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**Minutes
5th January 2015**

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

Apologies: Ross Fitzpatrick, Michael Schwarcz

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted

1. Correspondence Inward

- 1.1 Warren Phillips, 5/11/14 re confirming email address (replied 5/11)
- 1.2 Don Couch 5/11/14 re withdrawal from selection for Competition Panel
- 1.3 Warren Phillips, 9/11/14 re Club Clearance to Pennant Hills
- 1.4 Geoff McIntosh, 10/11/14 re submission for Competition panel
- 1.5 Zone 10, 10/11/14 re minutes of November meeting
- 1.6 Kevin Tuckerman, 11/11/14 re submission for competition panel
- 1.7 Aspect Sportswear, 14/11/14 re bowls clothing options
- 1.8 Chris Wallace, 17/11/14 re twilight bowls at WPH
- 1.9 Chris Wallace, 17/11/14 re Twilight bowls resources
- 1.10 ARV, 19/11/14 re sponsorship request - knockback
- 1.11 Peter Eagle, 19/11/14, re Millican access to greens for practice
- 1.12 HDTA, 13/11/14 re cancelling corporate event
- 1.13 WPHSC, 26/11/14 re New member - Dom Surace
- 1.14 Hunter Bols, 27/11/14 re Hunter Bowls price list
- 1.15 Cliff Johnstone, 25/11/14 re unavailable for Presentation Day
- 1.16 WPHSC, 27/11/14 re repairs to greens watering systems
- 1.17 WPHSC, 28/11/14 re confirming Christmas function (confirmed 28/11)
- 1.18 Warren Phillips, 2/12/14 re not renewing membership for 2015
- 1.19 Zone 10, 2/12/14 re Zone Delegate meeting – change of venue
- 1.20 Zone 10, 7/12/14 re Zone 10 Dec Business Papers
- 1.21 Competition panel, 9/12/14 re minutes
- 1.22 Pacific Hills, 10/12/14 re twilight bowls and school bowls
- 1.23 Peter Eagle, 19/12/14 re confirming new windsocks on order
- 1.24 Zone 10, 26/12/14 re club contact information (replied
- 1.25 WPHSC, 2/1/15 re new member – Graham Hansby
- 1.26 Rosalyn Donohoo, 11/12/14 re correct email address and adding to newsletter list
- 1.27 WPHSC, 22/12/14, re bbq and other queries.
- 1.28 Ken Wighton, 5/1/15, re resignation from bowls section

2. Correspondence Outward

- 2.1 WPHSC, 3/11/14 re No bowls on Melbourne Cup day
- 2.2 , 3/11/14 re CV for Competition pabnel
- 2.3 WPHSC, 4/11/14 re booking board room for Competition panel interviews (confirmed 4/11)
- 2.4 RNSWBA, 4/11/14 re Youngest pres
- 2.5 Chris Wallace, 5/11/14 re invitation to attend twilight bowls
- 2.6 Chris Wallace, 7/11/14 re Ian Corke graphic designs (followed up 12/11)
- 2.7 Steve DALgairns, 26/10/14 re Michael Dalgairns address (answered 4/11/14)
- 2.8 WPHSC, 10/11/14 re new members (replied 11/11)
- 2.9 Kopycut, 12/11/14 re order for name badge for Don Stubbin
- 2.10 , 13/11/14, re competition panel interview times
- 2.11 Members, 16/11/14 re announcing new competition panel members
- 2.12 Leo Finn, 17/11/14 re request for umpires service certificates
- 2.13 David Cameron, 17/11/14 re request for coaches service certificates
- 2.14 ARV, 18/11/14 re sponsorship for 2015 (replied 19/11)
- 2.15 Kopycut, 21/11/14 re Major singles winners
- 2.16 Kopycut, 22/11/14 re Triples winners
- 2.17 Chris Wallace, 23/11/14 re Club Survey
- 2.18 , 24/11/14 re media release – 2014 Triples final
- 2.19 , 25/11/14 re Triples finalists photo
- 2.20 Kaye Eagle, 26/11/14 re congratulations on Consistency final win
- 2.21 WPHSC, 1/12/14, confirming Christmas lunch arrangements
- 2.22 Ross Irwin, 14/12/14 re Christmas closure of greens
- 2.23 RNSWBA, 14/12/14 re bowlsbox – failure to forward emails
- 2.24 Greg Helm, 23/12/14 re poor response to requests – umpires & coaches

3. Business and action from previous meetings/Outstanding Issues

- 3.1 5.3 New Twilight bowls procedures
- 3.2 5.6 Honorary/junior membership

4. Reports

4.1 President

Happy New Year! I hope all of you have enjoyed a break over the Christmas and New Year period and have returned fresh and ready for a big year of bowls.

