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**Minutes
3rd November 2014**

Present: David Wilson, Les Watkins, Ross Fitzpatrick, Michael Schwarcz, Stephen Watson, Max Walters, Dallas Palm, Geoff McIntosh, Gary Tyrrell

Apologies: Don Couch,

Start: 5:29

1. Correspondence Inward

- 1.1 Kopy Cut, 13/10/14, re trophy costs
- 1.2 Chris Wallace, 15/10/14, Update from RBM
- 1.3 RNSWBA 18/10/14 re restructure of Grade 1 Pennants
- 1.4 RNSWBA 18/10/14 re 2014 Volunteer Awards
- 1.5 Castle Hill Police, 18/10/14 re Corporate day
- 1.6 T-Shirt Magic 15/10/14 re embroidered badges
- 1.7 Geoff McIntosh 20/10/14 re Competition Panel EOI
- 1.8 Zone 10 23/10/14 re Zone 10 2015 programme
- 1.9 Peter Eagle 21/10/14 re bottom green renovations
- 1.10 Australian Hearing, 28/10/14 re offer of screening tests for members
- 1.11 Jeremy Thiedeman 30/10/14 re Norfolk Island tour details
- 1.12 Chris Wallace 31/10/14 re Bowls on Prime Time TV
- 1.13 Zone 10 Match 31/10/14 re SCOP 2015
- 1.14 Zone 10 1/11/14 re RNSWBA Umpires Seminar 12/11/15 7pm, Dundas BC
- 1.15 Don Couch, 2/11/14 Resume for Competition Panel EOI

2. Correspondence Outward

- 2.1 WPHSC, 15/10/14 Minutes October Meeting
- 2.2 Women's Section, 16/10/14 re Times for Mixed championships
- 2.3 RNSWBA 17/10/14 registration of Steven Arnold
- 2.4 Steven Arnold, 17/10/14 Welcome letter
- 2.5 Vera Thomas, 20/10/14 re Chris Thomas Guinness record attempt
- 2.6 WPHSC 24/10/14 re watering of bottom green post planting
- 2.7 Steven Dalgairns 26/10/14 re Michael Dalgairns address
- 2.8 Various, 27/10/14 re Media Release – Guinness World Record attempt
- 2.9 Various 29/10/14 re Media Release – donation to RFS
- 2.10 Tony Fugaccia 30/10/14, re updated wording for Sports club website
- 2.11 WPHSC, 30/10/14 re plinth on top green requiring maintenance
- 2.12 Various 3/11/14 Media Release – WPH part of Guinness World record attempt

2.13 Women's Section 3/11/14 re Women's Bowls on Saturday

3. Business and action from previous meetings/Outstanding Issues

3.1 5.3 New Twilight bowls procedures

3.2 5.6 Honorary/junior membership

3.3 5.7 Awards for presentation day

3.4 5.8 Competition panel interviews

3.5 5.11 Gardens

4. Reports

4.1 President

It has been a very busy month for our Section. First and foremost, I hope I have been psychic when I am writing to congratulate Darrin Ede on being the 2014 NSW Rookies Champion!

Our best wishes go to Darrin in this competition as well as to all participants in the 2014 Triples semi-finals.

The draw for the Barry Walker Classic Pairs has been released. I commend the Match Committee and our Bowls Coordinator for adopting new conditions of play for this competition which make it more inclusive for members. I look forward to having a full discussion on how the Wednesday and Saturday sections of this competition work and whether we should look at expanding this next year.

Our travelling bowlers have returned from Lemon Tree Passage with many wonderful stories of their trip. Thanks to Tour Coordinator Jeremy Thiedeman who has done such a wonderful job I feel he may be stuck with it for life! I understand Jeremy is already planning the next trip (more on this in General Business)

As you are aware, the No. 1 Green is currently being reconstructed. The Tifdwarf grass clippings have been laid and we now pray for good growing weather. The No. 2 Green is back, playing well and looking great. Our thanks to Peter Eagle and his committee, and Ross Irwin and team for their fine work

Please find enclosed in our business papers a new sub-committee organisation chart and responsibilities structure. I hope this clarifies any ambiguity around who is responsible for what and I welcome all feedback on it.

Keep up the good work!

David Wilson

1.1 Secretary

Current membership stands at 112, with Steve Arnold joining us this month.

