

West Pennant Hills Sports Club
Men's Bowls Section

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

8th October 2012

Meeting Commenced 6:00pm

Present: Geoff McIntosh, Max Walters, Mal Horner, Peter Eagle, Kevin Tuckerman, Warren Phillips, Bob Cole, Dallas Palm

Apologies: Stephen Watson, David Wilson

Previous Minutes: confirmed by Warren/Geoff with correction noting Geoff McIntosh as present.

1. Correspondence Inward

- 1.1 Steve Brady – re email from Rod Roberts re AGM motion to set fixed annual membership fee [Will respond once Board of Sports Club provide decision.](#)
- 1.2 Rod Roberts – re AGM motion to set fixed annual fees – replied 14/9
- 1.3 John Leonard – re suggestions for game starting times and game formats
- 1.4 Zone 10 – re cancelling Zone Presidents Day 2012
- 1.5 Wilf Morschel – re AGM motion to set fixed annual fees [Will respond once Board of Sports Club provide decision.](#)

2. Correspondence Outward

- 2.1 WPHSC – re hosting 2013 State Pennant Finals
- 2.2 WPHSC – re AGM motion to set fixed membership fee ~\$300
- 2.3 WPHSC – re hosting 2013 State Pennant finals and Pennant Hills not in position to join bid
- 2.4 Steve Brady – response to email from Steve/Rod re AGM motion on annual fee
- 2.5 Womens Section – confirming Bill Austin will continue sponsorship of Kaola carnival in 2013, proposing 23/4 and 3/5.
- 2.6 Womens Sections – re shade cloth shelters being left open after bowls.
- 2.7 Women's Section – re representatives for Mixed Committee
- 2.8 RNSWBA – notifying that WPH will not participate in Bearfoot bowls.
- 2.9 WPHSC – re request from Zone 10 to use facilities for round of Metropolitan Senior Fours 2 May 2013.
- 2.10 WPHSC – re twilight bowls proposal – replied and proposal approved

3. Business and action from previous meeting

3.1 Annual Membership Fee – update to members

As discussed previously, it has been suggested that a note be sent out with the 2013 Annual Membership Fee concerning the Motion that was passed at the AGM. The purpose

of the note is to inform members of what is taking place. Jason agrees this should occur. Once the draft is agreed upon it will be passed to Jason for his consideration.

Draft:

At the 2012 AGM for the Men's Bowling Section, the following Motion was passed by the members in attendance. "That the Men's Bowls Section of West Pennant Hills Sports Club request the Board of Directors of the club to allow a single payment of around \$300 pa to cover all green fees and Association fees. The President of the Men's Bowls section may be approached by members if they encounter financial hardship meeting this one off payment." The Motion was moved by Michael Quinlan and seconded by Keith Robinson.

The Committee of the Men's Bowling Section is currently considering the Motion and will in due course submit its recommendations to the Directors of the Sports Club. It is appreciated that what is proposed has many ramifications and they need careful thought, consideration and discussion. If there is to be an alteration to the structure of the Annual Membership Fee it will not take place until the 2014 year.

The purpose of this note is to let all members know what is occurring at this time.

Agreed for Peter to forward to Jason for review before sending to members.

PE

4. Reports

4.1 President

West Pennant Hills has commenced the year well winning the Orange Blossom Festival for the second year in a row. Congratulations go to the bowlers in all three grades for a job well done. West Pennant Hills will be hosting the Orange Blossom in 2013; therefore we have the opportunity to hold the trophy for the third year. Although, we were not successful in winning the Hornsby Cup, WPH performed well winning the singles and triples events. The pairs lost narrowly and the fours played well against good opposition.

A lot of discussion has taken place concerning the motion put forward at the AGM about an annual fee. The matter was discussed at our last meeting and contact was made with the Directors of the Sports Club. It has been confirmed by the Sports Club that the Budget for the 2012/2013 year will not be altered. The Sports Club would like the Committee to consider the motion and present a proposal prior to April 2013. To dampen any concerns, I have suggested to the Sports Club that a note be included with the Annual Membership Fee for 2013 advising what is taking place. A draft note will be completed for discussion at our next meeting.

The Sports Club have agreed to support Twilight Bowls. Twilight Bowls will commence on the first Thursday after daylight saving commences. As agreed at the last meeting, the Committee and the Ladies have to support the concept otherwise it will not be a success. Further discussion will take place at our next meeting.

The Open Day is nearly upon us and for it to be successful; both bowling sections need to support the concept. Max Walters has put in a lot of time and effort to keep the requirements moving along. Max will bring us all up to date at the meeting.

