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**Present:** Michael Schwarcz, Keith Robinson, Max Walters, Peter Eagle, Warren Phillips, Kevin Tuckerman, Bob Cole, David Wilson, Stephen Watson, Dallas Palm, Geoff McIntosh

**Apologies:**

Start: 6:00pm

**1. Correspondence Inward**

- 1.1 Chris Wallace, 3/3/14 re Update from Sydney CDO
- 1.2 Zone 10, 5/3/14 re Invoices for Capitation Fees
- 1.3 RNSWBA, 7/3/14 re Participation and Facility Grant 2014
- 1.4 Zone 10, 7/3/14 re Provisional Pennants Draw
- 1.5 RNSWBA, 11/3/14 re Club Grants (forwarded to Jason Read)
- 1.6 Zone 10, 13/3/14, re In the Zone
- 1.7 Bowls Cruise, 20/3/14 re NZ Bowls Cruise
- 1.8 Zone 10, 28/3/14 re In the Zone #17
- 1.9 Zone 10, 30/3/14 re Metro Seniors
- 1.10 Various, re entry forms for Koala Carnival
- 1.11 Various, re responses to requests for sponsorship
- 1.12 ARV, re Koala Carnival
- 1.13 Pennant Hills BC, re Challenge Cup
- 1.14 RNSWBA, 3/4/14 re Circulars 01/14 Annual membership Fees & 02/14 Bowls NSW Umpires Shirts
- 1.15 WPHSC, 3/4/14 re Membership update

**2. Correspondence Outward**

- 2.1 Ross Irwin, 3/3/14 re Top Green
- 2.2 RNSWBA, 4/3/14 re Annual Return
- 2.3 ARV, 11/3/14 re Koala Carnival
- 2.4 ARV, 11/3/14 re Advertising on bowls website
- 2.5 Chris Wallace, 20/3/14 re update on new bowls website availability (replied 27/3/14)
- 2.6 Various bowlers, 31/3/14 re Challenge Cup nominations
- 2.7 WPHSC, 31/3/14 re Alex Stewart
- 2.8 Various, re Invitation to Singles finals day
- 2.9 Various, re letters to businesses seeking sponsorship
- 2.10 Various, re letters to clubs re Koala Carnival
- 2.11 Zone 10 Publicity, 31/3/14 re advertising Koala Carnival in 'In the Zone'
- 2.12 Pennant Hills BC, 31/3/14 re Challenge Cup
- 2.13 WPHSC, 1/4/14 re change date for May Committee meeting (replied 2/4/14)

- 2.14 Women's Section, 1/4/14 re information for 2014 Members Directory (replied 2/4/14)
- 2.15 RNSWBA, 1/4/14 re Bereavements notices (Wilf Morschel, Alex Stewart) and new registration (Barry O'Rourke)

### 3. Business and action from previous meetings/Outstanding Issues

3.1

### 4. Reports

#### 4.1 President

Greens – An update on this will be covered in a separate report.

Income – Koala Sponsorship and Green Signage will be covered in separate reports.

2014 Singles Championships – All three singles events have now completed their Semi-Finals. All Finals will now be held on Saturday 26th April 2014. Invitations have been sent to 15 past winners and we are awaiting their replies.

Pennants – We are off to a good start. The details will be covered in a separate report.

Warren Phillips

#### 4.2 Senior Vice President

There is nothing to report this month.

David Wilson

#### 4.3 Vice President

**New Membership:** The Asian Community in our area is quite large and I wondered how we would be able to introduce or entice this community to 'av a go' at Bowls.

There is a **Chinese Community Association** based in Cherrybrook (**which our Club supports financially as an organisation**) which could be contacted through the Club or at: CCCA, P.O. Box 88 or [ccca@ccca.ccca.asn.au](mailto:ccca@ccca.ccca.asn.au) or 9875 3336.

We could offer a free Open Day if thought worthwhile.

The Chinese represent close to 10% of Cherrybrook and West Hills population.

