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Present: Peter Eagle, Michael Schwarcz, Warren Phillips, Max Walters, David Wilson, Dallas Palm, Keith Robinson, Bob Cole

Apologies: Stephen Watson, Geoff McIntosh, Kevin Tuckerman,

1. Correspondence Inward

- 1.1 Bowls Cruise, 6/6/14 re Christmas cruise to NZ
- 1.2 Zone 10, 9/6/14 re Zone Business Papers

2. Correspondence Outward

- 2.1 WPHSC, 4/6/14 re trimming shrubs near bubblers and boundary fence (replied 4/6/14)
- 2.2 WPHSC, 5/6/14, re Submission to host Pennant finals in 2015. (replied 26/6/14)
- 2.3 Ross Irwin, 5/6/14, re trimming shrubs, aerating greens (replied 10/6/14)
- 2.4 RNSWBA, 6/6/14 re new member registration Vern Bowrey
- 2.5 Vern Bowrey, 6/6/14, Welcome to club
- 2.6 Women's Section, 16/6/14 re shades, mats, jacks after carnival
- 2.7 Tony Fugaccia, 17/6/14 re revised wording for WPHSC website (replied 17/6/14)

3. Business and action from previous meetings/Outstanding Issues

- 3.1 Michael Schwarcz spoke to Terry Rae after last meeting to advise of our decision.*

4. Reports

4.1 President

The highlight of the month was clearly winning the Grade 5 Zone 10 Pennant and therefore qualifying for the State Playoffs at Tamworth in August 2014. I would like to thank and congratulate all of the bowlers who were involved during the season and on the day; it was a great result and one that will be remembered for a long time to come. The Competition Panel worked hard all season and we now have the positive results we were hoping for. I want to thank the panel for their efforts which have now yielded such a positive result for our club.

I am sure the Competition Panel and Match Committee will comment further on the fantastic achievement for our Club.

The Pennant season has now concluded with both the 4's and 6's finishing in good positions in their respective sections. Well done to all those players for helping to create a positive year for our Club. We can only improve from here.

Turn Around Triples – Our event was held on Monday 2nd June 2014 and we had a full 28 Teams playing. The day did go off without a hitch thanks to all the help and support we received from a small band of volunteers. I want to pass on a big thank you to those people who offered their help on the day and before the event, it is very much appreciated.

Warren Phillips

4.2 Senior Vice President

My congratulations to my team mates in the 5s on a wonderful victory to win the Zone Flag. Following up from last meeting, the words on the Sports Club's website concerning the bowling section and our activities have been re-drafted and are presented for the committee's approval.

I have also been working with our distinguished Secretary and Webmaster to update the blurbs on our new sponsor's page and I would ask all committee members to have a look at the page and send through any suggestions you may have.

Communications and promotion of our recent success in the local media should be made a priority. I have drafted two media releases to go out this week, one concerning our winning of the flag, the other the donation to the Cherrybrook RFS Brigade. Going forward, I think the committee should think about the creation of a communications plan which would involve engaging more with the local media and more broadly the community.

Media releases – *add previous recipients to RFS notice.*

DW

David looking for good photo of Zone flag for media release.

David Wilson

4.3 Vice President

Nothing to report this month.

Max Walters

4.4 Secretary

Registrations – membership stands at 112 with Vern Bowrey joining us in June.

AGM – Saturday 30th August. Primary tasks dates are:

Nominations open, notices posted on notice board	19 th July	DP
Reports due Committee, Coaches, Selection, Umpires, Greens	26 th July	President, Match
Notice & invitation posted to members	7 th August	DP
Nominations Close	9 th August	DP
Report & Previous Minutes available	16 th August	DP
Attendance responses close	23 rd August	DP

It is expected that all members of the committee will encourage section members to nominate for committee positions. With a little effort we ought to achieve several nominations for all positions to ensure choice to our members.

Of concern is Selectors – This year's experiment with 'Competition Panel' may well have soured aspirations of bowlers standing for Selector. The committee needs to understand the situation and decide on selection model for 2014/15.

Dallas Palm

4.5 Treasurer

No report.

