will be the outcome.

We have our new shirts. Caps and jackets will follow shortly. The new shirts are quite striking. From comments made by Asquith bowlers recently, they were very impressed. The Koala shade on the back of the shirt was also mentioned.

I would like to mention the work that has been completed by Dallas on the website. All the information you are looking for is available, plus comments can be made by bowlers on topics that have been raised. In some respects it is disappointing the bowlers do not use the website more often.

The first edition of the *Koala News* has been printed. Max Walters has put a lot of time and effort into the *Koala News* and we need to thank him for what he has achieved. Some suggestions have been made to Max for the next edition but he is reliant on all bowlers to support him.

It is unfortunate that the issue of bowlers dropping bowls on the green and wiping sand from bowls on the green has had to be raised in the Greens Report. It has also been noted that bowlers are stepping into the ditch to retrieve bowls and then walking onto the green and spreading sand. If this is seen by anyone on the Committee, the bowler needs to be reminded that this is not to occur.

To all of the Committee members, thank you for your support. It is appreciated the tasks are not always easy and criticism is just around the corner. Frustration does play a part; therefore we need to be careful in our replies to questions. Good luck and let's hope 2012 is a successful year.

Peter Eagle

1.2 Senior Vice President

No report.

Warren Phillips

1.3 Vice President

No report.

Mathew Stubbs

1.4 Secretary

Membership

Current financial membership stands at 123. During the course of 2011, we lost 20 members through resignation (many due to ill health, some transfers to other clubs) or death, and a further 16 members have failed to renew membership for 2012, making a gross decline of 36.

On the other side of the ledger, we have gained 9 new members (new bowlers and transfers), hence our change in membership for 2011 was nett loss of 27.

During 2012 we need to put serious effort into increasing our bowling membership, and for longer term security of the club, we need to target the under 50s age bracket. Max has started work in this area.

The membership renewal including payment has been sent to RNSWBA. I have since confirmed the RNSWBA and our member databases are in agreement.

Presentation Day – Saturday 3rd December, 10:30am:

Presentation Day was executed without incident. I have received positive feedback about this short format from members. I have also been asked when we are returning to the combined format of a couple of years ago. This is something for the next committee to ponder.

Christmas Party – Sunday 11th December, 11:00am:

The Christmas party was well supported, although down from our high of 114 in 2010. Those that attended appeared to enjoy themselves, and didn't mind the presentation of Mixed Championship trophies in the middle.

Lockers

Finally, I have cleaned up the locker listing and collected fees (\$10 each for calendar year) from all holders of lockers (except Steve Dalgairns). Collected fees have been banked by the treasurer.

Out of the 40 lockers allocated to the Men's section, there are 5 vacant. I will allocate these to members on the waiting list (8) according to the order they were requested. Some duplicate keys need to be obtained prior to allocating lockers.

1.5 Treasurer

Attached are the December figures (received 31/1/12)..

Slightly over budget for both Raffle and Green Fees income (at last!)

We made \$408 on the raffles, this is the first month of making anything decent in the past 6 months but more than likely due to no rain days in December and raffles with Hams.

Catering costs are right on budget.

Green sponsorship and shirt sponsorship should show in January's figures.

Steve Watson

1.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

Events Calendar for 2011-2012.

The Mixed Pairs and Mixed Triples that were missing from the previously published Events Schedule have now been added and will be played mid week rather than Sunday's. It is hoped that by changing to Mid Week we may attract more participants.

External Pennant Trials

The external trial against Warrawee was unfortunately washed out however, the trial against Asquith went ahead and proved beneficial.

Club Championships

The Major Pairs are well underway with the Semi-Finals and Final due to be played Saturday the 11th February.

The nomination form for the *Ken Wighton Singles* (previously the Novice Singles) has been on the notice board for the past three weeks. This event is now open to all players who haven't won any club championship (major, minor or novice) at this or any other club. Entries have been a little slow however a concerted effort will be made during the coming weeks to get more people interested.

Carnivals

The *Turn Around Triples* for 2012 has now been fully subscribed and will take place on Monday 5th March.

Entry forms for the *Koala Carnival* have been redesigned and printed in the new club colours of Red, White and Blue. The new forms are eye catching and should help to get sufficient entries to run the event this year.

We thank Keryn and her front office staff for producing these new forms and providing addressed envelopes to aid in the distribution.

Club Uniform

Recently, one of our members arrived to play social bowls in a new club shirt and blue shorts. This is not the club uniform and all members of the Management Committee are asked to speak with anyone who doesn't present to play in the correct uniform.

On social days, i.e., Saturdays and Wednesdays, the uniform is the new red, white and blue shirt, the old club shirt or a plain white shirt. The trousers or shorts are to be cream or white.

When representing the club in Pennant matches or in any selected team or major club championships, the club's new red white and blue shirt and white or cream trousers or shorts is the correct uniform. The old club shirt may be worn for minor club championships for the next 12 months.

Friday nominated pairs is a mufti day and is the only time the uniforms mentioned above doesn't have to be worn.

Mal Horner

1.7 Selectors

No report.

Michael Schwarcz

1.8 Schools Committee

No report.

