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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Business Papers

6th May 2013

Meeting Commences 6:00pm

1. Correspondence Inward

1.1

2. Correspondence Outward

2.1

3. Business and action from previous meetings/Outstanding Issues

New Constitution & Regulations – latest draft by David now available

4.6 Orange Blossom Carnival – status of request for funding

5.6 Mini Open Days

4. Reports

4.1 President

The Challenge Cup is now in the safe hands of West Pennant Hills. The result was close with only nine points separating both clubs on the main board. In 2012 there was only eight points separating the clubs so the competition has been close. A summary of the numbers of ends won and lost for 2013 was also completed. WPH won 183 ends to Pennant Hills 177 ends. As it was Pennant Hills who requested the information, we were quite happy to pass on the details. This is a competition that arose out of another venture which has been welcomed by the bowlers of each club. A great result for WPH.

The Mixed Triples has been completed. Only one point separated the teams at the end. Congratulations to Kaye Eagle, Warren Phillips and Peter Eagle. The other team consisting of Clive Donohoo, Alex Stewart and Wendy Wise played well and in the end the result could have gone either way.

At the time of our meeting, the Koala Carnivals for both the Ladies and the men will have been held. Also, the Inter Zone Senior round to be played at WPH will also have been held. Comments on these events will appear in the next report.

As committee members are aware, matters pertaining to the Motion passed at the last AGM re the payment of a single fee have been progressing. Discussions have been taking place with the management of the Sports Club. I should be in a position at our meeting to provide further details on what has transpired.

I have mentioned in the Greens report where we are at this time re the Tifdwarf. In principle support by the Sports Club has been given for the project.

The Pennant season is slowly coming to an end. More details will be provided by the selectors in their report. Grade 3 is still in with a chance of making it to the finals provided they win the remaining

games and Merrylands are defeated for the second time. I hope luck is on our side. There has been some talk at Zone level that the Pennant season for 2014 will not commence until mid to late March. I hope this is correct as it will overcome the heat problem as well as having to play trial games in December. I feel it would also be of benefit if the season could be condensed. February to May is a long time. By condensing the season it may overcome the absenteeism that affects clubs.

John Skidmore has taken over from Don Carpenter re the *Koala News*. I wish John well in his new venture. Ian Corke has mentioned that he would like to issue a shorter version of the *Koala News* on a monthly basis. I feel this is a good idea as he is finding that a lot of the information by the time the current *Koala News* is issued is out of date. Unless there are any objections, I have indicated to Ian that he should proceed. Ian has discussed the matter with the Ladies.

Peter Eagle

4.2 Senior Vice President

Nothing to report this month.

Warren Phillips

4.3 Vice President

David Wilson

4.4 Secretary

4.4.1. Member's Directory – Narelle has produced the updated directory and is now available for members. More copies can be printed if required. A big thanks to Narelle and Rose.

4.4.2. Membership – 3 new members signed up on 30th April – Ken Tulk, Roy Emeny and Graham Bull. David has ordered name badges and registrations have been sent to RNSWBC.

4.4.3. General Meeting & Appreciation Day - Saturday 15th June - Notice of meeting has been prepared with assistance from Jason. The Sports Club is in the process of printing and mailing to members.

The Sports Club have been advised of the change of date for Appreciation Day.

The club calendar on the website also reflects the changes.

There will be a notice on the website and it will be announced on bowls days.

Proposed timetable for the day is:

10:30 Commence General Meeting

11:00 Vote on proposal

11:15 Presentation by Chair of Selectors

11:45 Close

12:15 Call of cards for Social and Major Singles Final

4.4.4. Christmas 2013 – original booking with Sports Club is Saturday 14th December (Sunday 15th is unavailable). Alternates are Sunday 8th or Sunday 22nd December.

To avoid losing a bowling day, I recommend Sunday 8th.

A decision by the committee is required so that booking can be confirmed with the Sports Club.

Dallas Palm

4.5 Treasurer

A quick summary of our position shows a strong March on or close to budget for Income and Raffle income exceeded costs. To date the charity is at \$526 (to the end of March) which is the amount since the Bowls Christmas Party. This amount plus any additional money will be sent to The Royal Flying Doctor Service at the end of June by the club.

