

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

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

2nd July 2012

Meeting Commenced 6:00pm

Present: Peter Eagle, Warren Phillips, Alan Bowry, Tony Boughton, Stephen Watson, Max Walters, Mal Horner, Dallas Palm

Apologies: Mat Stubbs, Micheal Schwarcz

Previous Minutes: Moved by Warren Phillips, seconded by Alan Bowry

1. Correspondence Inward

- 1.1 WPHSC – copy of invoice for Bobs All Clear
- 1.2 Carlingford BC – Market Day Bowls invitation
- 1.3 Brush Park BC – invitation to Prawn Pairs
- 1.4 RNSWBA – invoice for May members [passed to Stephen Watson for payment]
- 1.5 Henselite – offer for coaching bowls & other equipment

2. Correspondence Outward

- 2.1 RNSWBA – application for membership T Burnett
- 2.2 WPHSC – copy of survey and results of survey
- 2.3 Women's Section – invitation to participate in Friday pairs *No response received. Suggested to arrange a social afternoon to get acquainted with the format, meeting at 12:00pm for start at 1:00pm. Dallas to write to Women's section.*
- 2.4 Women's Section – confirming Friday 7th Sept is available for Northern Suburbs District Region 16 Challenge
- 2.5 WPHSC – update on club champions for Sports Club honour board
- 2.6 WPHSC – re Ben Hayman access to bowling greens
- 2.7 Merv Wright – articles for Bowls magazine

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3. Reports

3.1 President

Over the last few weeks West Pennant Hills has been hosting sections of the Zone 10 Senior Singles and Pairs competitions. Due to the wet weather experienced during the Singles it was necessary to stop and re-start games at various times. I would like to thank the markers, umpires and the bowlers at WPH for their patience during a difficult time. It is not pleasant standing in the rain marking let alone having to bowl in the conditions experienced. A special thank you is extended to Mal Horner as he had to deal with the alterations and make sure WPH members were in attendance so the games could be completed.

A number of bowlers represented WPH in both competitions. Although nobody was successful in making the finals nonetheless, some did make it through to the quarter finals. Regardless of the result, the experienced gained in playing in competitions of this nature is a good learning curve. It is a great pity more bowlers at WPH do not take the opportunity to be involved. The bowlers who participated are:

Warren Phillips: Singles and Pairs – Seniors
Micheal Schwarcz: Singles and Pairs – Seniors
Rod Gamble: Singles and Pairs – Presidents
Norm Jackson: Pairs - Presidents
Kevin Tuckerman Pairs -Seniors
Peter Eagle: Singles and Pairs – Seniors

Plus team in Zone Triples

To try and increase the number of bowlers playing on a Friday afternoon an invitation has been sent to the Ladies Committee. A number of ladies have indicated they would like to play and the Men’s Committee would like them to become involved. The invitation has always been there but there has been some reluctance in the past. Hopefully this will be overcome. Based on the quality of the play in the final of the Mixed Pairs there should be some good games.

As mentioned in the May 2012 report, a copy of the Men’s Survey has been sent to the Management and Directors of the Sports Club for their reference and comment.

A further three days have been lost in June to wet weather. We have lost 28/29 days this financial year due to wet weather. On top of this we have lost income from corporate, Probus and raffles. Considering that an allowance of 18 days was made in the 2011/2012 budget for wet weather, we are way over this mark this year.

We are close to the end of the financial year and although we will not know the final result for awhile, I would like to thank the Committee for the hard work they have put in during the year. The weather has not been kind, but let us hope that as from 1 July 2012, conditions will be kinder.

Peter Eagle

3.2 Senior Vice President

No report.

Warren Phillips

3.3 Vice President

No report.

Mathew Stubbs

3.4 Secretary

Membership stands at 130.

AGM – Planning for the AGM starts early July. See attached schedule of activities.