I have been verbally advised on 29 December 2014 by Mr Read, the CEO of the Sports Club that the club will not be providing a BBQ for the bowling sections. While I believe that this represents a significant broken promise from the Sports Club and the Chairman personally, I cannot see any circumstances in which they will change their mind. I know that the Sports Club has been good to the bowling section in the provision of our new tiffdwarf green, however, I am exceptionally disappointed by this decision. Further, I cannot understand why food handling issues have suddenly become an issue and that the NSW Food Handling Authority states "People who are preparing food to be sold to raise money for charitable purposes (or the like) do not require formal cooking or food handling skills, provided the food does not pose a possible health risk or is eaten immediately after thorough cooking. They should have practical skills and knowledge appropriate to the type of food they are preparing to protect public health." It is my suspicion that this is being used as an excuse not to replace the BBQ. Mr Read advised the section will need to use the Restaurant for our catering. My

recommendation to the committee will be to double the catering budget to \$16,000 for financial year 2015/2016 to meet our catering requirements and to inform all members of the actions we have undertaken and the response from the Sports Club.

Mr Read also outlined why there is a difference in the men's and ladies annual membership fee, that is the ladies don't bowl as often. I argued that as the level of access to the green is the same, that is two dedicated bowls days per section plus mixed on Fridays and Sundays (and soon to be Saturday morning), the fees should also be the same.

I have been in contact with some local media outlets regarding advertising and will have more to report next month regarding this.

The Board has indicated a willingness to introduce a generous Junior Membership package and I will be asking the Membership committee to put together a proposal to go back to the Board. This will be presented at our next meeting.

As previously advised, the Competition Panel will make their recommendation regarding the number of pennant sides we should have in 2015 and the grades in which they compete. These are important decisions and I would ask Committee members to think of the section first rather than the effect these decisions may have on them personally.

I would remind all members of the Committee of the importance of confidentiality of our discussions and deliberation. This goes for all Committee matters and meetings. Further, any requests of the Men's section need to be lodged through the Secretary or myself to ensure the proper processes are followed. I have no time or sympathy for Committee members who wish to freelance and talk down the decisions taken by this Committee.

David Wilson

1.1 Secretary

Current membership – with renewals underway, I will get an update to the committee later this month on the number of financial members.

Later this month (after renewals are completed) I will prepare the 2015 Members Directory with assistance from Sport Club office staff.

Dallas Palm

1.2 Treasurer

Refer spreadsheet '[Control Sheet 2014-2015 new.xlsx](#)'

Ross Fitzpatrick

1.3 Match Committee

No report.

Michael Schwarcz

1.4 Competition Panel

Minutes of Competition Panel Meeting held Sat, January 3, 2015

Present: M. Schwarcz, L. Watkins, K. Tuckerman, G. McIntosh, T. Boughton

The Competition Panel recommends that:

1. three (3) sides (presumably grades 4, 5, and 7) be entered in the 2015 Zone 10 Pennant Competition, and
2. potential teams be encouraged to enter the zone fours as part of their training. Such teams would be based on Panel selections.

The next meeting, to discuss possible teams for zone fours and for Pennants, is Thursday January 8, at 3 pm.

Tony Boughton, Minutes Secretary

Have 46 bowlers eligible and it is felt we will be able to field 3 sides each week. Potentially more competitive in 7s than 6s, and provides opportunity to encourage more bowlers to play.

Discussed proposals and agreed on 3 sides as recommended, and to encourage entry of teams in State Fours.

1.5 Events Committee

Presentation Day & Christmas lunch were successful, with positive feedback from a number of members. There have been suggestions made to hold combined social activity mid year.

David Wilson

Feedback on standard of meal for Christmas lunch was passed on to Sports Club.

1.6 Tournaments Committee

Proposed Australia Day Mixed Event

It has been confirmed by the Sports Club to David Wilson that there will no longer be any BBQ facilities available at the Club and due to this the Mixed Committee has been requested by David Wilson to nominate what type of food is required for the upcoming Australia Day event so he can seek pricing from the Club Restaurant for the provision of food on the day. [I am presently seeking an answer about this].

Once the food price is determined, and noting that both the Men and Women Bowlers will be on fixed fees for next year, then a cost per person for the day needs to be set by the Management Committee.

This will then enable the Mixed Committee to move forward with organising the event.

Gary Tyrrell

Gary to discuss with dining room re costs.

Discussed and agreed to proceed.