*MS – has been investigated several times in the past, with no interest shown.*

*DP to send email to gauge interest, and offer possibility of Sunday trial.*

*DP*

**Twilight Bowls:** Finished for the year, Thursday April 3rd 2014. The year commenced with favourable weather and the numbers increasing weekly up until half way through the season with a record night ever of 41 Twilight Bowlers.

The numbers commenced going down (I don't think it was something I said!), as the regular women bowlers were being more involved in Thursday Club Bowls or Pennants, as well as their interest being increased by us changing the conditions for Friday Pairs commencing Jan 2014, which resulted in many of them not then also playing Twilight bowls.

Over this Daylight Saving Season we have had a total of 394 people play bowls. 230 were Bowlers and 159 non bowlers. There were 24 nights allocated for Twilight Bowls with 5 of them cancelled for weather reasons and with the actual \$ turnover being \$5,895 (with obviously additional money spent on drinks/poker machines and food).

This has been my 5th year of running Twilight Bowls (which I have enjoyed) but was seriously considering stepping down next season, until talked out of it. Therefore I will do so again (if unopposed!) for possibly my final season for 2014/2015. (An assistant would be appreciated).

I estimate that at least 12 new members have joined our Club from Twilight Bowls in the past 5 years, with myself and Kevin White having joined when Alan Cotton ran it 6 years ago.

Again thanks must go to the Main Club for really allowing us to bowl for Free and additionally the assistance I have received from Kaye Eagle and even more so from Peter Eagle, being greatly appreciated.

*Peter Eagle moved vote of thanks to Max for his work and effort in organising and running the twilight bowls.*

Max Walters

#### 4.4 Secretary

**Registrations** – With the recent loss of Wilf Morschel and Alex Stewart, our membership stands at 110. RNSWBA have been advised of our loss.

**Member's Directory** – as you realise by now, my earlier prophesy of having the directory issued during March has not happened. The Women's section has advised their requirements to be included and hopefully we can now get the directory produced and distributed over the next week or two.

**Koala Carnival Control Worksheet** – this has been redeveloped to reduce time and risk of error in determining winners, based on 28 teams.

Dallas Palm

#### 4.5 Treasurer

No report.

*No response from Sports Club for requests for financial reports.*

*Stephenn is working with office to change the reports.*

Stephen Watson

#### 4.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

At this stage 4 weeks out from the start of Koala Carnival we have 14 Entries (no entries received for a week and half. Tonight we need to make a decision when we cancel the event, we need to decide how many teams constitutes to keep going.

*Discussed cut off point – agreed to review in 2 weeks. If below 22 entries, we would discuss with sponsors.*

*WP has sent information to each club in the area.*

We seem to have problems with events that happen outside of the club such as TAT and the club challenge where we could only get 25 players instead of the required 30 players. This is quite embarrassing for the club.

*MS is sending details to Tim Cunningham for publicising at Hills and has provided to other clubs.*

*Currently have 15 teams entered.*

We now know the participants in the finals of the singles.

Ken Wighton - Ross Fitzpatrick v Con Ganis

Minor Singles - David Wilson v Darren Ede

Major Singles – Warren Phillips v Peter Eagle

The finals will be held on the 26th April. We have invited all past winners of the Major Singles so far *there are 3 attendees. WP has received responses from 7 with 4 confirmed.*

*GMc – prepared to run bbq – accepted.*

Michael Schwarcz

#### 4.7 Selectors

Wed: Numbers continue to exceed 30 and positive feedback received by many bowlers following their games.

Fri: Numbers have dropped off a little since the new format commenced, although most seem to favour the 'single' entry format. *Getting 6 or 7 rinks each week. WP suggests we promote better with other clubs.*

Sat: Social bowls have been limited due to the number of 'Reserves' required to fill Pennant sides. Last week saw 9 Pennant Players unavailable for selection.

Kevin Tuckerman

#### 4.8 Competition Selection Panel

So far our three teams have been very successful with two of the teams being undefeated, which is a very pleasing start to the pennant year. The disappointing thing is that although we tried to circumnavigate this problem we still have people coming at the last moment saying that they are unavailable which is once again causing a lot of issues trying find players especially dipping in our reserves where players do not want play away or if there is any sun.