Dallas Palm

Dallas to send request for reports as required with copy of 2011 report for reference. DP

3.5 Treasurer

Refer [MBC P and L 2012-05.pdf](#) and [MBC Transactions 2012-05.pdf](#)

Zone 10 does not apply GST to capitation fees. This is being sorted with Sports Club.

Koala Raffle – Stephen still clarifying allocations with office.

New reporting process worked well.

YTD is \$522 below budget – once Koala amounts fixed will be close to budget for year.

Stephen has requested up to date details of sponsorship payments.

Sports Club board have approved budget for 2012/13 effective 1/7/12 - \$80 membership fees, \$10 green fees.

Vote of thanks to the team that prepared the budget.

Steve Watson

3.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

State Championships

Over the past month, the Men's Section has hosted sections of the 2012 State Senior Single and Pairs Championships.

Given all of the rain interruptions and bad light, we managed to get through the program without any problems. On a personal note I would like to thank all of our members who put their hand up to act as Umpires, Markers and Controlling Bodies etc. It was also very pleasing to have so many of the participants from other clubs thank us for hosting these events and for providing a playing surface as good as any in the Zone. All of this praise of course belongs to our young greenkeeper, Steve.

Club Championships

The Mixed Pairs Final was played on the 5th June 2012 with Veronica Doyle and Peter Eagle running out winners over Rosemary and David Roles 24-23. This event attracted nine entries and the quality of bowls played throughout the tournament were at times outstanding.

The draw for the Mixed Triples has been made and the first round will be played on Wednesday 27th June. This event only attracted five entries and given the success of the Pairs competition just finished, the lack of interest in this event is astounding.

The first two rounds of the Minor Singles have been completed with some surprising results having been recorded. The remaining rounds were originally scheduled to be played on Saturday afternoons however this has now been changed to morning games to allow the allocated markers to play social bowls in the afternoons.

The next event on the calendar is the Minor Pairs. Entries for this event will close on the 7th July.

Mal Horner

[Suggested Marker guidelines be re-issued to markers to ensure consistency](#)

MH

3.7 Selectors

- Mid Week Triples – Entries close 6/7/2012. A form has been placed on the notice board for bowlers to indicate their willingness to play and advise their availability. A note has also been handed to bowlers so they can check their diaries before committing to play. The web site has also been updated to include details of the games.

19 nominations received – can field only 1 side. Agreed to submit ‘C’ grade only.

- Club Challenge – Entries close 8/8/2012. The Committee needs to decide if they wish to participate again this year. If the decision is positive then it is very important that anyone wishing to play is available on both the Saturday and Sunday. Without this commitment up front it is almost impossible to arrange games and provide some consistency in team selection. As you know the games can be played anytime over the nominated weekend.

Agreed to post entry sheet to test response. Need to highlight need to be available to play from Friday night to Sunday evening of each of the weekends.

Decision on entry to be made at August Committee meeting (entry due immediately after meeting).

- Orange Blossom (15/9/2012?) and Hornsby Cup (23/9/2012) teams will be covered by the new selectors following AGM on 1/9/2012.
- Mixed Pennants will also be covered by the new selectors following AGM on 1/9/2012.
- We seek approval to purchase 5 activity books at \$25.00 each for use in training and coaching.

Moved by Warren Phillips, seconded by Dallas Palm – agreed. Dallas to get details from Michael Schwarcz and order via Stephen

DP

- Alternative proposal for selectors. It seems the proposal to have two types of selectors is not a popular idea. The consensus seems to be to keep the number of Selectors to 5 but not to require that they be available on Wednesdays. We should then ask for volunteers to be selectors on Wednesdays with the support of one of the selectors if possible. A roster for Wednesdays could then be drawn up.

Canvas bowlers to take on selector role giving clear guidance to what is expected in terms of availability.

Suggested that position description for selectors be made available during election nomination period.

DP

Warren Phillips

3.8 Schools Committee

No report.

Aaron Barnett

3.9 Zone 10

The next Zone meeting is set for Wednesday 4 July 2012. As yet the Business Papers are yet to arrive. Further details will be supplied at the WPH meeting.