Warren discussed budget for 2014/15, and other docs.

TAT not included in budget due to uncertainty of future of the tournament.

SW to ensure eoy accounts available for Annual Report.

Stephen Watson

4.6 Bowls Coordinator & Match Committee

No report.

Michael Schwarcz

4.7 Selectors

No report this month.

Kevin Tuckerman

4.8 Competition Selection Panel

As the second year in a three year plan of improving our competitiveness, the Panel considers that having a selection panel was a worthwhile exercise. This is reflected in the fact that grade 5 is in post sectional play off and the other grades finished somewhere in the middle of the table.

General comments:

- (1) There should be more external trials prior to the season and these trials should be used to select teams that should need little adjustment after the season commences.
- (2) As in previous years, the lowest grades suffered most from filling vacancies in higher grades. Once it was clear that the fives had the best chance of progressing, every effort was made to keep the teams in the fives intact. Reserves for all grades would have been useful.
- (3) The pre-season training was a disappointment in the lack of interest displayed by potential Pennant players, but it was felt that it should be tried again.
- (4) The appeal process needs to be looked at and possibly revised, but it was felt that appeals against selection/non-selection could not be processed between the day selections were notified and the following Saturday's round.
- (5) The number of sides to enter in the Pennant competition is always a controversial decision. There is still mixed feeling in the Panel as to whether there should have been two or three teams entered this year. However, we should look to "blood" more new players. By persisting with three sides, we would be able to start giving the newer, inexperienced bowlers experience in Pennants, and hopefully these bowlers will enjoy their experience and will put their name down to play again the next year. This would eventually give us a bigger pool of bowlers to choose from.

Recommendations:

The members of this Panel recommend that a Competition Panel be appointed for next year's competitions.

It is suggested that the purposes and duties of the competition panel and of the social selectors be clarified prior to nominations for this year's AGM.

It is further suggested that

- (1) bowlers be invited to apply for appointment to the Competition Panel, and that applicants be interviewed to determine the best candidates;
- (2) consideration be given to inviting bowlers to apply for appointment as social selectors, and that applicants be interviewed to determine the best candidates;
- (3) the Competition Panel should consist of a representative of each of the Pennant grades, a representative of coaches, plus maybe another; and

- (4) the Competition Panel should have a representative from the social selectors on it, to enable teams/player matchups to be selected for social days that would assist in selection decisions of the Competition Panel. Both panels need to work together.

Tony Boughton

DW commended comp panel on success of the year.

4.9 Schools Committee

There is nothing to report this month.

Warren Phillips

4.10 Zone 10

No report.

Potential change to Pennant for 2015 – possibly a metropolitan comp and separate for 1s and country.

Comp meant to start no later than start March.

Bob Cole

4.11 Greens

There have been recent discussions with Jason Read and Ross Irwin about trimming the hedges on the Northern and Western sides. Jason has advised that the trimming is in order, however the Sports Club does not have the equipment. Jason will be obtaining quotes and as soon as they are received, the work will commence. The trimming will not be at fence level but the height of the hedges will be reduced which will allow more sunlight onto the greens. Jason is well aware of the drainage problems in the North West corner but there is little that can be done about this problem at the moment. Some hedge trimming has taken place over the last week by Steve and the gardens at the back have been cleaned of weeds etc.

Due to strong westerly winds that have been experienced in Sydney recently, the top green has not been turned. This will take place when it is safe to do so, which hopefully will be this week. The green is holding up well and with luck will get through its first winter without any major problems.

The bottom green is in good shape except for the Northern side which has been mentioned. The green has been aerated on the Northern side which hopefully will help the drainage problems.

We seem to be having more bowlers roll up on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Everybody gravitates to the bottom green which subjects the green to extra wear. If the green starts to deteriorate it will be closed at various times. Bowlers will then have to get used to rolling up on the top green. The matter has been discussed with Steve.

Earlier start for Pennant means greens need to be ready earlier than 2014. PE

Peter Eagle

4.12 Coaches

No report.

1 being coached at present.

Michael Schwarcz

4.13 Umpires

No report.

