

West Pennant Hills Sports Club  
Men's Bowls Section

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**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**Meeting Commenced 6:00pm**

**Present:** Peter Eagle, Mal Horner, Warren Phillips, Steven Watson, Alan Bowry

**Apologies:** Mat Stubbs, Tony Boughton, Michael Schwarcz, Max Walker

**Issues Arising From Previous Minutes:** Accepted by Mal Horner/Peter Eagle

**1. Correspondence Inward**

- 1.1 Kevin Tuckerman – re issues raised in Appreciation Day discussions.
- 1.2 RNSWBA – Circular – Electronic Communications, Club Challenge, National Census, Feb-Apr Bereavement lists, Charity Contributions. *National Census was due for submission by 31<sup>st</sup> May, however documents only received 31<sup>st</sup> May despite postmark of 24<sup>th</sup> April. As a result, no response supplied.*

**2. Correspondence Outward**

- 2.1 WPHSC – re Koala Carnival support
- 2.2 Bill Austin – re support of Koala Carnival
- 2.3 WPHSC – re ordering score cards
- 2.4 WPHSC – re Zone 10 Senior Singles to be played at WPHSC
- 2.5 WBC – re budget proposed increase in membership fees from 1/7/12
- 2.6 Ken Anderson – re sale of bowls donated by Ken
- 2.7 WPHSC – re Bob's All Clear request to advertise on around greens. *New sign has been installed on No1 green.*
- 2.8 Jeremy Thiedeman - Welcome letter as new member
- 2.9 RNSWBA – re updates to member registrations
- 2.10 Merv Wright – re article for bowls magazine
- 2.11 RNSWBA – Application for membership Trent Burnett

**3. Reports**

**3.1 President**

My report for May 2012 will be brief as a good deal of information was supplied in the recent addition of the Koala News. Matters that need to be touched upon are:

The Appreciation Day meeting provided a good opportunity to discuss a number of issues which needed to be brought to the attention of the bowlers. Besides thanking them for their involvement during the Pennant Season it also allowed the selectors to express difficulties they faced in selecting teams. By having bowlers ask questions from the floor it allows the

selectors and committee to consider the bowlers views which helps to formulate ideas for the 2013 Pennant Season.

Although it was intended to present the results of the survey to the Sports Club Board first, I felt the Appreciation Day gathering provided the forum for the results to be produced. I feel that it can be said that West Pennant Hills is a social club with a competitive section of bowlers. Now that the Committee has that information it can formulate future directions which hopefully will be to the benefit of all bowlers. Considering the results to the questions re selectors and those wishing to stand for committee positions, it will be interesting to see how many nominate at the next AGM.

The 2013 draft budget has been presented to the Sports Club Board. As you are aware, a request has been made to increase the annual fee to \$80 as well as increasing the green fees to \$10. The management of the Sports Club requested the matter of the increases be brought to the attention of the Ladies. Nothing further has been heard from the Sports Club or the Ladies at the time of writing this report.

I have heard from Keith Robinson that Cliff Sullivan who was the prime instigator in the creation of the top green passed away recently. I understand funeral arrangements are being made. More details will be supplied in due course. Although, I have not met Cliff on behalf of the committee and bowlers at West Pennant Hills, I would like to note and express our condolences to his family.

Peter Eagle

*The budget has been submitted to the Sports Club – to date there has been no notification it has been accepted. Peter Eagle to follow up with Jaason* **PE**

*Peter Eagle advised that Cliff Sullivan's funeral is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, and will be attended by Sports Club & Men's section representatives.*

### **3.2 Senior Vice President**

No report.

Warren Phillips

### **3.3 Vice President**

No report.

Mathew Stubbs

### **3.4 Secretary**

Membership stands at 130, with Jeremy Thiedeman having joined this month and completing his coaching to play, and Trent Burnett returning after an absence of a couple of years.

Dallas Palm

### **3.5 Treasurer**

Now that we have highlighted sponsorship revenues had not been followed up by the club we can now see sponsorship revenues coming in.

Shirt sales are showing \$1,091 for April. This was an adjustment from March that had been posted to the Women's section.

Raffle takings are down and this is shown in the negative number from revenue to cost.

*There is still a question as to what sponsorship has been received. Steve Watson to obtain detailed listing to confirm there are no outstanding sponsorships fees.* **SW**

*Steve Watson now receives listing of transactions each month to allocate to appropriate accounts. This will result in greater accuracy in accounts, and more timely reports. Steve has been working closely with Kieran to ensure accounts reflect actual activity.* **SW**

### **3.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee**

#### **Koala Carnival**

Another Koala Carnival has been run and whilst overall it was a success, the lack of entries continues to be a worry. This year we had 22 teams, 6 short of our maximum. At least we were able to run the event this year as many of you would remember the 2011 Koala Carnival was cancelled due to lack of entries.