Matters of consequence from the May meeting:

The Zone 10 AGM is being held on Wednesday 1 August 2012 at Rydalmere Central Bowling Club. WPH will be represented.

The Royal has received a request from the Greenkeepers Association to set a standard time for Pennants. This will allow for green renovations and preparations. It has been suggested where possible Zones commence from the first week in March 2013.

In 2013, Umpire re-accreditation requirements will alter. More details will be supplied in due course. Umpires who need to attend a re-accreditation course in 2013 may wish to complete the requirement in 2012.

A \$25 fine will be applied to bowlers who are required to mark in Zone singles games and fail to attend. If the fine is not paid, the bowlers will not be able to play in other Zone or national events.

Peter Eagle

Capitation fee has been set at \$10 per player. Invoice is expected shortly.

This is an additional report to the one issued earlier for June 2012. At the Zone meeting held on 4 July 2012, the following matters arose.

The following nominations have been received for the Executive Committee and Permanent Committee. The Zone AGM is being held on Wednesday 1 August 2012.

<i>President:</i>	<i>Tony Hyem</i>
<i>Snr Vice:</i>	<i>Kevin McCarthy</i>
<i>Vice:</i>	<i>To be elected</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Peter Micheal Schwarcz</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Warren Phillips</i>
<i>State Councillor:</i>	<i>To be elected</i>

Match /Green Committee (5 to be elected)

<i>P M Schwarcz:</i>	<i>WPH</i>
<i>L Watkins:</i>	<i>WPH</i>
<i>M Harry:</i>	<i>Carlingford</i>
<i>D Harmer:</i>	<i>Wentworthville Leagues</i>
<i>C Wallace:</i>	<i>The Hills</i>
<i>J Hiotellis:</i>	<i>Gladesville</i>

Selection Committee (5 to be elected)

<i>J Farr:</i>	<i>Northmead</i>
<i>M Harry:</i>	<i>Carlingford</i>
<i>B Hughes:</i>	<i>Toongabbie</i>

Umpire Committee:(5 to be elected)

<i>L Watkins:</i>	<i>WPH</i>
<i>J Wilkinson:</i>	<i>Wentworthville Leagues</i>
<i>Robert Cole:</i>	<i>WPH</i>
<i>T Ryland:</i>	<i>Toongabbie</i>

As you will note WPH members are standing for various positions. We should wish them well at the upcoming AGM. In addition, Don Stubbin has been elected as the Zone auditor.

The COP for the Mid Week Triples will be on the Zone website as from 5 July 2012. There have been changes to the COP to allow composite sides to be entered. MWT entries have been extended to 13 July due to lack of entries.

In October 2012, Zone will be running a course for Selectors. The course will be on how to select and how to train for competition. The course is open to club and zone selectors as well as coaches. I recommend that WPH be represented at the course. The cost will be \$35 per head. In addition a course is being run in the use of Mechanical Arms on 23 July 2012 at Rydalmere Central. The cost of the course is \$5.00. There is more on the WPH website about the use of mechanical arms.

Life membership of Zone 10 is to be bestowed on Merv Wright and Gary Mac Andrew. Merv has served Zone for 17 years and Gary 7 years.

Zone annual reports have been received as well as Zone affiliation fees. I have the reports. I recommend that committee members read the reports so they are up to speed on what has transpired at Zone during the last twelve months. Please see me and I can provide a copy. The affiliation fee invoice will be handed to Steve Watson for payment.

Peter Eagle

3.10 Greens

The greens are to be holding up well at this time. As we are now into winter the grass has stopped growing, therefore care needs to be taken to protect the greens as much as possible. There is a good layer of grass on the top green, whilst the bottom green though not as good is wearing well.

The recent wet weather during the course of the Zone Senior Singles matches did not cause any lasting damage to the lower green.

There has been some discussion in trying to find a solution for the removal of twigs and gumnuts on the top green. This has been a continual problem for some time. A suggestion has been made by the Greenkeeper and this is being considered.

