

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

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business Papers

3rd September 2012

Meeting Commences 6:00pm

1. Correspondence Inward

- 1.1 RNSWBA – Bearfoot Bowls competition
- 1.2 Orange Blossom entry & COP

2. Correspondence Outward

- 2.1 Rob Mitchell - Clearance Form
- 2.2 WPHSC – Koala Cup 2013 – proposed dates

3. Reports

3.1 President

I would like to welcome the Committee for the 2012/2013 year. I am looking forward to working with you so that we can continue to move forward in the same manner as was achieved in 2011/2012. It is my intention to keep this report short as there will be a number of matters that need to be dealt with by the committee at the first meeting. The AGM report sets out what has been achieved over the last twelve months.

The Open Day will be upon us shortly. A great deal of work has already been completed. Max Walters has put a lot of time and effort into the Open Day. We have the support the Sports Club as well as the Ladies; therefore we hope it will be successful.

WPH has been approached by the RNSWBA to be part of the inaugural Bearfoot Bowls Challenge. The matter has been discussed by the previous committee and discussions have taken place with the Sports Club as well as the Ladies. We have indicated to RNSWBA that we would like to receive more information, which will be supplied shortly. Once we have received further information a decision can be made. We are aware other clubs within our area have shown interest.

Discussions have been held with the Sports Club to see if we are able to ramp up Twilight Bowls during daylight saving. Those discussions have been of benefit and currently we are waiting for a reply from the Sports Club.

The Hornsby Cup as well as the Orange Blossom are to be played shortly. Application forms have been completed and sent to Asquith (Hornsby) and Dural (Orange Blossom). The selectors will need to pick the teams within the near future. The Pennant season will be commencing in the last week of February 2013, therefore the selectors will need to consider this matter.

Although, there is a time period of two hours for our monthly meetings, I am not one to allow meetings to drag on unnecessarily. I feel you will all agree that it is important that all items to be raised or discussed should be done efficiently with only one person speaking at the time. This allows Dallas to record what is being said and benefits all concerned. I am also of the opinion that if somebody has something to say on a matter it should be raised. Monthly reports will be supplied prior to the meeting, therefore those reports will not be discussed in detail, unless clarification is required or an issued raised. This in itself helps to shorten meetings.

Let us hope 2012/2013 will be a successful year.

Peter Eagle

3.2 Senior Vice President

No report.

Warren Phillips

3.3 Vice President

No report.

Mathew Stubbs

3.4 Secretary

The AGM completed (hopefully without hitch) for another year. Congratulations to all those that were elected. Let's continue to make gains as we did over the past 12 months.

Current paid up membership stands at 131.

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3.5 Treasurer

No report.

Steve Watson

3.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

This will be my last report as Bowls Secretary (Bowls Coordinator) and by the time we have our September Management Committee Meeting, Max Walters will be new Bowls Secretary and I'm sure he will do a good job with it.

The year has gone off without too many problems, even though the annual calendar has been knocked around a little in recent weeks, particularly the Barry Walker Classic Pairs, the Major Triples and the Fours, not so much by bad weather for although we lost a considerable number of days through rain, we did manage to keep close to the schedule by way of some minor changes as problems occurred. Our main problems were caused by requests for dispensations to allow members to play in Zone and State events or to officiate at such events. But all in all, the schedule went close to being on time and that in its self is quite a feat.

This year we played the Mixed Pairs and Mixed Triples on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This proved far better than playing them on Sundays and whilst some of the ladies I spoke to were not impressed to start with thinking we were pushing into their allocated green time, I think most of them gradually came around to agree that the changed timing was a good move. The Mixed events were all quality games and I imagine next year will see a greater participation by both Ladies and Men. In addition, we moved the Minor Triples to Wednesday's and using the participation rate as a measure, this also proved a great success.

During the year, the Novice Singles was replaced by the Ken Wighton Singles. The Novice Singles in its original format proved to be rather restrictive in so much that eligibility was for bowlers who had registered with the Royal within the past four year. Eligibility for The Ken Wighton Singles now allows for anyone who have not won a Major or Minor event at WPH or any other club to participate. There are no membership time limits on the Ken Wighton Singles.

I wish Max well and reaffirm that I will be on hand to give any advice he may seek and provide any assistance when required.