The one certainty about the carnival is that it wouldn't run at all without the sponsorship of Bill Austin's company, First National Homeway and, the support we get from the management and staff of the sports club itself. We are fortunate to have their assistance and we fully appreciate their efforts.

In regard to attracting more players, don't know what else we can do. The prize money this year was 30% more than Living Choice Retirement Villages provided for the Turn-Around-Triples and yet that carnival attracted the 28 teams, the entry fee was kept at a low \$60 per team compared to the TAT's fee of \$75 per team and, the only players ineligible to participate were Premier and Grade 1 players. I think the real problem is that there are just too many carnivals and we are being trumped by bigger clubs who are able to fill three greens simply because they are offering greater prize money.

I wouldn't even consider an increase of prize money but maybe we could think about a different format, i.e. 5 local clubs to send along 4 teams, along with 4 WPH teams and run a competition along similar lines as the Club Challenge we held this year between Pennant Hills and ourselves. The winning club (not individual players) would take the prize money.

We could canvass this idea with say, The Hills, Dural, Pennant Hills, Castle Hill and Beecroft so we could get an idea of the level of support we could expect from each of them.

This is just a thought and can be discussed over the coming months.

#### **Events Calendar for 2011-2012**

All of the events scheduled to-date have been completed on time, however the real test will come during the next few months when apart from our own remaining club championships we will also have players entered in a number of the State and Zone Championships.

In addition to the above, West Pennant Hills has been requested to host sections of the Zone 10 State Senior Singles and Pairs Competition. This request has come as a result of the quality Greens that our Greenkeeper "Young Steve" has been preparing this year. We will be required to provide a number of Markers for the singles games along with Umpires and Controlling Bodies.

Regarding the State Champion of Champions Major Singles and Major Pairs events, the West Pennant Hills Championships were won by Michael Quinlan in the Singles and, Aaron Barnett teamed with Ross Tinmouth were winners of the Pairs. Nomination Forms are now

available for these players to fill-in should they wish to represent our club in the Zone 10 section of the State Champion of Champions.

### **Club Championships**

As mentioned above the Major Singles and Pairs have been completed. The Mixed Pairs is now at Semi-Final stage. There were nine teams entered this year and all matches have been of a high quality.

Mal Horner

*Mal advised that Michael Quinlan is not available to represent the club in the Champion of Champions Singles due to travel commitments.*

### **3.7 Selectors**

Yesterday (26th May) I foreshadowed a proposed change to our Constitution in relation to selectors. I have also spoken to a few bowlers who are happy to second any proposal that I put forward that they are in agreement with.

My proposal is as follows:

Selectors are required for the following:

#### **Social Bowls:**

- § Wednesday Social Bowls
- § Friday Nominated Pairs (or this could be run by anyone)
- § Saturday Social Bowls
- § Other events such as Anzac Day, Queens Birthday etc.

#### **Representative Bowls:**

- § BCIB Pennants
- § Mid Week Pennants
- § Mixed Pennants
- § Club Challenge
- § Hornsby Cup
- § Orange Blossom
- § Pennant Hills Challenge Cup

We need the following:

- All Social Selectors must be available on Wednesdays with probably a roster put in place. The current situation is putting too much work on a few shoulders. We need selectors who play regularly on both Wednesday and Saturday.
- 5 Social Selectors and 3 Representative Selectors. I.e. 8 in total.
- Chairman of Selectors must be one of the Representative Selectors.
- You cannot be both a Social Selector and a Representative Selector.
- Representative Selectors can also do the social selecting job as and when required.
- By having Representative Selectors we will be able to tap into a larger group of bowlers who either work or do not want the hassle of being at bowls every Wednesday etc. This could be a very good outcome.

### **3.8 Schools Committee**

No report.

Aaron Barnett

### **3.9 Zone 10**

The next Zone meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6 June 2012. The Business Papers have yet to arrive. Further details will be supplied at the WPH meeting.

Peter Eagle

### **3.10 Greens**

As winter is now upon us it is important that all bowlers be mindful of the condition of the greens. There are some wear patches appearing on the southern section of the bottom green. This is due to bowlers continually standing on the edge of the green. At the moment the wear is not bad, however it will get worse if we are not careful. Steve will be rotating the greens as much as possible and moving the rinks to reduce wear. We need to co-operate and assist him as much as we can.

I have spoken to Steve re line marking. It has been suggested that blue lines be used instead of white. The white lines are fading very quickly and sometimes cannot be seen. Unfortunately, the blue lines last a lot longer and it is something that we will have to put up with for the time being.

Peter Eagle

### **3.11 Coaches**

Now that we have 6 introductory coaches and 5 club coaches, we are in a good position to provide a range of coaching to our members and prospective members.

