



## West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club

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### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

#### Minutes

7<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Meeting Commenced 5:55pm

**Attendance:**, Keith Robinson, Mathew Stubbs, Tony Boughton, Paul van Tilburg, Peter Eagle, Alan Bowry, David Wilson, Mal Horner, Dallas Palm

**Apologies:** Barrie Stuart, Terry Barnett

**Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting:** Confirmed

#### 1. Business and Action arising from the Minutes

1.1.

#### 2. Carried forward from previous meetings

2.1.

#### 3. Correspondence Inwards

Discussed

#### 4. Correspondence Outwards

Discussed

#### 5. Reports (items arising from)

5.1. President – comment re State 4's was addressed by Mal – Selectors had decided not to enter a club nominated side this year favouring in-house and external trial preparation games for Pennants. The nomination form for the State 4s had been displayed on the club notice board prior to closing date.

5.2. Treasurer – despite lost days due to inclement weather (12 YTD) we are achieving slightly better than budget.

The Women's section has agreed to share the cost (30%) of the mixed trophies. They have also agreed to share cost of the corner flags and wind socks but have requested they are asked before any expenditure in future.

5.3. Bowls Co-ordinator – changes to calendar due to no games being played on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>.

Fours:                      Semi final 12/2                      Final 19/2

Major Pairs:              Semi final 13/2                      Final 5/3

Local COP – under the new rules, replacement players can only be introduced into a team before the first game, and can only have a substitute once the competition starts. In the case of pairs, this means if there is a replacement in a

team, only the replacement can be substituted. If the non-replacement player is unavailable for a game, then the pair will need to forfeit.

- 5.4. Selectors – Following the success of the trial match with Warrawee (not just the score line), Warrawee have suggested an annual match between the clubs. Alan proposed a trophy be introduced.

Post match reports by the skips are proving very helpful to the selectors to fine tune the teams and sides.

Alan plans on holding a pre-Pennant meeting of all Pennant players to explain the process behind the selections, the Pennant competition and to remind players of the etiquette expected when representing our club. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb set as the date.

AB

- 5.5. Zone 10 – see attachment 1

- 5.6. Greens – Keith advised that Steve Brady is now responsible for the Greens, whilst Keith is the Bowls Liaison. Fittingly, Keith proposed that Peter take control of the Greens committee. Accepted by committee to be agreed by Terry.

TB

New signs for the green “Green closed to all activity” were requested some time ago through Blake, for use when the green needs to be rested, has been spayed or closed by the green keeper or greens committee. Peer to again chase up.

PE

Corner flags – apparently will have holes drilled into the timber surrounds for the corner flags w/e 13/2.

- 5.7. Mixed Bowls – Castle Hill now run nominated mixed pairs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. The format is 2 games of

## 6. General Business

- 6.1. Homeway First National – have requested their advertising on mats and score boards be updated in line with current logo. The financial arrangements for providing these needs to be clarified.

TB

New stickers need to be arranged.

- 6.2. Zone Events – Zone 10 have released an EOI to clubs interested in sponsoring Zone events for coming 3 years. This in effect means the club provide facilities at no charge to the Zone and foots the bill for preparation and maintenance. It was agreed this situation is more suited to bowling clubs which could gain from the revenue from additional bowlers, however it was felt in our situation it would mean additional work for our bowlers/committee and no return. Additionally, the club calendar is already quite full for the year and hosting Zone events would put excess pressure on our calendar and our ability to provide opportunities for our members. Response in the negative to be sent to the Zone secretary.

DP

- 6.3. NSW Education Department Bowling Club - A letter was received soliciting our interest in making our greens available for the annual ‘test match’ between the NSW Education Department Bowling Club and QLD Teachers Bowling Club involving 60-70 bowlers. Both greens would be required on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September for morning games. The bowlers would then lunch in the club’s restaurant.

After discussion, Mal was charged with establishing whether our calendar could accommodate the event without jeopardising events already planned.

*Subsequent to the meeting, Mal proposed moving the planned 5-a-Side tournament from 25<sup>th</sup> September to 28<sup>th</sup> August, and move the Minor Singles final to 27<sup>th</sup> August.*

Response to be sent to Don Hazeltine (Hon Secretary of NSW Education Department Bowling Club)

DP

- 6.4. Social evening bowls – Peter Eagle’s observation that Tuesday mufti has been a dismal failure this summer and potential to revive the format on a different night of

the week was discussed. It was agreed to use Thursday night in a re-vamped format. The overall aim is to encourage new young players to give the game a try in a friendly social environment, and potentially we may have some join the bowls section. Alan volunteered to get it started and will discuss with Max Walters prior to starting. Alan will need the support of committee members to ensure the success of the plan.

**AB**

6.5. 2010 Christmas Party/Presentation evening – Paul raised his disappointment at the poor organisation of the evening, particularly the early confusion wrt seating. Unfortunately Paul and his wife left before all seating and other issues were sorted. The committee members responsible for the evening apologised to Paul for any inconvenience caused.

6.6. Open Day – the Women's section have requested information about when the next open day would be held. This issue had been discussed by committee several times over the past couple of years and agreed the effort involved does not result in new bowlers to the section. It was confirmed that the Men's section is not intending to organise an Open day, however would assist the Women's section should they proceed. Response to be sent

**DP**

## **7. Next Meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm

Meeting closed 7:43pm

## Atachment 1

**From:** "Peter Eagle" <pfeagle@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, February 8, 2011 5:21 pm

Hi Dallas,

I have received from Zone this afternoon, Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 2 February 2011. Last night, I briefly outlined some of what was said by Greg Helm of Bowls NSW. You may wish to add the following to the Minutes of last nights meeting. Zone will be sending to all clubs a copy of the presentation made by Greg.

- The new constitution hopefully will address the slide of members from 110,000 a few years ago to 54,000 currently.
- The new constitution is not an alternative to unification.
- It needs to be transparent.
- Current governance structures are outdated.
- Discussion on the need for change has been ongoing for 15 years.
- Declining membership needs to be addressed by Royal (Bowls NSW).
- Current constitution is inflexible - e.g. Clubs are currently reliant on social bowls.
- Currently there are 20 board members, which needs to be reduced.
- Communication and conflict of interest issues needs improving.

Unification in NSW will different to that of Victoria. In Victoria where unification has taken place, there is a ruling from the courts to the effect women are allowed to play in men's pennants. It will be interesting to see how unification is handled in NSW.

Cheers

Peter