

MEN'S BOWLS SECTION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES 4th AUGUST 2014

- **PRESENT:** Warren Phillips, David Wilson, Max Walters, Michael Schwarcz, Keith Robinson, Geoff McIntosh, Kevin Tuckerman, Bob Cole and Peter Eagle.
- **APOLOGIES:** Dallas Palm, Stephen Watson and Don Couch.
- **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Agreed.
- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **COMPETITION PANEL:**
 - Teams for Orange Blossom (13/9 at The Hills) and Hornsby Cup (20-21/9 at Wisemans Ferry) need to be selected.
- **UMPIRES:**
 - Don Couch has been elected Chairman of Umpires.
 - Don Couch has also re-accredited as an Umpire.
- **ZONE 10 :**
 - Bob Cole will attend the next meeting on 13th August 2014.
- **GREENS:**
 - We have been advised that the Club is willing to upgrade the bottom green to Tifdwarf during the construction phase at the premises. The timing will need to be closely managed and planned with good communication between the Greenkeeper and the Club.
 - Timing could be late October 2014 for grass availability which means we would need to take out the top green in September 2014.
 - Peter Eagle to advise the ladies.
 - Trimming of the hedges is now progressing.
- **CORPORATE:**
 - Keith Robinson will advise WPH/Cherrybrook Lions that due to work on our greens we will not be able to host an event until 2015.
- **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
 - Warren tabled two documents (copy attached):
 - Matters for the new committee to consider
 - Graded TAT proposal
- **MEETING CLOSE:**
 - The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.
- **NEXT MEETING:**
 - Monday 1st September 2014 commencing at 6.00 pm.

MATTERS FOR THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER

- Formulate our opinion on how TAT should be carried out going forward i.e. the same as current or Graded or new format. If the other clubs do not want a change then what is our position. What is our fall-back position?
- Review our Regulations based on our experience this past year. Implement changes as agreed by the new Committee.
- Review the COP for each of our events and Championships to ensure they are up to date and reflect what the Committee intends. The precise wording seems to be an issue to address.
- Decide one way or the other if eight entries is the minimum for any Championship including Mixed.
- Arrange with the Club to change the location of all the signboards every six months or so. This will ensure they are noticed by our members and visitors.
- Contact ARV to gauge their interest in sponsoring our Koala Carnival in 2015. I would not leave this too long in case you need to find a new sponsor.
- The new Greens Committee needs to come up to speed very quickly due to the possible changes to the bottom green.
- Review the benefit or otherwise of the new Friday bowls format and determine if it should continue or should there be a change.
- Review the decision to have graded triples and fours. Keep the new format or go back to the past system.
- Review the feedback from members on the Competition Panel and Selectors. Determine an acceptable approach going forward.
- Consider increasing the green fees to \$12.00 to try and encourage more members to adopt the new quarterly or annual system.

TAT Graded Proposal

INTRODUCTION

As Office Bearers in our Clubs it is primarily our responsibility to promote the sport of Lawn Bowls for the enjoyment of the vast majority of our members no matter what their skill level may be. It is not our role to focus on the minority of our members who are very good bowlers.

This concept is widely accepted across all layers of bowls in Australia. This is why we have Senior, Presidents (Reserve) and Rookie events. We also have Minor Championships, Graded Events and a significant number of events such as 3-7 and 4-7 to give more bowlers a chance to participate and potentially win.

It should be noted that some Clubs have also changed their Triples and Fours Championships to graded events so as to attract more entries.

COMMENTS ON CURRENT TAT FORMAT

It is appreciated that moving to points for end wins has negated the impact of teams dropping big scores on an end. It does not stop the team from getting the 3 points for winning the game and normally they will also win the ends even if it is only 7 ends to 5 ends.

It must also be remembered that only teams with 3 wins can win the overall or runner up prize. I realise that less than 3 wins could apply on occasions but this rarely happens.

The current format requires everyone to play in different positions for 12 ends in 3 games. I believe this is a great format and not sure changing this to Super 6's would improve the event. After all this is a Turnaround Event and should stay that way if possible.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE TO GRADED TAT

The proposal is to change to graded teams with a minimum of 14 points. Why 14 points;

- 80%+ of club members are grade 4 and below.
- Grade 1-3 players will need to recruit two players from the lower grades to play. I.e. 66% of the players entered in the event fit into the 80%+ group of players.
- No team can have more than one player of Grade 1-3 skill level.

BENEFITS TO LIVING CHOICE

We have a greater chance of filling the entries from our 6 clubs and those clubs nearby. Promoting Living Choice Villages in our region to teams from Roselands, Central Coast, Penrith, Bondi etc. does nothing for our Sponsor. Our Sponsor needs to see results from their investment and this would be maximised if we gave preference to local teams by opening up the entry criteria to allow lower skilled players to play and have a real chance to win.

Prepared by: Warren Phillips 5th November 2013.