Dallas Palm

*Dallas to arrange Coaches meeting to discuss how to leverage the resource we now have to improve the standard of bowling in the club.* **DP**

### **3.12 Umpires**

All events have been covered where required.

Don Couch

### **3.13 Welfare**

There has been no change to the welfare position presented at last meeting.

David Roles

### **3.14 Mixed Bowls**

There is a Mixed event planned for the Queen's Birthday holiday Monday (11th June). It will be two bowl triples played in the morning and followed by a barbeque lunch. The format is similar to the Australia Day mixed event.

Tony Boughton

### **3.15 Communications**

The latest edition of the Koala News has been produced by Max and copies either provided in hardcopy thanks to the Sports Club office, or softcopy via the website (emails sent to members with a link to the newsletter on the website).

Mal continues to keep the calendar up to date on the website and providing results of the championships in comments on the blog.

Articles have been supplied to Zone 10 for inclusion in the Bowls magazine.

Following from the Appreciation Day discussion, it is obvious that there is a need for several modes of disseminating information within the club to keep members abreast of happenings.

- ❖ Announcements to bowlers on bowling days;
- ❖ Announcements on notice boards;
- ❖ Announcement on website;
- ❖ Notifications via group emails;

This range will achieve the greatest penetration of news, providing for members that utilise email and the website, as well as those that don't. To make this work, all announcements made within the club need to be replicated on the website and/or via group emails. Please forward any notices or news to [webmaster@demaj.com.au](mailto:webmaster@demaj.com.au) to provide this service. I will endeavour to achieve same day completion. Over the coming months, I will provide facilities within the website to facilitate this, removing the need for reliance on one person.

Dallas Palm

### 3.16 Corporate

No report.

## 4. General Business

- 4.1 Blackboard outside – Max Walters reminded Steve Brady on Wed 23/5 that I believed he was looking after this. He said he would make enquiries. *The board has been repainted and is now useable.*
- 4.2 Friday Pairs - With numbers down, can the ladies be re-invited to attend? *Peter Eagle will re-confirm with the Women's section that they are invited to play on the Friday Pairs. It was also agreed that bowlers be made aware that single entries are acceptable.*
- 4.3 2nd Shed – Any response from management? *No formal request has been put to WPHSC – an informal discussion was held between Dallas Palm & Richard Hickey late 2011 in regard to increased capacity for lockers. Given the impending alterations to the club, it is not certain what capacity there is for this, or where the locker shed will be located. Dallas to follow up with WPHSC.* **DP**
- 4.4 Appreciation Day – points arising from the discussions. *Peter Eagle will summarise the feedback and provide to Sports Club along with a copy of Warren's Presentation.* **PE**
- 4.5 *Minor Pairs – There may need to be 2 games played on the same day to get through the rounds if large numbers of entrants.* **MH**
- 4.6 *Warren's Selection Proposal –*  
*A change of this nature will require a change to the section's constitution which must be voted on at the AGM. It is therefore important for the committee to fully debate the proposal at the next committee meeting and decide whether to put a resolution to the AGM (1st Sept 2012).*  
*It was agreed to announce to bowlers that as a result of the Appreciation Day discussion, the committee is considering a new proposal for selections in general and for the 2013 Pennant season.* **PE**

*The proposal was discussed at length, and it was agreed to circulate the proposal to the full committee, and for all the committee members to provide individual responses in time for discussion at July committee meeting.* **DP**

- 4.7 *Pennant Sides – following the results in Pennant competition this year and the Appreciation Day discussion, there was debate on how to stabilise sides for the duration of the season.*

*A suggestion is to form sides of 15 players which would essentially be the squad for the season. This would reduce the issue with moving players out of teams/sides to accommodate absences in other teams, giving greater stability. It implies there would be 3 reserves per side each week which would be rotated within the squad. This is no different to most team sports such football, baseball..... This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.*

- 4.8 *AGM Planning – the AGM is set down for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012. The following key activities and dates are to be noted:*

- Nominations open 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Reports due to secretary 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Notice of Meeting/invitation posted 9<sup>th</sup> August
- Nominations close 11<sup>th</sup> August
- Reports available 25<sup>th</sup> August

- 4.9 *Appreciation Day refreshments – Alan Bowry proposed a return to a bbq in place of the platters from the dining room. General disappointment expressed with the behaviour of bowlers at this year's function.*

- 4.10 *Club Challenge – Concern whether there is sufficient support to be involved in both this competition and Mixed Pennants – strong support for mixed pennants indicated in the recent survey.*

*Warren commented that the Club Challenge is difficult to organise, having to liaise with each club to agree game times for each round, and bowlers not understanding that games are to be played 'on or before' scheduled date.*

*Discuss in next meeting.*

*Notice to be posted on Notice board to gauge interest.* **AB**

## **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, commencing at 6:00pm

Meeting closed 7:20pm