*Again having problems with players being unavailable.*

Tony Boughton

#### 4.9 Schools Committee

There is nothing to report this month.

Warren Phillips

#### 4.10 Zone 10

No report.

Bob Cole

#### 4.11 Greens

As both greens are now back in play, we are now in a position to rotate the greens as required. The top green although slow at this stage will improve as it settles which will take around twelve months. Steve is regularly spraying for weed and fertilising. The surface is fine, however in the western corners the grass coverage is not as good as expected. It is felt that the surface has compacted despite the removal of tree roots as well as using the ditch witch. Steve is spiking the surface areas. The green will support seven rinks in either direction so that is not a problem. As it is intended to take this green out of play first for maintenance, some thought will need to be given to see what can be done to rectify the situation.

As you are all aware, the bottom green was taken out of play for two weeks. It received a light rub in to aid the closing of gaps that were appearing in the surface. The wet weather helped during that time but has not helped the speed of the green. This will improve as it dries out. The lumps and bumps experienced previously are disappearing with more rolling of the surface.

The ditches require more sand and this matter has been taken up with Steve. I will follow up if the matter has not been rectified within the next two weeks.

The windsocks have been replaced and you should have noted that the corner flags are in better condition than has been the case in the past. To maintain the better look, they need to be removed when the greens are not in use and placed in the bowls room. Unfortunately in the past if the corner flags are left out on the bottom green it seems they become a magnet for people to remove and throw into the garden, ditch or under locker shed.

I intend to raise at the next meeting the use of the shades. A lot of time, effort and cost has gone into having the shades replaced. The women are just as much at fault as some of the men.

Peter Eagle

#### 4.12 Coaches

As far as coaching is concerned at the moment we are coaching 3 persons (1 women and two men) we seemed to have a consistent supply of people (1 person at time).

*KT will attend the next coaching course early May, probably Pennant Hills.*

Michael Schwarcz

#### 4.13 Umpires

No report.

*Re-accréditation course will be held at WPH in May.*

*Peter Eagle advised that David Makin is now not able to do any Pennant umpiring. Don Couch to sort out cover for remaining of season.*

DC

Don Couch

#### 4.14 Welfare

**Alex Stewart.** After a short illness suffering from lung cancer and a number of brain tumours Alex passed away on Saturday night 29th March at 11-45pm. His funeral was held at St Agatha's Catholic Church Pennant Hills last Tuesday 1st April. May he rest in peace.

*Excellent to see so many bowls members, club and bar staff attend.*

**Bob Cole.** Bob will now be going into hospital at the end of April to have his ankle operation after doctors rejected the replacement parts because the seal had been broken and therefore not sterile. He is a very disappointed because this is the second time the operation has been postponed. He will be out of action for about six month.

**Wilf Morschel.** Wilf passed away after a short illness suffering from heart ailments and swelling from excess fluid in his legs. He was in hospital for only a couple of weeks. May he rest in peace.

**David Makin.** David has been in and out of hospital for the last couple of weeks suffering from a bacterial infection in the brain. His wife Laurie told me the doctors are quite baffled by this illness and are unable to pin point what type of bacteria it is.

David Roles

#### 4.15 Mixed Bowls

No report.

*Queen's Birthday – 9<sup>th</sup> June is next event.*

Bob Cole

#### 4.16 Communications

Work on the whole of sport website ([www.wph.bowls.com.au](http://www.wph.bowls.com.au)) is awaiting release of functionality. I have contacted Chris Wallace (CDO) for indication of when functionality will be released. Chris expects to see changes around end April.