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1.2 Treasurer

No report from Sports Club.

Ross Fitzpatrick

Report received from Sports Club does not align with information provided. Agreed For Ross to report based on his reckoning.

RF

1.3 Match Committee

The match committee met to discuss Friday Bowls.

It was found that players that couldn't get games on Fridays were going to Pennant Hills to play Friday Bowls, which is the last thing we want to see as a club, also there had been a suggestions that we restrict the ladies playing.

It was decided that until we are back to having to two greens Friday bowls will be played as Triples (3 Bowls). It was also decided not to restrict the ladies rather to encourage them to play.

I hope those decisions are taken with the right attitude by members of the club.

I would also like to suggest that we have mixed bowls of a Saturday morning in mufti so that some of the working women can play also new bowlers can play their first bowls. I would suggest that it be a 10am Start and 12:30 finish or bell. As we have no more competitions until February this should cause no issues. (I have only informally discussed with match committee at this stage.) *Not discussed.*

The entries for the Barry Walker Classic was pleasing although not as many as I hoped but it shows a strong interest in this type of tournament.

I would just like to remind members of the Management Committees (and myself) that the graded games are our Club Championships with a new format.

Proposed programme for 2015 for discussion (sent separately). *Challenge Cup 6th March.*

Michael Schwarcz

1.4 Events Committee

No report.

David Wilson

1.5 Tournaments Committee

Twilight Bowls and Pacific School going well.

Castle Hill Police (50) cancelled bowls because of no BBQ.

BBQ facilities - As this will affect what have been the normal catering arrangements for the past Mixed Social days, we need to seek some information from the Sports Club as to what service for the provision of food, if any, might be available for any planned future events. Australia day in January 2015 would be our next scheduled Mixed Social day.

Gary Tyrrell

Discussed the loss of Castle Hill (50) for corporate days.

David to raise with Sports Club

DW

1.6 Membership Committee

No report

Stephen Watson

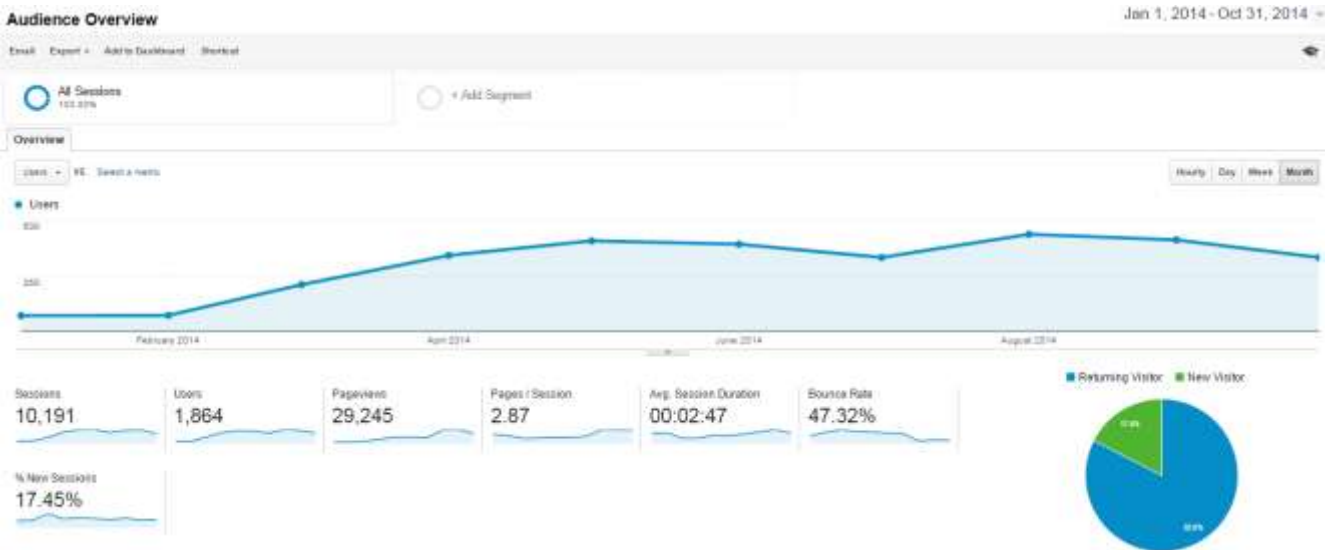
1.7 Communications Committee

Text for Sports Club website (<http://wphsports.com.au>) has been modified and provided to Tony Fugaccia to implement. I suggest members visit the revamped site to see the improvements made.

