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**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
7th January 2013
Meeting Commences 6:00pm**

Present: Mal Horner, David Wilson, Stephen Watson, Peter Eagle, Bob Cole, max Walters, Kevin Tuckerman, Dallas Palm

Apologies: Michael Schwarcz

Minutes Accepted by: S. Watson/ B Cole, with amendment to show Mal Horner as present.

1. Correspondence Inward

- 1.1 Michael Baumont – 7/12/12 – thanks for assistance in preparing Open Day
- 1.2 Women's Section – 11/12/12 – confirming arrangements for Paulene Rodda
- 1.3 John Egan – 6/1/12 – change of email address (database updated)

2. Correspondence Outward

- 2.1 WPHSC – 4/12/12 – response re Open Day query and frequency
- 2.2 WPHSC – 6/12/12 – request to purchase video camera for coaching
- 2.3 WPHSC – 6/12/12 – photos of top green showing rubbish from nearby trees
- 2.4 RNSWBC – 6/12/12 – registration for Jeff Campion
- 2.5 Women's Section – 11/12/12 – re contacting Paulene Rodda to play
- 2.6 Bill Austin – 13/12/12 – requesting discussion re 2013 Koala carnival
- 2.7 WPHSC – 13/12/12 – request to consider tifdwarf greens (replied 13/12/12)
- 2.8 Bill Austin – 21/12/12 – agreed prize money of \$750 +GST for ladies, \$1250 +GST for Mens, plus TV of ~\$500 for raffle to be split between both sections.
- 2.9 WPHSC – 31/12/12 – request for list of member renewals (replied 1/1/13)
- 2.10 Various (14) – 7/1/13 – reminder to pay membership and locker fees

3. Business and action from previous meeting

Ref 4.2 - Jacket ordered for R Mitchell has been delivered

4. Reports

4.1 President

Another year has finished and preparations for 2013 are well underway. I hope 2013 will be a successful year for the bowlers at West Pennant Hills whether it is in internal or external competitions and social bowls.

During December, we had four people attend the Selection Module, which was held at Merrylands Bowling Club. The Module provides a lot of information that can be used by the selectors when it comes to picking sides or teams at WPH.

The Christmas party was a success. Approximately eighty people attended. I would like to thank Dallas Palm and his team for a job well done. Having the ladies involved makes it a lot easier as it is a combined event. I would like to thank Betty Gough for her involvement. The table presentation



received a lot of praise. David Wilson did an excellent job as MC. A special thank you needs to go to the Sports Club for their support. The wine was supplied by the Sports Club as a donation to the Bowling sections. Unfortunately, there were some complaints about the standard of the meal. It is hard to understand what people want and expect to receive when the cost is kept as low as possible. If you want five star service then you have to pay for five star service.

We had two corporate events in December. Unfortunately, the third clashed with the Christmas party. There is one more planned for late January. [Northholm Grammar, 20/1/13](#)

A meeting was held with Bill Austin to discuss the 2013 Koala Carnival. Bill has agreed to sponsor the Carnival and correspondence has been sent to Bill thanking him for his support. A meeting of the Koala committee needs to be arranged for mid January so details may be discussed. I have suggested Betty Gough as well as I be on the committee.

[PE requested MaxWalters to convene committee with Mal Horner and Betty Gough](#)

Twilight Bowls has been well received. Each Thursday around 20 people have attended and then staying for a meal. It is to be hoped that this will continue until the end of daylight saving. Max Walters has put a lot of time and effort into Twilight but he requires your support if it is to be successful. If you are able to help please see Max and offer your services. Twilight bowls will be resuming on Thursday 10 January.

A camera and tripod have been purchased for bowls coaching. The total cost was approximately \$500. Jason Reid purchased the equipment on our behalf and I would like thank him for his interest. The camera is there to be used by the coaches for training and remedial purposes. We now need to promote the use of the camera. There is always room for improvement.

The Pennant season is almost upon us for 2013. Shortly, a decision will be made re the makeup of the sides and grades. To the selectors and especially Kevin Tuckerman who is in his first year as head selector, on behalf of the Committee we wish you well and support you in the decisions that need to be made.

Peter Eagle

4.2 Senior Vice President

No report.