A re-accreditation course at WPH 31/7/14. Bob Cole

4.14 Welfare

Steve Brady spent some time in hospital this month having another stent put into his lungs. After a very trying time he managed to overcome his problems and the doctors are very happy with the results. He is now home and feeling much better.

Rod Roberts recently had a pacemaker and was going to have a stent inserted but the hospital asked him to come back in another six weeks after he has rested, that will be late July.

David Makin is getting better each day, his latest tests have shown the bacterial infection is clearing up, David hopes to be back at bowls around October.

Clem Woodward one of our older bowlers passed away on the 13th June at the age of 88. Clem had been a member since 1988, but had not played for many years. I sent a sympathy card to his wife and family from all of us at the bowling club.

David Roles

4.15 Mixed Bowls

No report.

Bob Cole

4.16 Communications

David Wilson's reports on the blog, particularly related to Pennants, have helped drive a sharp increase in traffic to our website, facebook and twitter accounts. The increase is from our members as well as bowlers from other clubs.

Dallas Palm

4.17 Sponsorship

Signboard Advertising – All 21 Signboards have been sold for the period ending 30/6/2015 and all the signs are in place. The green has been re-arranged so as to give our sponsors the best possible exposure. We will rotate the signs every 6 months to ensure they are noticed by our bowlers and club patrons alike.

PE commended Warren & Ian Corke – Ian assisted in artwork for some local advertisers.

Warren Phillips

4.18 Corporate

Nothing to report this month.

Warren Phillips

5. General Business

5.1 Selection Committee & Competition Panel – purpose and value of separate panels.

WP suggests a recommendation to AGM that competition Panel is retained as 2014. Agreed. Also agreed that new committee needs to make the decision early in their term and announce to members.

DP to include statement in AGM notices.

DP

5.2 Pennant Appreciation Day – agreed to not hold this year

5.3 Lions Family Day fundraiser – Keith has been approached. Looking for minimal fees. Keith Robinson to suggest date.

KR

5.4 Tamworth – deposit for accommodation has been paid. Sports Club is sponsoring bowlers fuel and food.

5.5 Bowls Shed – what is latest plan after extensions?

5.6 Hornsby Cup – Michael to discuss with Hills BC and advise timing and plans

MS

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4th August 2014, commencing at 6:00pm.

Meeting closed: 7:02

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

MEDIA RELEASE

West Pennant Hills wins No. 5 Zone Pennant

The Men's Bowling Section of West Pennant Hills Sports Club secured victory last Saturday in the Grade 5 Final of the Zone 10 Pennant competition, defeating the Hills Bowling Club 63 shots to 47.

West Pennant Hills won their section of the ordinary season competition and therefore won through to the post-sectional playoffs. After defeating Gladesville Sports Club in the preliminary final on Saturday morning 63 shots to 57, West Pennant Hills went through to the Grand Final against the Hills.

In the very wintery and windy conditions of last Saturday afternoon, West Pennant Hills faced off against the Hills for the Pennant. This win represents only the second time in the club's 45 year history that we have won a Zone Pennant.

President Warren Phillips said of the victory "as President of our Men's Club and also Zone Treasurer it was one of my most memorable moments in winning the Flag but also to present the badges and Flag to our victorious team".

The team now goes on to the State Final hosted by West and South Tamworth Bowling Clubs on 9-11 August.

West Pennant Hills would also like to extend our congratulations to Castle Hill Bowling Club who won the Grade 7 Final of the Zone 10 Pennant competition.

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

MEDIA RELEASE

Men's Bowling Section supports our Local Rural Fire Service

The Men's Bowling Section of West Pennant Hills Sports Club was delighted to make a donation of \$623.45 to the Cherrybrook Brigade of the Rural Fire Service today.

President Warren Phillips made the donation on Sunday at the Brigade Station to Captain ?????? ??????.

"All the bowlers are very generous when it comes to supporting worthy causes in our local community. Previously, we have donated funds to ?????? ??????. Given the fine work that those in the Rural Fire Service have done over the past twelve months with numerous bushfires affecting NSW, all at West Pennant Hills felt they were worthy recipients." President Warren said.