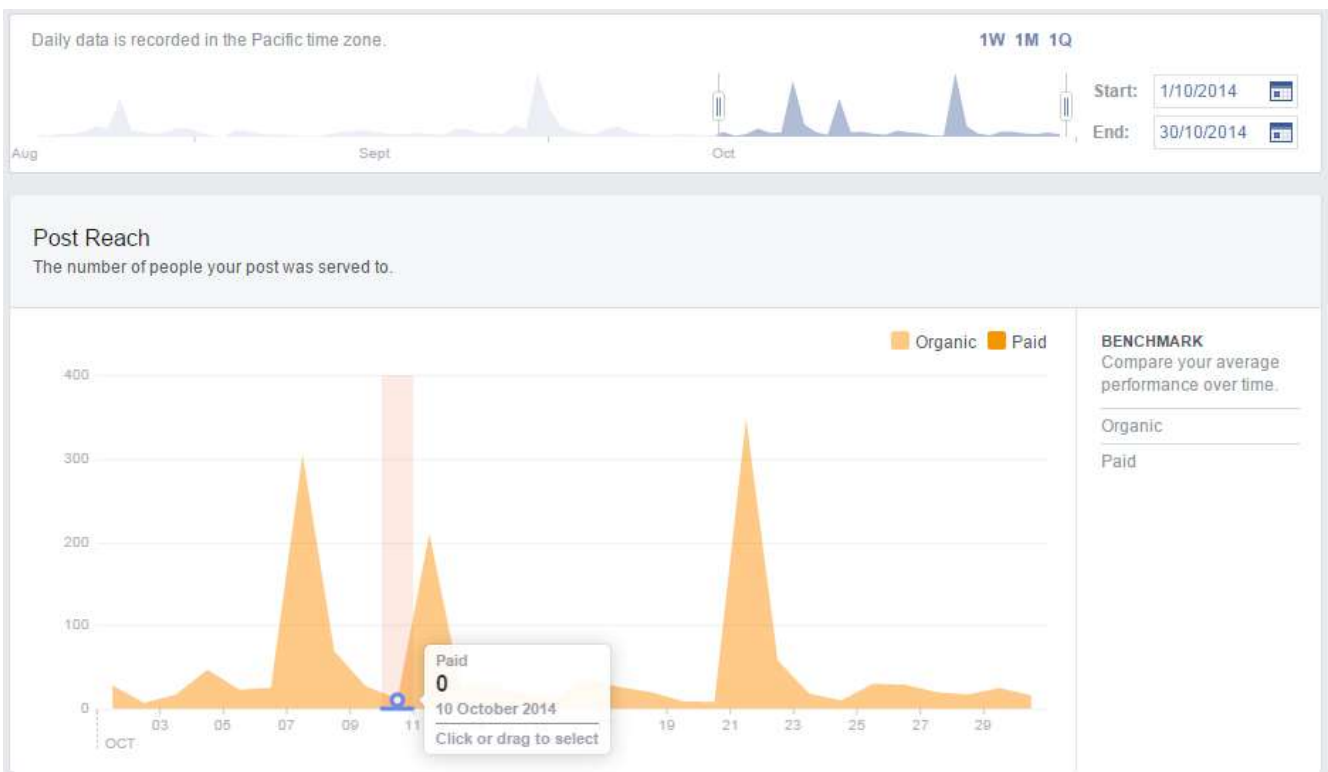
Currently evaluating alternate calendars for the website which will allow better viewing of events and allow activity owners (bowls co-ordinators, umpires...) direct access to add/edit events.

Suggestions for improvements or additional information on the website is always welcome – whether it is something I can easily achieve is another question.

Google Analytics statistics on website users since 1/1/14.



Facebook reach for October



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1.8 Greens Committee

Work on the bottom green has been completed. It is now a matter of watching the grass grow over the next couple of months and hoping the weather will be kind. For the next week or so, the sprinklers will be used day and night. A note has been sent to Jason advising that there is the possibility that club patrons may get wet and suggesting warning signs be erected. Jason has acknowledged the suggestion.