West Pennant Hills Sports Club Limited

**Sports - Men's Bowls
31 March 2013**

	March Actual	March Budget	Variance	%	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	%
MBC Green Fees	3,937	3,819	118	103.09	34,276	38,091	(3,815)	89.98
MBC Raffle Takings	181	345	(164)	52.46	4,550	5,565	(1,015)	81.76
MBC Sports Fees	0	80	(80)		8,219	10,640	(2,421)	77.25
MBC Other Income	32	10	22	320.00	4,328	90	4,238	4,808.89
MBC Club Uniform Sales	93	40	53	232.50	717	360	357	199.17
MBC Sponsorship Income	(210)	0	(210)		2,406	3,000	(594)	80.20
MBC Catering Income	0	0	0		0	2,400	(2,400)	
Total MBC Income	4,033	4,294	(261)	93.92	54,496	60,146	(5,650)	90.61
MBC Affiliation Fees	0	643	(643)		6,124	8,299	(2,175)	73.79
MBC Raffle Costs	336	450	(114)	74.67	2,974	4,050	(1,076)	73.43
MBC Greens' Maintenance	3,791	4,000	(209)	94.77	35,742	36,000	(258)	99.28
MBC Sports Promotions	300	510	(210)	58.82	10,858	11,002	(144)	98.69
MBC Club Uniform Purchases	178	0	178		1,751	200	1,551	875.50
MBC Catering Expenses	500	1,100	(600)	45.45	2,938	6,450	(3,512)	45.55
MBC Multi/Taround Triples	0	0	0		40	0	40	
Total MBC Expenses	5,105	6,703	(1,598)	76.16	60,427	66,001	(5,574)	91.55
Men's Bowls Profit (Loss)	(1,072)	(2,409)	1,337	44.50	(5,931)	(5,855)	(76)	101.30

Steve Watson

4.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

Twilight Bowls generated an income of \$4,785 for which the Men's Bowls should be credited with \$1,623.33. The spreadsheet of this event was sent to the Sports Club indicating that we believe the estimated REAL benefit to the Club was at least \$10,000 turnover, based on additional revenue spent by the Twilight bowlers. Credit is due to the Club for their helpful voucher promotion. Unfortunately the last evening was going to top record participants, but with the greens 2 inches under water the day before and continual rain on the day, cancellation was the only option. I have suggested to the Club that it is to the benefit of it and the bowlers that the voucher scheme continue next season.

I really would appreciate additional support to help run this event in future, as (with assistance) I have organised this event since 2008.

Orange Blossom Festival support from Hills Council has been received to the value of \$100. We are delighted that Council has recognised this as a community event and the money has already been paid to the Sports Club. We will use this money toward trophy and prizes.

Challenge Cup was a great success, with a full field and the greatly appreciated assistance from additional volunteers and umpires. The result was even sweeter (even with the mathematical scoring hiccup)!!

Major Singles games, especially the 2 games on a Sunday will try to be avoided if our players are not required for Pennant finals. If this is the case, we will play 1 of those 2 games on Saturday 25th May.

Koala Carnival organising appears well in hand and we hope that at this meeting we can discuss the success or other details at this meeting.

Castle Hill Turnaround Triples is on Monday 13th May and we should endeavour to supply 3 teams as the arrangement we have set up with our other 4 local Clubs. Forms are available.

Max Walters

4.7 Selectors

Unfortunately we have had another washout round. Round 7 will now be played on Saturday 18th May 2013.

Grade 3:

A recent good win over Merrylands has given Grade 3 an outside chance of making the playoffs. With all players making themselves available, we have 14 players to fill 12 positions. Alan Bowry has missed out on the last couple of games while Ross Smith requested a game out. He will replace Neville Roach in Round 9.

Grade 5:

Unfortunately Grade 5 is winless after 8 Rounds. The competition has been very strong with several Clubs having very good teams while WPH has suffered from players making themselves unavailable. We are also short 3-4 'quality' bowlers for this Grade.

Grade 6:

After a reasonable run, Grade 6 has succumbed to several losses, due primarily to player unavailability and the need to draft other players to fill Teams.

Comment:

From a Selector's position, this has been a very disappointing year. Too many bowlers who indicated their willingness to commit to playing Pennants for the Club, have decided to take holidays or weekends away, thereby depriving their Club and Team the opportunity to have a successful season. For those bowlers who have committed to play throughout the Pennant Season, 'thank you'.

Kevin Tuckerman

4.8 Schools Committee

No report.

4.9 Zone 10

At this time there is nothing to report. Should anything arise it will be mentioned at the meeting.