In relation to Bearfoot Bowls, after speaking to other clubs in our area as well as the Ladies, I informed the RNSWBA that we would not be participating. I received a call from Chris Green from the RNSWBA seeking reasons why we did not participate. I advised him that the concept is supported, however the format is very complicated and it will be difficult to run at that time of the year. I gather that other clubs have indicated the same reasoning. A small

number of clubs will be proceeding but the RNSWBA will be looking at the concept again and further details will be supplied in due course.

WPH will be hosting a round of the Metropolitan Seniors Fours – Zone 10 on Thursday 2 May 2013. There will be 40 bowlers in attendance on the day. This is the first time that WPH has been asked to host an event of this nature from Zone. The Sports Club is aware of the event and will be supporting the day.

WPH supported Castle Hill Bowling Club who hosted the Gary MacAndrew Graded Fours Tournament. The event held on Monday 1 October 2012 was to raise funds for the Cancer Council of NSW. Thank you to the bowlers from WPH who attended. It was announced by Castle Hill that \$5,639 was raised.

Peter Eagle

4.2 Senior Vice President

No report.

Hunter Bowls are now demanding payment in advance before accepting orders from WPH, due to failure to pay invoices in a reasonable time (up to 120 days).

Peter to email Jason to clarify position stressing the need to support the relationship with Hunter Bowls as sole supplier of our uniform (shirt, hats, jackets). PE

Warren Phillips

4.3 Vice President

No report.

David Wilson

4.4 Secretary

Current paid up membership stands at 131. Our records align with RNSWBA.

Margaret Wighton and Denise Hopkins will represent the Women's section on the Mixed Committee. A copy of the revised *Sub-Committee 2012-13* is attached.

Dallas Palm

4.5 Treasurer

No report.

July/Aug accounts have been received (8/10/12). Steve to follow up with office to get details.

Sponsorship now showing a debit balance. Steve to clarify. SW

Steve Watson

4.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

I have received the Zone 10 programme of Events which will be completed for the Meeting Mon 8/10.

From the above information, myself and the Match Committee will formulate our Calendar of Events for 2013.

In the process of arranging dates with other Clubs re Pennant Trial matches. Possibly one in early December and 2 others prior to Pennant season on Feb 23rd.

A list requesting those who wish to play Pennants will be on the Notice Board shortly.

Discussion with Kevin Tuckerman with clash of Mixed Pennants and the Fours Championships which Kevin believes we can accommodate.

The Fours Championship list is up for entries and to date the Major Triples Championships are travelling OK.

Draft programme has been prepared, pending finalising dates for TAT carnivals. Max, Kevin & Mal to review before presenting to committee for approval.

TAT meeting set for 5th November.

Max Walters

4.7 Selectors

ORANGE BLOSSOM BOWLS FESTIVAL:

- WPH retained the Shield against The Hills, Castle Hill and Dural Country Club. The 'A' Grade won one game out of three, the 'B' Grade won all three games and the 'C' Grade also won all three games. Well done to all players.

HORNSBY CUP:

- WPH won the Singles (P. Eagle 31-30), and the Triples (D. Palm, G. McIntosh, T. Burnett), but lost the Pairs (M. Schwarcz, W. Phillips) and the Fours (K. Robinson, R. Gamble, K. Tuckerman, N. Roach).
- The Cup was won by Wiseman's Ferry.

MID WEEK PENNANTS:

- WPH made the playoffs in 'C' Grade but were beaten by North Epping in the Semi-Final. North Epping went on to win the Final against Northmead.
- The composite Team with North Ryde RSL finished second.
- Thank you to all those players who represented WPH and the composite North Ryde RSL Team.

MIXED PENNANTS:

- WPH will enter a 'B' Grade side in the Mixed Pennants commencing 13/10/2012.
- First Round will be away at Castle Hill Bowling Club.

2012 PENNANTS:

- Forms have been distributed to Players intending to make themselves available for selection for the ~~2012~~ 2013 Pennant Teams. Forms are to be returned to Selectors by 10th November 2012.
- Until we know how many WPH players are available, we will not make a decision on the number of Teams/Grades and subsequent recommendation to the Management Committee.

Finally, thank you to the new Selectors and in particular to Michael for his continued support.

Kevin Tuckerman

4.8 Schools Committee

No report.