Warren Phillips

4.3 Vice President

The first batch of the new badge has been delivered and those who have received them so far have been very happy with them. I will be ordering a second batch as soon as Kopycut reopens on the 21st January so if anyone is interested or knows of another bowler who is interested, please let me know ASAP.

[Agreed to advertise availability of new style badges, and to track sales using receipt book.](#) DW

At the last Management Committee, I was tasked, along with Micheal Schwarcz, with looking at the constitution of the men's section and our by-laws with the aim of bringing them into line with the constitution of the Sports Club and consolidating and simplifying our existing by-laws and conditions of play in a new 'Regulations' document. I am delighted to report that Micheal and I are currently in the third draft phase and will be presenting our final recommendations to the Committee at our February meeting. These documents have been changed to reflect all decisions taken by the Management Committee with regard to games starting times and other related matters and are more inclusive of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and superior conditions of play.



While changing to the 'by-laws' into 'Regulations' and combining them with our conditions of play can be undertaken by this committee, changes to the constitution will need to go before the Board of the Sports Club and if approved, go before an AGM. This means that any reforms to the constitution should be agreed to now and held over until our next AGM in August.

Should any member of the Management Committee or the wider membership of our section have anything to contribute to this process, please feel free to contact me with your suggestions and contributions.

David Wilson

4.4 Secretary

Confirmed membership for 2013 at 1st Jan stands at ~~97~~ **99**, with ~~4~~ **2** confirmed not renewing and ~~37~~ **35** unconfirmed. The Annual Membership return is due for lodgement end of Jan 2013 and I will be submitting by w/e 19th. I will advise RNSWBA to cancel all others at this time.

Outstanding members are being followed up. Outlook is for ~115-120 members.

Gary Tyrell joined 5/1/13 from Dural CC.

Christmas Lunch – 9th December

The Christmas lunch went well and I thank the team in organising and assisting on the day (Peter has named them in his report). Whilst many comments were complimentary regarding the organising and the setup, the one area of concern was the quality of the meal. I disagree with Peter comment on this and feel the standard was very disappointing and not of the standard we expect or would accept elsewhere. The 2012 attendance would be the lowest since I've been on this committee and unless we improve the catering standard significantly, we will see our numbers dwindle further, or worse, see the function cancelled.

My thanks go to the club for their support in setting up the room in a great layout and for the wine donation. Thanks also to the wait staff who provided excellent service as always.

Overall result is expected to be profit of \$465 (\$125 from hamper, \$340 lunch). Distribution suggested is \$62.50 to Women's (half raffle) and \$402.50 to Men's (half raffle plus 100% function).

Agreed – Stephen Watson to advise allocations to WPHSC office.

SW

Dallas Palm

4.5 Treasurer

Attached are my figures pulled from the spread sheet that I use to track all our banking transactions. I'm not receiving reports from the club in any regularity so have resorted to creating my own!

1. We are tracking very close to budget with Green Fees as our washout days have been very low.
2. Average number of players for Wednesday and Saturday have been around 34 but there has been some higher numbers recorded at times.
3. Raffle Income to Budget is running as a negative but if you look at actual raffle cost to income we are running nearly \$1k in front.
4. Since our charity donation to The Kid's Research Institute we have raised around \$240! This is thanks to Clive and others putting in a big effort to collect change in the Wrong Bias box.

Average no. of bowlers is ~34 for Saturday and Wednesday.

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

WPH Men's Bowls Income Overview

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Green Fee Income	\$4,127.00	\$4,841.00	\$3,850.00	\$4,012.00	\$3,700.00	\$4,074.00
Budget Income	\$4,178.00	\$4,178.00	\$4,178.00	\$4,178.00	\$4,178.00	\$4,178.00
Raffle Income	\$636.00	\$525.00	\$581.00	\$364.00	\$628.00	\$815.00
Budget Raffle Income	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$585.00
Actual Raffle Cost	\$336.00	\$336.00	\$336.00	\$336.00	\$336.00	\$584.00

Total Green Fee Income To Date: \$24,604.00
 Budget Green Fees: \$25,068.00
 Variance (Loss) **-\$464.00**

Total Raffle Income To Date: \$3,185.00
 Raffle Cost: \$2,264.00
 Variance (Loss) **\$921.00**

Actual Raffle cost is \$84 = \$336 per month
 December Actual Raffle cost \$125 = \$500 per month

Total Raffle Income To Date: \$3,185.00
 Budget Raffle Income: \$3,510.00
 Variance (Loss) **-\$325.00**

Steve Watson

4.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

Well, probably as most others, I have nothing additional to report from December 2012 meeting.