1.7 Membership Committee

No report

Stephen Watson

1.8 Welfare

PAUL VAN TILBURG

Paul is out of hospital and is resting at home after having a major heart operation this month. The operation was touch and go and he spent four days in intensive care. Everything is fine now and all he needs is rest and rehabilitation. He should be back at bowls early in the New Year.

ROY ROBINSON

Roy is out of hospital and resting after having two stents inserted; he is feeling fine and is now away on holidays.

STEVE BRADY

Steve is trying new medication that he hopes will be successful with the ongoing problem with his lungs.

GEOFF WILLIAMS

Geoff is still having treatment after his bowel cancer operation. He saw his oncologist last week and was very positive about the outcome. He said to say hello to all his old mates at the club.

PETER BOOTH

Peter has been diagnosed with the start of Parkinson’s disease and also diabetes, he’s not in a good way

MAX BELL

Max’s wife Delma passed away just before Christmas, I have sent a sympathy card from the bowling club.

KEN BROWN

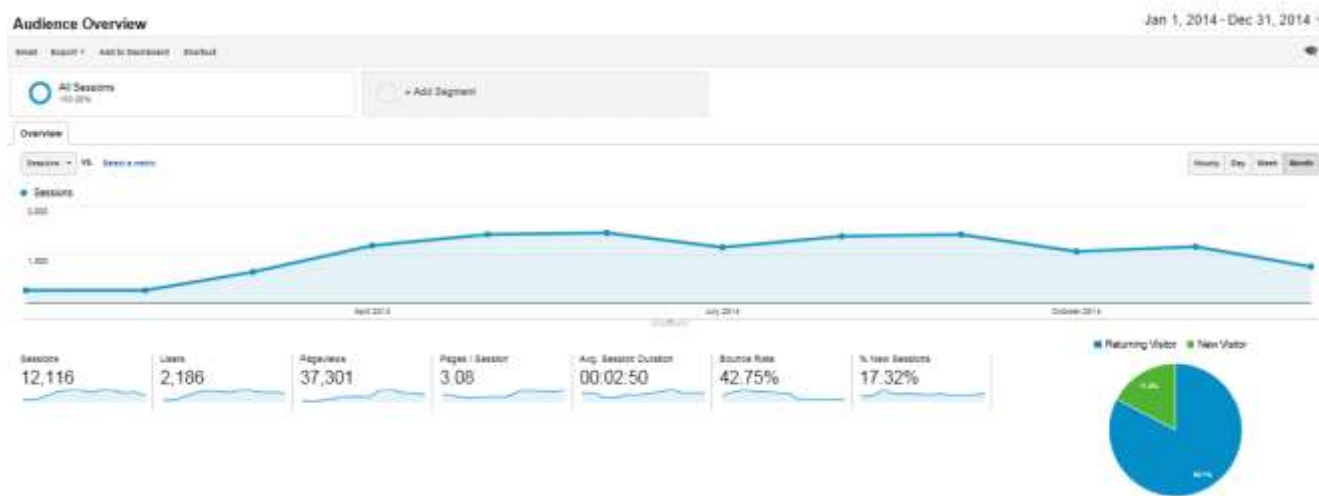
Ken is still having chemotherapy treatment he’s feeling ok and hopes to back at bowls after the holidays.

1.9 Communications Committee

2015 calendars for Men’s, Women’s and Mixed sections has been loaded to the website using Google calendar.

The website was compromised during December and access was stopped by the website host. Updates have been implemented to reduce the chance of the same penetration recurring, however there is no guarantee that other hacks do not happen over time. A regime of backing up the site has been increased to daily backup.