Aaron Barnett

4.9 Zone 10

Notes from meeting 3rd October 2012

- Mark Waters (Pennant Hills) has been appointed as the Zone Publicity Officer. All material to be included in the monthly Bowls magazine needs to be sent to Mark. His email address is: publicity@zone10.org.au
- It was agreed by the delegates that Zone meetings will be held bi-monthly. The next Zone meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 December 2012. The executive of Zone will meet each month and reports issued. Should it be necessary to hold a monthly meeting, delegates will be advised.
- The executive intends to put forward a resolution at the AGM to be held in February 2013. The resolution will change the date when membership numbers for each club will be decided. The date for charging affiliation fees may be February 28, 2013. If agreed this date will be used for ongoing years. If this occurs, the first invoices will go out on 1 March 2014. There will not be any affiliation fees charged in 2013. The reason for not charging any fees in 2013 is that all clubs have paid their fees to June 2013.
- Each club needs to make sure that the BowlsBox email system is operational. All circulars and general notices are now being distributed via BowlsBox. Each club has a password and this password may be used by more than one person in a club. Dallas, can you advise what is happening and who has the password? *I am checking the BowlsBox each week and forwarding information to committee members. I have the password. - Dallas.*
- The Zone 10 Draft 2013 Seasons Program is now on the web. A copy has been supplied to Max Walters and a copy will be placed on the notice board. As we are in the process of putting our program for 2013 together, the Zone events need to be considered. Please note that pennant entries close on 11 January 2013 and the competition commences on 23 February.
- An email was sent to all clubs requesting names of bowlers in Grades 1-3 that have not played for Zone previously and who would like to participate in trials. Details need to be provided to the Zone Chairman of Selectors. Apparently, the response has been poor. I have not seen the email, therefore is anybody aware of its existence? I am sure that there may be some bowlers at WPH who may be interested. We have until 18 November to respond.
- Congratulations need to be issued to John Skidmore who has passed his umpires exams. John now joins the ranks of umpires at WPH.

Peter Eagle

4.10 Greens

It is planned the bottom green will be taken out for maintenance on Monday 15 October 2012. It is hoped, the green will be back in play during December. The top green will be out for maintenance from December. Provided the weather conditions are kind it should be back in play in early February prior to the commencement of the Pennant season.

A lot of the shades on both greens need repairs to be completed. Some of the repairs are due to wear and tear, however some of the repairs and replacements are due to the shades not being taken down after play has ceased. The matter has been raised with the Ladies on many occasions. It has been agreed with the Ladies that should they have difficulties taking

the shades down they request the duty manager to attend. Unfortunately this is not always happening. The matter has recently been raised again. May I suggest that should anybody see a shade that is up which is not being used that it be taken down.

I understand agreement has been reached to purchase the mower that has the fatboy attached. The fatboy is designed to pick up twigs, leaves and gumnuts without actually cutting the grass. Hopefully the use of the fatboy will reduce the problems experienced on the top green in the past.

Green #1 due to be taken out Monday 15th October.

Peter Eagle

4.11 Coaches

And the new Chairman of Coaches is.....

Dallas Palm

4.12 Umpires

I am pleased to advise John Skidmore passed his accreditation exam & is now a Level 1 Umpire. Congratulations John.

Re-accreditation course being run in Nov for Level 1. New process will be introduced in 2013 similar to levels in Coaching.

Don Couch

4.13 Welfare

Date	Name	Open Notes
16.09.2012	Ian THOMPSON	It has been about seven months since I had spoken to Ian, so I rang mainly to see how he was going. He said that his health has been stable. He has had a CT scan recently and all sorts of other tests and the doctors have said that the Lymphoma has not got any worse, so he is happy with that news. Ian has been back at Sunday bowls for some time now, and is looking at coming back to Wednesday bowls in the near future. Well done Ian.
14.09.2012	Kevin HOFFMAN	Kevin recently had a biopsy on a couple of sun spots on his neck, the results of that won't be known until next week. In the mean time he has further tests on Monday at St Vincent's hospital. He will be having a Pet-scan. All the best Kev. (17-9-2012) Kevin had a most unfortunate accident at the weekend, he received 2nd degree burns from boiling water in the lower half of his body. He was inhaling steam at the time when he over turned the bowl. He is now in the burns unit of Royal North Shore hospital. I spoke to him and his wife Delma today, and they seem to think he may be out of hospital by the end of the week. I will keep in touch with them and update this report. (23-09-2012)I spoke to Kev today on the phone, he had a skin graft on Friday morning and he won't know until Wednesday whether it's a success or not. But he is feeling a lot better and is quite optimistic about coming home at the end of the week. (27-9-12)Kev is expected to come home after the long weekend most likely on Tuesday.
14.09.2012	Col JOHNSTON	I heard today that Col was admitted to Westmead hospital last week with pneumonia. I managed to get in contact with him on Monday 17th. He was still in hospital but was expected to be released in a couple of days.I have sent a get well card from all of us at the club.
25.08.2012	Peter BOOTH	I spoke to Peter today; his situation remains the same as before, he seems a little down in the dumps because he has the added problem of a nasty cough brought on by the blood pressure medication that he is on. All I could say to him was to offer our full support and to keep in touch. (8-9-12) Peter wasn't much better today, he still sounds like he's down in the dumps. I will endeavour to keep in touch with him. (16-9-12) Peter seemed a little better tonight, he seems to have the opinion that it's no good worrying about things that you can't control. But in saying that he

