



## West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

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### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

#### Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> December 2009

Meeting Commenced 5:30pm

#### **Attendance:**

Terry Barnett, Peter Eagle, David Wilson, Warren Phillips, Alan Bowry, Mal Horner, Keith Robinson, Barrie Stuart, Paul van Tilburg, Bill Arnott

#### **1. Apologies:**

John Leonard, Don Couch

#### **2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting**

Mal Horner

#### **3. Business and Action arising from the Minutes**

- Terry has discussed 2010 Koala Carnival with Pat Jones. Dates have been agreed.
- Terry & Warren have not been able to meet with Jason as yet to discuss shirt subsidy and sponsorship.
- Zone 10 has provided approval for additional Grade 4 Pennant badge to be produced. David Wilson to now arrange for purchase. Unfortunately it will not be available for Presentation day.
- Bill Arnott has not had an opportunity as yet to discuss coaching issues with Thompson Lee.

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#### **4. Correspondence**

##### Combined Cherrybrook Probus Club

- This event is booked for Friday 30th April 2010 and will occupy a full green. The need to ensure regular bowls sessions were not sacrificed for Corporate events was discussed. It was agreed that club bowls have priority. If numbers dictate, the format for that Friday may be altered to triples or fours to accommodate all bowlers on the one green.
- Events such as this one are seen as an opportunity to showcase our facilities and to recruit new members to the club.
- Terry and Paul have recently rejected a number of requests for corporate bowls on a Friday to ensure our bowlers are not disadvantaged.

## 5. Reports

### Senior Vice President

#### Open Days

- Planning needs to start for 2010.
- Keith suggests allocating the 5th Sunday of the month (4 per year) to informal open days.
- Alan suggests looking at Thursday Barefoot bowls as opportunity.
- The Sports Club has 60 cricket teams and this provides a large pool of sports minded people that could be tapped for new bowlers of all ages.
- It was suggested that Ian Corke (graphic artist) be approached to design flyers, table talkers etc. to aid in promoting lawn bowls. Terry to clear the use of advertising in the club with Jason before progressing.

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### Secretary

#### Presentation Day

- Responses currently at 40 attending presentation with 36 bowling.
- Final list will be compiled after close on Wednesday 2nd and numbers advised to Terry.
- Numbers will be advised to Shane for catering by Terry on Thursday.
- A list of those bowling will be available to selectors Thursday to prepare matches.
- Bowlers will be asked at Wednesday and Friday bowls to advise of special catering requirements.
- Drink vouchers have been organised.

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#### Christmas Party

- Nominations of ~120 have been received or indicated on the table plan. A list of names will be prepared after Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> close off.
- Once final numbers are known, table plan will be prepared with Shane to ensure easy access for catering.
- Ladies are looking after hamper as in past years. Dallas to confirm organised.
- Terry has prizes lined up for lucky door prizes.

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### Bowls Co-ordinator

- Calendar has been updated to include the Mixed events and Koala Carnival dates.
- Copy of 2010 programme to be provided to M Schwarcz.

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### Match Committee

- Hot weather policy must be adhered to at all times without variation if it is to have credibility. It was agreed that conditions will be strictly enforced in future and supported by the committee members.

### Selectors

- Currently 54 nominated to play in the Pennant 2010 season. This gives possibility of 4 sides which will need to be determined based on level of commitment.
- We will definitely nominate sides for grades 3, 5, 6 and 7 (if 4th side).
- Nominations must be in to Zone 10 by 15th January.
- Meeting of prospective players on 28th was well received and worthwhile in communicating the importance of personal training and commitment by players.

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### Zone 10

- Coaches meeting 7th December. Dallas to attend on club's behalf to hear of changes and for presentation by Premier League coach.
- Meeting at Rydalmere 9th February to discuss 2010 Pennant season and implications

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will be attended by Terry and Peter.

- Proposed changes to rules will not come into effect until 2011 season if passed by World Bowls.

#### Greens

- No.1 green has been top dressed again. Brown patch was due to sprinkler head mis-orientation resulting in insufficient water reaching this part of the green. This has been rectified.
- Ditch and banks to be addressed this week with the aim of opening the green for play around 9th December.

No.2 green will be taken out for renovation once No1 green is re-opened.

#### Coaches' Chairman

- Peter Cochran on hold until baseball is over.
- Some bowlers have asked for assistance in improving their performance or rectifying problems.

#### Umpires' Chairman

- The request by Don Couch to reverse last month's decision to provide compensation to non-playing umpires was discussed and debated, and ultimately accepted. There will be no compensation at this point.
- The issue can be re-opened at a later date if circumstances change.

#### Welfare

- John Leonard has been sent a card on behalf of the club on news of the loss of his father this week.
- Barrie Stuart will visit Col Johnstone this week.

#### Mixed Bowls

- Keith requested that Peter Eagle chair the Mixed Bowls committee and Keith takes on greens (current Peter's portfolio, and Keith is Greens director of Sports Club). This was accepted provided this is acceptable to Dennis Montgomery (originally instructed Keith to chair the Mixed bowls).
- Barrie Stuart recommends Saturday be opened to women bowlers. This would allow working women the opportunity to bowl and may help the club gain some more members. The proposal would be to provide some rinks for the women to plan and run their games. This has been a successful approach in some other clubs.

## **6. General Business**

#### Late Finishing Games

- Some bowlers are questioning why some rinks finish up to 45 minutes later than other games and could there be a time limit imposed to finish the games. This was raised as some bowlers feel annoyed at waiting to hold the raffle for a few 'slow bowlers'.
- Imposition of a time limit to ensure games finish at about the same time would be unfair to those bowlers that are serious about their sport and only get the weekend to play due to work commitments.

#### Greens

- Bill Arnott would like all players to be reminded to avoid stepping onto the plinth or standing within a metre of the ditch to prevent damage to plinth or green.
- Players will be reminded at calling of the cards and during games.
- There have been some recent cases of poor etiquette on and near the greens. Committee members are asked to speak to individuals when this is observed.

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Keith noted the change in the atmosphere within the club over the past couple of months and laid the credit in the manner in which Terry is leading the committee and the enthusiasm of the committee.

## **7. Next Meeting**

6pm – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010