The Major Fours and the Ken Wighton nominations close Sat 12 January at noon. (I will need Mal to produce the 'draws' please, as I have another commitment that Saturday).

The Mixed Pairs has filled up nicely and those nominations close 16th January.

Orange Blossom Bowls Carnival - As stated previously, the first allotment of grants by Hills Council was completed early in the 2nd half of 2012 with funds at this stage not allocated to the bowling event. The next application for grants is to be submitted in Jan 2013, which I will attempt hopefully to receive some sort of commitment from Council that I can pass on.

I note, and I quote, a notice that was in the minutes of 'Hills Clubs Co-Ordination Committee' (our 5 local Hills Clubs meeting - Nov 2012), with Dural Club in 2011 stating 'If no Funds from Hills Shire Council are available for the 2012 Bowls Carnival, we should consider not holding the event (which would be a shame after 20 years).

. I don't know what our Club and the other 4 Clubs would do in 2013 if funds are not available. Mind you, we have programmed it in for 14th Sept 2013, so there's no panic yet!

Discussed carnival funding not received by Castle Hill in 2011- WPH procured trophies for our players.

Agreed – wait for response to submission in Jan before deciding action.

MW

Max Walters

4.7 Selectors

1. Trial WPH vs Nth. Ryde RSL. Saturday 12th January 2013.

Teams have been selected for this trial game against North Ryde RSL. We were requested to provide a 'combined' Grade 3/5 Team and a Grade 6. Regrettably, a number of Grade 3 players did not make



themselves available for this trial and like the recent trial against The Hills, there have been several withdrawals, resulting in Team changes.

The Grade3/5's will play at North Ryde and the Grade 6 will be at home at WPH. I have notified Jeff Mobbs at North Ryde RSL via email.

2. Trial WPH vs Asquith. Saturday 16th February 2013.

David Morgan from Asquith has been in contact with Max Walters and we have subsequently advised that Grade 3 will play at Asquith and Grades 5 and 6 will play at WPH. Details to be confirmed at a later date.

3. WPH Pennant Sides.

It is becoming more apparent that we will struggle fielding 3 Grades without the support of another Club. A number of 'senior' players have expressed their opinions on the direction we should take, i.e. 2 Grades, Grades 3,5,7, some insist we play Grade 3, some think we should have Grades 3 and 4 etc. A number of players have indicated their unavailability during the course of the Pennant Season, and so it has been suggested we look to have a 'composite Grade 6 side by combining with another Club, as we did with North Ryde RSL during the Mid Week Pennants.

Several small clubs have been mentioned as possibilities, but we will initially make enquiries with The Hills as they have over 40 bowlers who cannot make their Pennant Teams. It would mean several of last year's WPH Grade 5 players moving up to Grade 3, and Grade 6 up to 5, unless we gain some better quality players from the other Club. The Club would also have to agree that it would be a 'composite' WPH Team.

While I acknowledge that this is the time of year that people go away, it has been very difficult trying to select Teams for Pennant Trials with so many players unavailable. I know that other Clubs have similar problems but most have a much larger player base to work with.

Potentially 48 bowlers across 3 grades. Difficulty is in having confidence that bowlers will be available each week.

Agreed - to field 3 sides – Grades 3, 5, 6 – submissions with payment to be arranged **KT/SW**

Agreed – hold pre Pennant discussion with players to explain the importance of committing to whole season and issues of having sufficient players for weekly selections. Date to be set. **KT**

Kevin Tuckerman

4.8 Schools Committee

No report.

Aaron Barnett

4.9 Zone 10

The next Zone meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 February 2013. This will be an AGM meeting. WPH has received a copy of the Preliminary Notice. Nominations for all positions close on Friday 11 January 2013.

Amendments to the Draft Constitution also close on 11 January 2013. This is a matter that needs to be discussed at our meeting on Monday 7 January 2013. It also needs to be noted that the Pennants meeting is being held on Wednesday 6 February *at Dundas Sports Club*. The meeting commences at 7PM. WPH needs to have two representatives attend the meeting. This also needs to be discussed at our coming meeting.