Aaron Barnett

1.9 Zone 10

At the time of writing this report nothing has been received from Zone for the meeting on 1 January 2012. Details will be provided when received. There is a Pennants meeting on 6 February 2012 at Rydalmere Central. WPH will be represented at the meeting.

Peter Eagle

1.10 Greens

Since my last report on the greens, the following has taken place.

Bottom Green: The bottom green is now back in play. From comments made by bowlers it's the best it has looked at this time of the year for some time. The green keeper has taken a much closer interest in the maintenance program, which has produced a good result. The green is as not as fast as some bowlers would like, however it will improve as we get closer to the Pennant season. If the grass is cut low at this time of the year, problems will arise when winter arrives.

It is unfortunate that the following needs to be brought to the attention of bowlers again. The dropping and throwing of bowls on the green and also the wiping of bowls on the green to remove sand when a bowl is removed from the ditch. This action has to cease as dents are hard to remove and the green keeper does not have a sense of humour when the blades of the mower are damaged by the sand. The green is there for the enjoyment of all bowlers - it needs to be looked after.

Top Green: Maintenance is proceeding well despite the weather being experienced. Plugging has taken place and the green has received its first rub in. It was intended to core the green, however this may not take place. The rain received over the last few weeks has softened the green. The grass was cut back to its roots at the commencement of maintenance and the grooming wheel applied, therefore nothing further may be necessary.

The patches of different coloured grass are blue couch. It is not a concern. It will be sprayed prior the green being brought back into play. It is envisaged, the top green will be available prior to the commencement of the Pennant season.

Peter Eagle

1.11 Coaches

Our coaches assisted the NSWBA coaches with a training day for our Women's Pennant teams on 31st January.

Keith Robinson is currently coaching to Lynne Chapman and John Windgate Keith reviewed Peter Hunt and passed him for play.

Michael Schwarcz is providing David Beavis with lessons, and is managing and providing the training for the Pennant teams with assistance from Warren Phillips. Michael and Warren have agreed to jointly coach Merle Jackson, Jennifer Higginson, and Kaye Eagle (all spouses of members of the Men's section).

Ken Wighton has been very busy with other activities and has not been able to provide formal coaching recently.

Warren Phillips completed the Club Coaching course in mid January and has been verbally advised of success. Congratulations to Warren and thanks for stepping up to the plate. I'm confident Warren will make a valuable contribution to the coaching team.

Dallas Palm

1.12 Umpires

Rod Roberts & Don Couch appear to be the only umpires available to umpire during the Pennant season. They will share the umpiring duties.

Rod Roberts is a measurer. There will be sufficient umpires playing should an interpretation be required.

Rod Roberts will be overseas from 27th March to 13th April.

Don Couch will be overseas from 28th March to 19th April.

As a result of Easter & Pennant lay days (as per the latest club newsletter), I request the committee nominate an umpire for Saturday 14th April when neither Rod nor Don are available.

Don Couch

1.13 Welfare

No report.

David Roles

1.14 Mixed Bowls

See minutes of last meeting at APPENDIX 1

Tony Boughton

1.15 Communications

A report of recent club activity has been submitted for the bowls magazine.

Dallas Palm

1.16 Corporate

No report.

2. General Business

2.1 Sponsorship – Victoria's Basement - Alan Bowry has advised Kieran of person to contact and their fax number, as Victoria's Basement claim they have not received an Invoice. Hopefully this will now be resolved.

- 2.2 Ken Wighton Singles - Alan Bowry has ordered a special timber shield at a cost is \$42 complete with engraving and shields.
- 2.3 The Challenge Cup – W. P. HILLS V Pennant Hills (an annual event) – Alan Bowry has found an ideal cup fixed on a timber plinth which will suffice the required cost of such a Trophy for this event. However, approval of purchase will be made after consultation with Pennant Hills.
- 2.4 Sponsorship of the greens
- 2.5 Raffles – worth the effort?
- 2.6 Results of Open Day talks with Michael Baumont

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 5th, commencing at 6:00pm.

MIXED BOWLS COMMITTEE

The Australia Day event from comments received was enjoyed by all who attended. Thankfully, the weather was in our favour, though fingers were crossed when the rain clouds threatened. Forty two people were involved and the mix was fifty/fifty, which meant teams were balanced.

It was decided that bowls would commence at 10.30AM with the BBQ held after bowls. In essence by playing bowls first seemed to relax people as it was not necessary to rush the BBQ to commence bowls, which has occurred in the past. The committee needs to consider if this is the way to proceed in the future. The net result was \$374 was made on the day, which was divided equally between both bowling sections.

A number of bowlers have indicated that they would like to see more events of this nature. It is a good idea and the committee needs to consider this aspect. Originally, the mixed committee was formed to hold events on public holidays. Is it time to expand on this aspect?

A special thank you needs to be expressed to Ken Wighton who delivered the Australia Day address and helped on the BBQ. The Sports Club management who donated six bottles of wine and the Sports Club staff for their support on the day. Margaret Wighton, Denise Hopkins, Betty Lamb and Judy McCreadie who looked after the hampers and the selling of raffle tickets. Tony Boughton and Bernice Francis who also provided assistance.

Peter Eagle
On behalf Tony Boughton.