*Michael Schwarcz has spoken with Greg Helm and Chris Wallace re sport website - the timing is likely to be later than previously thought.*

Dallas Palm

#### 4.17 Sponsorship

Our income in this area falls into a number of categories as follows:

- Shirt Sponsorship – This remains at \$8.00 per shirt ordered and is paid by Richard Hickey.
- Score Card Sponsorship – This is split between Richard Hickey and Bill Austin. Both have agreed to contribute \$350.00 incl GST for the new scorecards which are currently being ordered. Keith will provide an update. *Keith Robinson confirmed the new cards were expected to have been delivered by now - delays are due to late supply of artwork.*
- Koala Raffle Prize – Bill Austin has committed to provide this again this year to the value of \$500.00 excluding GST. Steve Watson and Peter Eagle are looking after this matter. The raffle prize has now been purchased. *Peter Eagle advised tickets need to be finalised and printed as soon as possible, with sales to start as soon as possible to maximise selling opportunity.*
- Koala Carnival Sponsorship – As you are all aware we have secured \$2,200.00 incl GST from ARV to Sponsor the carnival. Minutes of the meetings thus far are available from our Secretary. The Match Committee will elaborate further on the running of the event.
- Signboard Advertising – A great deal of work has been done over the past month and following is an update as at 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014: *Stephen Watson to advise Warren Phillips of signboards not paid for/not renewing.*

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BUSINESS	PERSON	COMMENTS
Statewide Pools	Warren	They are definitely not interested
Coochie Hydrogreen	Warren	Artwork is complete. I have delivered blank sign to Signarama. Once approved should have new sign next week.
Cherrybrook Electrical	Geoff	Hoping to sell 2 signs, awaiting reply – <i>Geoff indicated that it looks as though he will go ahead.</i>
Quinnys Plumbing	Warren	They are definitely going ahead
Audi Pennant Hills	Steve	Hope to get a positive reply in next few days <i>Stephen Watson confirmed they are very interested, they need to finalise internal arrangements.</i>
Albert & Meyer	Warren	They are definitely not interested

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Spa & BBQ Barn	Warren	Email sent awaiting reply
Father & Son Painters	Warren	Email sent awaiting reply
Alan Drew Funerals	Warren	Email sent awaiting reply
Anderson Boemi Lawyers	Warren	They are definitely going ahead
Barry Smith Hyundai	Warren	Email sent awaiting reply
Thompson & Larter Optometrists	Warren	They are definitely not interested
A Tour Travel Cherrybrook	Warren	They are definitely not interested
Petals & Leaves Cherrybrook	Warren	Email sent awaiting reply
Cherrybrook Physio	Warren	Email sent awaiting reply
White Lady Funerals	Warren	Letter sent 28 <sup>th</sup> march
Bridges Financial Planners	Warren	Email sent awaiting reply

- The above has taken a lot of time and effort but I am still waiting for any other suggestions the committee may have. *Bob Cole confirmed 4 advertisers on new score cards can be approached for other sponsorship.*
- I have been to all the shopping centres in our area to compile this list of possible advertisers. I have also spoken to other businesses not on the list to gauge their interest.
- *Cherrybrook Pharmacy need better design (larger font phone no) – previous one not satisfactory to them.*

Warren Phillips

#### 4.18 Corporate

There is nothing to report this month.

Warren Phillips

#### 5. General Business

5.1 *Good Friday - run Friday bowls without jackpot.*

5.2 *ANZAC Day – club doesn't want bowls on that Friday. Warren to discuss with Jason. (Sec - Jason has confirmed there is no issue with organised bowls events on Eater or Anzac Fridays)* WP

5.3 *Bowls receipts – turning up at times not related to the bowls games. Please ensure receipts collected on the day and dates are correct.* ALL

5.4 *Social members – opportunity to have this class, paying annual fee (\$25, \$50) to allow them to casually play on non-bowls days. Risk is current members would drop formal membership and convert to lower value casual members. Discussion reached no conclusion other than to raise a number of points. Concepts need to be documented for clear discussion.*

5.5 *Are sports members of club covered in insurance terms to play bowls. Peter will discuss with Jason (Sec - Jason has confirmed only bowlers or those under correct supervision to use the greens).* PE

5.6 *Keith Robinson noted Jeremy Thiedeman's efforts in developing the Lemon Tree Passage getaway as a social event for club members.*

## 6. Next Meeting

Due to Koala Carnival on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday** 6th May 2014, commencing at 6:00pm.

Closed 7:15pm