Please note that all 2013 meetings are being held at Dundas Sports Club and not Rydalmere Central.

Agreed – Max Walters & Kevin Tuckerman to attend

MW/KT

Peter Eagle

4.10 Greens

The top green is currently undergoing maintenance. The plan is to have the green back in play by the end of January. Currently, we are having water pressure problems on the top green which has been reported to the Sports Club. At the moment portable sprinklers are being used on the areas that the sprinkler system cannot reach. The Sports Club is dealing with the issue and hopefully a solution will be available shortly.

The bottom green is performing well at this time. It is a little slow but hopefully by the end of January we will see a lift in its performance. A direction has been given to the green keeper for the shades to be replaced and other repairs completed. The replacement shades are available and ready for installation. New windsocks have been purchased and four new corner flags have been obtained. The corner flags on the top green were falling apart. We will be left with two spare corner flags and one spare windsock.

Correspondence has been sent to Jason Read concerning a Tifdwarf green. Copies were sent to Keith Robinson and Steve Brady. At this stage we have not received a reply, however I understand there has been some discussion on the matter. Two estimates were obtained and both were around \$12,000. As you are aware renovations to the club are due to commence in 2013. If they commence as planned there may be an opportunity to remove the couch turf on the bottom green as access will be available. If the Sports Club agrees for a Tifdwarf to be installed and we have the opportunity to replace the top or bottom green, then in all respects the bottom green, which is the showcase green should be the one. This will be a matter for discussion.

Hornsby Council has inspected the gum trees on the Western side of the top green. Jason Reid and I attended the meeting. From the results of the meeting, Council are of the opinion that work needs to be undertaken on the trees. An evaluation is being completed on each tree. A couple of the trees have problems and they will receive attention. Also, the balance of the trees will have their canopies trimmed and the dead branches removed. We hope this will be carried out in January 2013. The work will not eliminate completely the problems of tree rubbish on the green but hopefully we will see an improvement.

Peter Eagle

4.11 Coaches

Results of opened day:

Noted their interest in continuing:	43
On being Rang not interested:	17 19
Completed and cleared to play:	5
Still being coaching:	6
To be rung in New Year	13
Intend to Play Twilight	2

See list for more details.

The coaches are very thankful to the management committee and the Board of the Sports Club for the purchase of the video and tripod, with this equipment we shall be able to provide better coaching especially in the area of remedial coaching.



There has been a flyer put on the web as well as on the Board to commence remedial coaching and purposeful Practice.

We have also request that during Bowling days that the Flyer be put on the internal TV.

If we are going to continue to give coaching service to our members we are going need at least two new coaches.

This year we lose Ken Wighton as a coach and possibly Keith Robinson may also go.

PM Schwarcz

4.12 Umpires

No report.

Don Couch

4.13 Welfare

David Roles

4.14 Mixed Bowls

Australia Day- response slow at this stage.

Tony Boughton

4.15 Communications

Don & Ian produced a great Koala News to finish the year.

Activity on the website and facebook page has been slow over the break. I'm sure the hits will lift again shortly.

Dallas Palm

4.16 Corporate

No report.

5. General Business

5.1 *Bowls for sale – no interest has been shown to sell these bowls. They are relatively old style, and no longer preferred by new bowlers.*

Agreed to transfer to bowls shed for coaching, Twilight Bowls and schools usage.

MW

Agreed to clear out some of the very oldest, least used bowls to make room.

MW

5.2 *Travelling Bowlers- Max suggested exploring as option. Review programme to see where a weekend could be allocated.*

MW

5.3 *Extreme Weather Policy – suggested reduction from current 32/37°C action points to 32/35°C considering condition of our members. This is also common set amongst some local clubs.*

Agreed – utilise 'Humidex' scale rather than set temperature as this takes humidity and temperature into account. Policy to be updated

DW

5.4 *Thorby Shield – Stepen Watson advised that the grandson of the original Thorby is keen to present the trophy after the final and on Presentation Day.*

Agreed to take up the offer. Offer to be accepted

SW

5.5 *Probus Carnivals – potential dates include Friday 22nd Feb or Friday 1st March. Kevin to advise final date following Probus meeting in Jan.*

KT

5.6 *Mini Open Days – to be considered at next committee meeting.*



5.7

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th, commencing at 6:00pm

Meeting Closed: 7:41pm