

West Pennant Hills Sports Club
Men's Bowls Section

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business Papers

5th 2012

Meeting Commences 6:00pm

1. Reports

1.1 President

Since the last report a number of matters and bowling events have taken place or are in the process of being completed. The Major Pairs for 2012 has been completed. Congratulations to Ross Timmouth and Aaron Barnett in their win over Eric Hilton and Rod Gamble. It was a close game overall and played in good spirit despite the weather interruption during the course of the game. The Ken Wighton Singles is in the process of being played with the final between Steve Brady and Bob Cole to be played on Sunday 4 March. The interesting fact from watching the games is the quality of the games, considering a number of participants are new to the sport of bowls.

The Pennant season has started. Over the last two weeks, we have had mixed results but hopefully as the season progresses, the results will reflect upon the training exercises that are in place. A decision was made by the Committee to allow the selectors to have a free hand. Prior to the commencement of the Pennant season all grades at meetings were advised what the club would like to achieve. This must continue unless circumstances arise to alter the position. To change now shows lack of commitment. Commitment is another issue. It is a great pity to see the number of bowlers who are not able to commit fully during the Pennant season after indicating all would be fine. It is appreciated matters will arise or plans have been made prior to the commencement of the season which will limit a bowlers participation. Allowances are made for this aspect. Based upon the number of bowlers who advised that they were committed, three grades were nominated. If the position continues it may be necessary in future years to consider the number of grades WPH will field in the Pennant season regardless of the number of bowlers who indicate they will play. I hope this never occurs as it is the ambition of WPH to have all bowlers play pennants. Bowlers need to be fair to the club, the selectors and especially their team mates in the same way they expect fairness to be shown to themselves. A special thank you to the reserves who have stepped in to fill vacant positions

The Challenge Cup is to be played in March. It is excellent to see the number of bowlers who have put their names down to play and have indicated they are looking forward to playing in the Challenge Cup. Currently, we have 30 players, the number required to fill ten teams of triples. I would like to see more players enter as it is open to all grades with a grading for each team being 13 plus to cover possible eventualities. I would like to thank Alan Bowry for obtaining the Challenge Cup trophy as well as the Ken Wighton Singles Shield. The

Challenge Cup will be on display on bowling days this week before its temporary removal to Pennant Hills.

Due to the number of bowlers who did not renew their membership due to illness, death or incapacity (excess of twenty) in 2012 it has been decided to hold an open day. A committee has been formed and a request has been made to the ladies to have representatives on the committee. It is planned the open day will be on Sunday 27 May. It has been many years since WPH held an open day. If we do not strive to replace the bowlers, the bowling sections will cease to exist in time to come. The club needs to look at attracting bowlers in the 40/50 years age group or younger if possible. A lot of work is required to run an open day. We have received support from the RNSWBA, however the club will need to provide volunteers if the day is to be successful.

Peter Eagle

1.2 Senior Vice President

No report.

Warren Phillips

1.3 Vice President

No report.

Mathew Stubbs

1.4 Secretary

No report.

Dallas Palm

1.5 Treasurer

No report.

Steve Watson

1.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

Events Calendar for 2011-2012.

The Calendar of events as shown on the website is current at this point in time.

Club Championships

Since the last meeting, the Major Pairs championship was completed with Aaron Barnett and Ross Timmouth running out winners over Rod Gamble and Eric Hilton 26 – 18.

Bob Cole and Steve Brady will play the final of The Ken Wighton Singles. The final will be played on Sunday 4th March and results from the semi-finals would suggest that this should be a crackerjack match.

Entries for the Minor Triples have now closed and the Round 1 Matches will be played on Wednesday 7th March.

Inter Club Challenge

The inaugural Club Challenge between West Pennant Hills and Pennant Hills will be played at Pennant Hills on Friday 23rd March. The competition will see each club provide 10 triples teams, with 2011 pennant grades totalling 13 points or more, pitted against each other. Cumulative points for wins and margins will decide which club will hold the Challenge Cup for the next 12 months.

Koala Carnival

So far we have received 10 entries in the Koala Carnival, but hopefully these numbers will increase over the next 4 or 5 weeks.

Club Uniform

The Club's Conditions of Play have been amended to show that White or Cream trousers or shorts must be worn on all days other than those specified as "mufti days. Friday nominated pairs is a mufti day and the only time trousers or shorts other than those mentioned above don't have to be worn.

This change was made as a result of one member arriving to play social bowls in blue shorts and the new red, white and blue shirt.

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Mal Horner

1.7 Selectors

No report.

Michael Schwarcz

1.8 Schools Committee

No report.

Aaron Barnett

1.9 Zone 10

The next meeting for Zone is Wednesday 7 March 2012. The Business papers have not arrived. More details will be supplied at a later time.

On 26 February 2012, an email was received from Tony Hyem supplying a new umpire's accreditation/re-accreditation form. A copy has been sent to Don Couch for his attention.

Peter Eagle

1.10 Greens

During the months of January and February 2012, discussions took place with the Sports Club concerning the renewal of the greens contract. Currently, the contract is with Proturf Australia Pty Ltd which expires on 31 March 2012.

The Sports Club placed notices in the Telegraph newspaper during January 2012. Expressions of interest were received by the closing date 31 January 2012. The Greens Committee and our Secretary met with Steve Brady to discuss the new contract and to raise a number of major issues. Those issues have been dealt with by the Sports Club. There remain a number of other matters that hopefully will be settled in the near future or an understanding reached.

The Greens Committee has advised Steve in writing that we are happy for the Sports Club to enter into negotiations with the successful tender applicant if the Directors and Management are satisfied with the process and result. It is understood this is now taking place. Steve has advised that a meeting will be arranged with the successful applicant to discuss the other matters.

Since Steve Arhipoff has been looking after the greens, a major improvement has taken place. I have only been a member of the club for a short time, but comments made by members who have been at the club for many years, indicate the greens have never looked

better at this time of the year. That also goes for the surrounds. Considering the weather conditions over the past number of months, we are lucky to be in this position. The top green is ready to be commissioned, however as it has not been necessary to have it in play a decision was taken to give it an extra couple of weeks. It will be in play during the week commencing 27 February with seven rinks available. The North West and South West corners have received further plugging and are improving.

Unfortunately, complaints are received that the bottom green is not running fast enough. A complaint was received recently that the green was running too fast. It seems you cannot please everybody.

Peter Eagle

1.11 Coaches

An Introductory Coach session is being organised by Michael Schwarcz for Monday March 12. The course will run for 4 hours and participants will be certified to conduct introductory coaching. This is timed to have additional coaches for the coming Open Day.

Dallas Palm

1.12 Umpires

No report.

Don Couch

1.13 Welfare

No report.

David Roles

1.14 Mixed Bowls

No report.

Tony Boughton

1.15 Communications

Dallas Palm

1.16 Corporate

No report.

2. General Business

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3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 2nd, 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.