		now has an added problem. Doctors have found a spot on the lungs; he won't know the result of this test for a week or two. We wish you all the best Pete.
08.08.2012	Peter CARRITT	Peter's doctor said that he was on the road to a full recovery which is great news. He starts a cardio rehab program next Thursday for a number of weeks, and then he said he would come down to the club to see us all. (25-8-12) Peter's going real well, the rehab takes up three days of the week, and he started doing a little gardening the other day until he tired out. So things are on the up and up. (29-9-12) Peter will be going into hospital on Wednesday for the day to have a small op just to prevent blood clotting. It's a common procedure for his type of illness. He had good news on his rehab results; he finished in the top 10% for his age group. Way to go Peter.
07.08.2012	Steve BRADY	Steve will be going into hospital on Friday 17th for an operation to insert a non return valve into the lungs. This procedure is quite new; it is for the purpose of giving him some breathing comfort brought on by the emphysema. We wish you well steve. (21-8-12) Steve's operation went well there are no complications. According to his doctor he needs to do a lot of walking, but otherwise he's happy with the result.

David Roles

4.14 Mixed Bowls

No report.

Meeting held 2nd October. No activity planned until January long weekend.

Tony Boughton

4.15 Communications

Max released the September edition of *Koala News* immediately after the AGM.

Visitors and hits on the website are continuing to grow.

Dallas Palm

4.16 Corporate

No report.

Teachers from Cherrybrook Primary event went off well, with all participants having a fun time.

5. General Business

- 5.1 Open Day – refer notes of meeting attached
- 5.2 Twilight Bowls
- 5.3 Summer Bowls - Discussion on less ends of bowls for those suffering from heat or age. Eg. Only play 10 ends or play 2 ends of 8 with a break between
Possibly use sets play. Agreed to leave to discretion of selectors on the day to vary format of play to minimise risk.
- 5.4 Alternate game formats – refer John Leonard suggestions attached
Friday Nominated: There is no problem with single entry on list, however it is up to players to make a team, not the responsibility of selectors or organisers.
Agreed to advertise the option of single name entries to members at calling of the cards and via the website. In event there is an odd no of nominations, the last name will be dropped.
Random draw to be retained.

Twilight Bowls: The times have been changed to 5:30 start.

Sunday Bowls: The survey earlier in the year showed that less than 25% of players prepared to play Sunday on regular basis, with over 50% indicating they would not play Sunday.

Previous attempts to have Sunday bowls have failed due to lack of numbers, and with membership at current low, not likely to be successful.

Friday Bowls: suggestion covered by Twilight Bowls programme. There is also concern over insurance issues arising from having unsupervised people on the greens.

Dallas to respond to John's letter.

- 5.5 Meeting schedule – proposed dates tabled. To be finalised once TAT dates known so meetings do not clash with these days. Once finalised will be circulated to committee and room booked.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 5th November, commencing at 6:00pm

OPEN DAY

The following is a brief summary of matters that were discussed at the meeting on Tuesday 25 September 2012.

Attendees: Warren Phillips, Mal Horner, Denise Hopkins, Max Walters, Mathew Stubbs, Peter Eagle, Betty Gough.

Apologies: Dallas Palm, Rosemary Roles, Micheal Schwarcz.