Mal Horner

3.7 Selectors

MID WEEK PENNANTS:

- After the first 3 rounds our C Grade team is on top of their section with 13 points out of a possible 15. In the 9 games played we have won 7 and only lost 2. We hope the teams can keep up this record in the remaining 3 rounds.
- Our composite team with North Ryde RSL has had 2 wins from the first 3 rounds. A very good start.

THINGS to be done by the new selectors after 1/9/2012 elections:

- Round 6 Mid-Week Pennants Teams
- Hopefully teams for PSP for Mid-Week Pennants if we make the play offs
- Teams for Orange Blossom to be played Saturday 15/9/2012
- Put in entry for Mixed Pennants before 14/9/2012
- Players for Hornsby Cup to be played Sunday 23/9/2012
- Late September 2012 pick teams for Mixed Pennants should we have enough people interested
- Request our bowlers to complete application forms for Pennants in late October or early November. Suggest you get all forms in by 17/11/2012.
- Recommend to Management Committee in early December which grades we intend to apply for in 2013.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the selectors for their support; when with management support we decided to try something new at West Pennant Hills. It didn't work out and I hope they are not punished by members of this club trying something different. I spent last Friday at Cabramatta being spoken to by Wayne Turley, Steve Glasson, Gary Willis, and a sports psychologist suggesting the ways to succeed in bowls competitions and pennants. Lo and behold it was exactly what we had tried to introduce into West Pennant Hills. I looked at Peter Eagle (who also attended) and the comments made by aforementioned brought a smile to our faces. We know we did the right thing in introducing new ways into West Pennant Hills.

Michael Schwarcz

3.8 Schools Committee

No report.

Aaron Barnett

3.9 Zone 10

No report.

Peter Eagle

3.10 Greens

I understand, the Sports Club has not made a decision on the mower (fatboy) until Steve Brady returns.

Peter Eagle

3.11 Coaches

And the new Chairman of Coaches is.....

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3.12 Umpires

All events have been covered where required.

Don Couch

3.13 Welfare

Date	Name	Open Notes
25.08.2012	Peter BOOTH	I spoke to Peter today, his situation remains the same as before, he seems a little down in the dumps because he has the added problem of a nasty cough brought on by the blood pressure medication that he is on. All I could say to him, was to offer our full support and to keep in touch.
15.08.2012	Bob OBRIEN	Spoke with Yvonne - Bob not returning to bowls. Alzheimer's is main reason. Knees are a problem but not too serious.
08.08.2012	Peter CARRITT	Peter's doctor said that he was on the road to a full recovery which is great news. He starts a cardio rehab program next thursday for a number of weeks, then he said he would come down to the club to see us all. (25-8-12) Peter's going real well, the rehab takes up three days of the week, and he started doing a little gardening the other day until he tired out. So things are on the up and up.
07.08.2012	Alan BOWRY	It was good to see Alan back on the green today. Alan has been caring for his wife for the past two months while she has been suffering from a back injury caused through bowling. Alan has our full support if needed.
07.08.2012	Steve BRADY	Steve will be going into hospital on friday 17th for an operation to insert a non return valve into the lungs. This procedure is quite new, it is for the purpose of giving him some breathing comfort brought on by the emphysema. We wish you well Steve. (21-8-12) Steve's operation went well there are no complications. According to his doctor he needs to do a lot of walking, but otherwise he's happy with the result.
07.08.2012	Ross TWISE	Ross was up having a roll-up today just five weeks after the death of his wife Betty. Ross thanked us all for the sympathy card we sent him. He has our full support if needed.
07.08.2012	Clem WOODWARD	I spoke to Clem tonight to find him in good spirits. He has been suffering with cancer, and his wife has had shingles. Clem sends his regards to all and hopes to be back either to play or just to watch.

David Roles

3.14 Mixed Bowls

No report.

Tony Boughton

3.15 Communications

Max is ready to release next edition of *Koala News* immediately after the AGM. Don Carpenter now takes on the role of editor with Ian Corke assisting with production. My thanks go to Max for his great efforts. I encourage all to support Don with articles and ideas.

The website is showing slow growth in visits per day, currently tracking 40 to 50 visitors per day, with time on site steadily growing also. Since 1 Nov 2011, there have been more than 5500 unique visitors to the blog. Of 27 non-blog pages that are tracked, there have been 11,800 hits from 4,800 unique visitors - with one having >900 hits alone!

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3.16 Corporate

No report.

4. General Business

4.1 Sub Committees and Zone 10 Representatives.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 8th October, commencing at 6:00pm