The green has been laser levelled and hopefully the hill on the Western side has been removed. An inspection of the North Western side was completed. Nothing untoward was noted so it seems the

dampness in that area during winter is due to lack of sunlight. A water leak has been discovered at the sprinkler head near the flag pole on the top green. Jason has been advised. There is a possibility that it is a slow leak and it has only recently been discovered as the sprinklers are being used more often.

A request has been received from Steve that if the top green has been set to run North/South any roll ups be East/West on the marker pegs. This has been done to reduce wear. The reverse will apply if the green is set to run East/West. A note will be placed on the blackboard; therefore it is responsibility of the bowlers to check each day. If bowlers choose to ignore the request, then the only solution is to limit roll ups. Steve has also requested that bowlers refrain from standing on the edges of the green. This will also help to reduce wear. Before bowling commences each day, the bowlers need to be notified.

As the top green has been brought back into play earlier than normal, there is the possibility that if the weather is wet play may be limited to six rinks until the ditch rinks dry. Let us not panic! The green is capable of taking seven rinks provided it is look after. It is a possibility only and normal game day requirements should apply unless the weather intervenes. If it does occur, then the selectors/match committee may need to deal with any requirements.

Peter Eagle

Dallas to send email advising green closed Tuesday 4th November at Sports Club request due to Melbourne Cup activities. DP

2. General Business

5.1 Service Badges

Need to establish criteria – is it for membership or service? Discussion re type of recognition (badge, certificate)

Dallas to write to RNSWBA re Umpires (Leo Finn) & Coaches (David Cameron) service certificates for our members (MS to provide contact details). DP

Agreed – present certificates (in frame) at Presentation Day 6th Dec DW

Draft criteria for recognition DW

Suggestion that championship be named after selected exceptional club supporters. Michael to advise which trophies are available MS

5.2 Competition Panel EOI Responses

A request from a member to submit an EOI after the due date was received. The committee decided to accept the EOI after the due date given there were extenuating circumstances.

Interview panel – Michael Baumont, David Wilson, Max Walters, Michael Schwarcz to conduct interviews.

Michael Schwarcz to arrange time with nominees and Michael Baumont. MS

Request board room for interviews for Sat 15th or Sun 16th mornings DP

Dallas to request resume from Kevin and Geoff DP

5.3 Decision on wording of Triple Bowls leaflet (attached).

Discussed draft and accepted. Max to forward to Ian Corke to dress up. MW

5.4 Small bowls sets from Michael.

Michael Schwarcz advised the proposed small bowls are light weight training bowls - not as expected or suitable for games.