Peter Eagle

4.10 Greens

Both greens are in good shape at this time. Although, we have had a fair amount of rain over the last few weeks, Steve has been able to maintain them and repair any damage that has occurred. This has also required spraying for fungus as well as fertilising.

The damage was caused by approximately 40 Sulphur Crested Cockatoos landing on the top green. Although, they were only on the ground for around one minute, they managed to dig deep holes across a fair section of the green. Steve has repaired the damage and in some cases has had to use plugs. With constant rolling, the surface has not been affected. It has been suggested that the Eagles be replaced as they may not be a sufficient deterrent. This is being considered.

Although, we have in principle approval to install a Tifdwarf green, nothing further has eventuated and will not do so until we have a clear picture of when the Club renovations will commence. It is known that we only have a short time frame for work to commence on the bottom green. The time frame may be extended if Zone puts back the starting time for Pennants in 2014 to March. The top green is still a consideration if the time frame is not suitable.

I am aware that there have been some complaints (not by Committee members) that the greens should not have been closed due to wet weather. The greens had been closed in the morning but by mid afternoon, the weather had changed. The surface of the greens was dry, though still soft. The

greens were to be used for roll ups only. It is the long term viability of the greens that is the main concern not the short term position. Unless there are good reasons why the greens should be opened later in the day, they need to remain closed for the balance of the day.

The top green is showing improvements since the trees have been dealt with by Council. We still have to deal with leaves etc from the gum trees but nowhere near the same extent as in the past. Also, the two corners on the Western side are showing signs of improvement even though the growing season has ceased.

Peter Eagle

4.11 Coaches

No report.

PM Schwarcz

4.12 Umpires

No report.

Don Couch

4.13 Welfare

I had the opportunity to speak with a number of people that have been on the sick list for quite some time, they all expressed their gratitude for being thought of once again.

Ken Anderson Ken has retired from bowls. He says he is feeling very tired in the legs, but he's not too bad for 93 years of age. I will touch bases with him just to see how he's going.

Clem Woodward I spoke with Clem on the 13th of this month. Along with all the problems of the past, he now has a middle ear complaint and sometime loses his balance. He told me that he misses bowls and the company

Ian Thompson I met up with Ian and his wife a few weeks ago, and was very pleased to hear that he's feeling a lot better, and hopes to come back to Wednesday bowls in the not too distant future.

Greg Klenofsky It has been a long haul for Greg over the past 18 months or so. He is still feeling the effects of his spinal operation but is getting better every day. He did say that he could be back at bowls in another 12 months. He also expressed his appreciation to the club for not forgetting him.

Steve Brady Spoke to Steve on Friday 26th April. He is happy with his progress, especially with his lungs, he is breathing a little better. However his leg is still giving him some pain.

Bob Cole Bob went into hospital on Tuesday 16th April to have a stent inserted. According to Bob it was a simple procedure that he is quite used too.

Geoff Tweeddale I have been keeping close contact with Geoff and his daughter Andria. In fact we brought him down to the club two weeks ago to watch the three's go through their paces against Merrylands. He enjoyed it immensely. He was able to communicate quite well with everyone but tired out very quickly. I have since spoken to both Geoff and his Grandson Owen who is now looking after him for the next month or so. Owen told me that his next test will be on the 15th May. The doctors will then know how he's progressing.

Geoff Seamons Geoff is playing bowls but taking it very steady. He still suffers from the occasional headache.

David Roles

4.14 Mixed Bowls

No report this month.

Warren Phillips

4.15 Communications

The recently launched e-letter is bringing new visitors to the website. The e-letter comprises excerpts of the latest posts on the blog. The last issue has generated over 100 visitors to the blog viewing more than 250 pages or posts. This does not include views of non-blog pages such as championships, Pennants etc which runs at ~50 per day.

Facebook (www.facebook.com/wphbowls) activity has been steady with comments being added several days of the week. At this stage Kaye Eagle, David Wilson and I are the prime contributors - that will change over time.

Dallas Palm

4.16 Corporate

No report.

Warren Phillips

5. General Business

- 5.1 **Friday Pairs** - A reminder that Single Games be allocated to those desirous of them when we create a Triples Game on a Friday Pairs day or when 2 teams could play a Triples instead of a fours if 2 players would enjoy the experience of Singles. (I know it has been discussed and received favourably, but as yet none have been organised).

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 3rd June, commencing at 6:00pm