Nothing has been set at this stage, however the lower green will probably be taken out for maintenance on 15 October 2012. This will be the day after the Open Day that has been planned. This date may be revised if the 2013 Pennant season does not start until the first week of March 2013. We will need to be guided by the Greenkeeper.

Peter Eagle

Proposal has been put to convert old mower to 'fatboy' to pick up twigs and leaves rather than use blower on top green. Cost indicated is ~\$4000 for an available unit. Peter has discussed with Steve Brady. Peter to push board for approval to proceed.

PE

3.11 Coaches

A coaches meeting was held during the month. This meeting was to review the structure and relevance of the current coaching manual (prepared by Bill Arnott several years ago) in context of the changes to the RNSWBA approach to coaching. Warren Phillips has agreed to draft a manual for discussion.

Dallas Palm

3.12 Umpires

All events have been covered where required.

Don Couch

3.13 Welfare

Date	Name	Open Notes
22.06.2012	Alex STEWART	Alex has recently had his annual prostate test, and is waiting for the result. When I spoke to him today he said that no news is good news. So all the best mate.
18.06.2012	Keith ROBINSON	Spoke to Keith today regarding the problem in his left hand. The doctor seems to think it's the nerve travelling down his arm that's giving him more pain than the carpal tunnel. He said it's not bad enough yet to operate on. He will see his specialist again in September.
15.06.2012	Peter BOOTH	I spoke to Peter today at the club, and he told me that his hips are really playing up and very painful. He is unable to have a hip replacment because of the problem he has with his heart and kidneys. He will see his Cardiologist in august to see what can be done for him. in the mean time he has to wait and hope for the best. Good luck Peter.
11.06.2012	Ron JAMIESON	I spoke to Ron and Thelma tonight, and they are very happy with Ron's progress. He was at the club yesterday watching the game. He and Thelma will be taking a cruise in July, and a well earned rest.
08.06.2012	Steve WATSON	Steve is back on the mend, it's only a matter of buying a pair of bowls shoes and he should be back playing real soon.
01.06.2012	Michael DALGAIRNS	Michael has recently had a Hernia operation and will be off work for about six weeks. He is also having tests for the eye cancer which the doctors seem to think is seeping, he will see his specialist on the 30th May. All the very best Michael. He hopes to back playing bowls in early June. (26th May, I spoke to Michael today and he will see his specialist on Wednesday concerning his eye. It certainly didn't stop him from playing great bowls today. Well done Michael. (1st June) Michael is still unsure what the specialist is going to do. He has a calcium build up behind the eye and they seem a bit reluctant to do anything at the moment. I will update this report later.

David Roles

Peter Carritt has suffered a major heart attack whilst on holidays in Canada & is currently in induced coma.

3.14 Mixed Bowls

There was a disappointing response to the Queen's Birthday mixed triples with just over twenty nominating. Unfortunately the day was washed out.

Next event will be the October Long weekend.

Tony Boughton

3.15 Communications

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.

Dallas Palm

3.16 Corporate

No report.

4. General Business

4.1 Should Life Members be noted in Members Directory? *Life members are included in the directory. Suggested the fact they are life members be highlighted or list them separately.*

4.2 With over 60% of members now on internet, should Special Events be emailed as reminder? (Club member asked question). *Dallas will set up within web site.*

4.3 Twilight Bowls: What format this coming summer and who runs it?

Warren suggested the activity books (previously agreed to purchase) will provide ideas for revamping the sessions.

Agreed to take ideas to Sports club and discuss as a joint activity to encourage members to participate, with emphasis on bowls section providing support for a club activity.

Max will draft a letter for consideration.

Who will run the twilights will be determined as a result of the discussions.

4.4 *Open Day – Peter & Max to arrange meeting with Women’s section*

PE/MW

4.5 *Rob Mitchell – Peter rang Rob to establish whether he intended moving clubs. Rob has been playing social at Pennant Hills and is likely to move there, with players form his Probus group.*

5. Next Meeting

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