MS source standard small size bowls. MS

5.5 An award/badge/voucher presentation to Cliff Johnstone for producing approx 30 bowls racks over past 4 years.

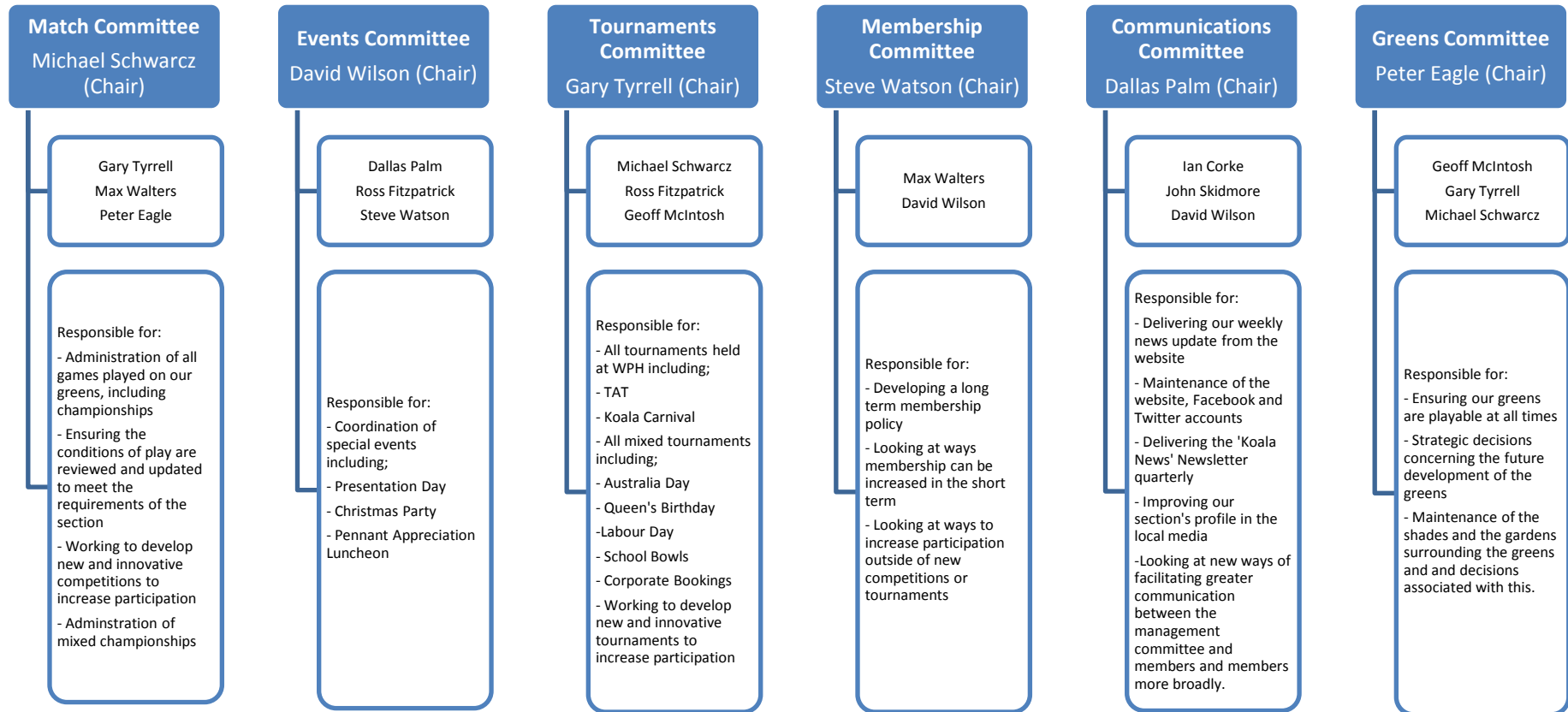
Discussed and agreed to present certificate and voucher (\$50) for Roy Forsyth & Cliff Johnstone efforts. DW

- 5.6 Purchase of Jack Attack Kit
*Great idea for schools and open days. Cost ~\$450.
 Discussed – agreed to purchase – MS to provide details to Ross to arrange order.* MS
- 5.7 Invitation to Chris Wallace regarding Twilight Bowls
*Discussed and agreed for Max to contact Chris and arrange. MW
 School students are interested in coming to twilights. Suggestion that we don't charge for
 Twilight (normal package not appropriate for juniors) – agreed. MW*
- 5.8 Junior Membership
*Discussed – agreed they need to pay registration fees and that we need to provide additional
 incentives (such as shirt or loan set of bowls).
 Of bigger import is providing the correct environment to attract juniors, e.g. school bowls,
 junior activities and events etc.
 David Wilson to write to Sports club re promotion of Juniors and what support club will provide
 (e.g. in relation to fees). DW*
- 5.9 TAT meeting – 25th May nominated for WPH
- 5.10 Brotherhood – seems to be stalling at this stage.
- 5.11 Sports Club advertising – David Wilson to discuss with Jason re inclusion in club's newspaper
 advertising DW
- 5.12 ARV sponsorship for Koala – David Wilson will contact ARV re confirming the sponsorship for
 2015. DW
- 5.13 Program 2015 – comments to Michael this week to all programme to be finalised and issued.
 ALL
David recognised Michael & Match Committee's efforts in preparing programme.
- 5.14 Uniforms - Geoff has ordered shirts.
 David to discuss with Richard (sponsor). DW
 Hats – current design was special for us with min 100 hats. Alternate design can be obtained
 with min order of 25. David to circulate potential designs for quick feedback by committee.
 DW
- 5.15 Wrong bias Box – need to decide on next charity – next meeting ALL
- 5.16 Presentation Day – trophies ordered. Invitation has been drafted DW
- 5.17 Christmas – DP/DW finalise and advertise details. DP/DW
 DW to discuss with Betty. DW

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 8th December 2014, commencing at 6:00pm.

Meeting closed 6:40pm



Have you considered joining one of our internal Sports Clubs?



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LAWN BOWLS



TENNIS

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Proposed Leaflet Wording

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