- 10,000 leaflets have been printed of which 9,000 will be distributed. The balance will be used around the Sports Club or other locations.
- The T.V. screens as well as the swipe machines will be updated within the Sports Club by the October long weekend.
- The banner will be displayed outside the Sports Club as from Saturday 29 October. Max to follow up with Sports Club.
- The Sports Club have mentioned that they will not allow thongs to be worn in the Sports Club. As mention is made on the flyer to wear flat soled shoes or thongs, those in the welcome group will need to deal with this should it arise on the day. The solution is to send those wearing thongs around the side of the club. and explain the reason. Max will alter the notice that is to appear on the T.V. screens and swipe machines and remove thongs and include socks.
- For those attending, the activities will be looked after by the introductory coaches. It has been suggested that the cut down tennis balls be used instead of jacks. Agreed that those attending depending on the number that do attend will be limited to 30/40 minutes on the green. Both greens can be used.
- Agreed that volunteers, coaches and those attending the BBQ to wear the new (red white and blue) club shirt with name tags. White or cream pants not to be worn.
- Max to approach club to obtain blank name stickers for those attending. If none available will purchase.
- Arrangements to be made to pick up children's bowls from RNSWBA that have been put aside. Warren to attend.
- A volunteers list to be placed on notice board. Once we have names will complete roster.
- Approach to be made to members to look after the BBQ. P.E. to attend
- Agreed to purchase 200 sausages and rolls plus onions. Denise to attend. P.E. to attend to sauces etc and BBQ equipment. Sports Club to be approached to make sure sufficient gas available. Max to attend.
- Make sure a supply of application forms (ladies and mens) available. Max to attend.

If there are any matters that have been omitted or require alteration, please advise.

Regards

Peter

From: John Leonard
Sent: Monday, 17 September 2012 9:15 AM
To: bowlsco@demaj.com.au
Subject: Bowls at West Penno

Hi Max, congrats again on your appointment to bowls co-ordinator at WPH.

I appreciate that you have a lot on your plate this year and that getting new bowlers to the club is a priority for the sustainability of the bowls section.

I applaud the drive for new bowlers and look forward to see the playing members grow as a result of the upcoming mail drop. But as the committee is aware it can't stop there. This must be a continuous effort not only by the committee but by the members themselves.

As a relatively new bowler and as a full time worker I'd like to share a few observations which hopefully the committee will consider and hopefully introduce initiatives which the club will benefit from long term.

At the minute the bowls club is largely set up to cater for retirees. There are a number of examples of that including :

- **Friday dedicated pairs** - As a full time worker I'm pretty much excluded from playing Fridays. I can put my name down and hope for a game but it's easier to go to another club where I'm guaranteed to play. Other people in the club also agree on this issue.
- **Twilight bowls** – the start time for twilight bowls should be reconsidered so as to cater for those who can't make the early start time. Last year I played regularly with Diane at Pennant hills who start 30 minutes after WPH. They also have a BBQ and get many bowlers turning up for the event each week.
- **Sunday bowls** – Young families have busy lives and particularly with children's sports on Saturdays. By holding Sunday bowls events the club would be able to entice younger families including teenagers to the game. Sunday bowls would also give full time workers another option to play during the week. Generally I play once a week and for that reason am not interested in Pennants 2 x 21 bowls means that I get to put down 42 bowls for the week which to my mind isn't enough. If I could play regular competitive bowls on a Sunday then I'd be prepared to put my name down for pennants. Having Sunday bowls as an option for bowlers allows them to use the occasional or regular Saturday to attend other events such as the races or perhaps (for the more mature bowlers) watch their grandkids play sport
- **Family bowls** – allow family members to roll up providing they are with a member or/and Introduce family bowls packages

I hope that the committee sees that whilst much of the above could be seen to be about me I believe that it is a fair representation of people out there who simply can't fit bowls into their life because of other commitments. If we are serious about increasing the active bowls membership then we must ensure that the bowls program caters for their lifestyle.

These are just some ideas which may go some way to help drive more membership and at the same time improve the conditions for existing bowlers. I hope that the committee sees some value in what I have proposed.

Regards,

John Leonard |OnePath |Chief Underwriter|Insurance



Match Committee

Max Walters (Ch)
Mal Horner
Kevin Tuckerman
Don Couch

Greens Committee

Peter Eagle (Ch)
Warren Phillips
Mat Stubbs

Mixed Committee

Warren Phillips (Ch)
Bob Cole
Margaret Wighton
Denise Hopkins

General Duties Committees

Welfare	David Roles
Schools	David Wilson
Corporate	Warren Phillips
	Mat Stubbs
Communication	Dallas Palm
	Geoff McIntosh
	David Wilson
Membership	David Wilson
	Bob Cole
	Dallas Palm
Sponsorship & Fund raising	Peter Eagle
	Stephen Watson
	Warren Phillips
Open Day	Peter Eagle, Max Walters
	Dallas Palm, Mat Stubbs
	Warren Phillips, Micheal Schwarcz
	Denise Hopkins, Rosemary Roles

Coaches Panel

Umpires Panel

Don Couch