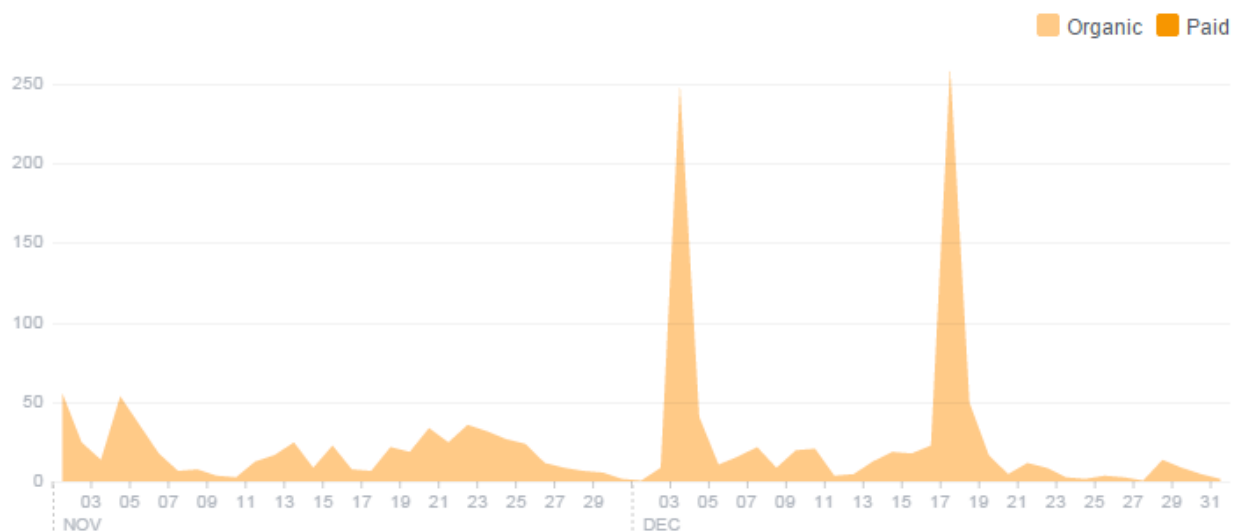
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Facebook reach for November & December 2014

Post Reach

The number of people your post was served to.



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1.10 Greens Committee

The two weeks the top green has been out of play during the Christmas/New Year period, has been very beneficial. Areas of the green have been spiked with little cutting taking place allowing the grass to grow. The green has been watered extensively. The sections of the green damaged by the bowlers prior to Christmas have recovered and should not cause further concern.

It is planned that the top green will still be taken out of play for seven to ten days, after the bottom green is in use. At that time, the green will be cored and plugged and will also receive a light top dressing. The plugging will commence as soon as possible. Provided the weather is kind, the green should be in good shape for 2015.

Within the last week, the bottom green has been cut twice. The centre is covering over well and on the eastern side plugs have been used in the areas required. The green will also receive a further light top dressing. This may be the last top dressing depending on how the green looks over the next two weeks. At this time it is planned to have the green ready for play during the latter part of January. Ross Irwin is very happy with the progress of the green and will advise when the green is ready.

Whilst the top green is out of use, the Committee may need to consider if any restrictions will need to be applied to the bottom green. The matter has been discussed with Ross. The green surface will be soft at the start and will gradually harden over time. Weather conditions and watering will play a part. Roll ups, twilight bowls and Probus come to mind. What we don't want to see is damage similar to what occurred on the top green prior to Christmas as it is hard to repair and in the long term may cause problems during winter. The solution of course is to use mats though, I understand the last time this was considered a lot of ill feeling developed. I agree with Ross that the green is there to be used. We feel that we should take each week or day as it comes and make decisions if necessary at that time. The green will be rotated at regular intervals. Roll ups will be on the marker pegs. The top green will probably need to be used more often for roll ups and training whilst the bottom green settles. There is no rush but the issue has been brought to the attention of the Committee.

Peter Eagle

2. General Business

- 5.1 Changes to competitions and communication of changes (refer Merv Cannon email)
- 5.2 Members Directory – confirm latest details for all members.
- 5.3 Overall Bowls Schedule – (Max Walters)
- 5.4 Potential Social Function – refer '[Bunco Leaflet WPH.pdf](#)' from Max Walters
- Potential for afternoon or early evening to encourage families. Target 48-60 – would fit in function room. Membership Committee to develop idea further and advise committee. Looking at afternoon with light refreshments as preferred option. MW/SW
- Les suggested Christmas in July be considered
- 5.5 Junior Membership – Membership committee to prepare proposal for discussion at Feb meeting.
- 5.6 Greens – discussed members concerns re slow green and status of getting greens up to speed. Does the committee need to specify what speed greens to run at different stages of the year, e.g. 15s in Jan, 16 sec in Feb for pennants? Dallas to draft letter to Peter Eagle DP
- 5.7 Club game selections – is there a way to mix the teams more, so that players get more variety in who they play with and against. Until Pennants start, selectors are being asked to couple players in line with potential pennant teams for Saturday games. Geoff suggested similar process to golf where nominations are used. Re-visit options Post pennants.
- 5.8 Hats – new stock now available from Sports Club.
- 5.9 Sunday Bowls – is there an opportunity to improve format. David to discuss with Ian Corke and Betty Gough. DW
- 5.10 RFS – Steve Watson discussing social event with RFS Cherrybrook. Max suggests Thursday in March once 2 greens back in play. Stephen to keep committee advised of progress. SW
- 5.11 Presentation Day – can we improve the close off of nominations, or don't have a close off to reduce issues arising on the day. DP
- 5.12 AGM & Pennant Appreciation Day – propose dates MS
- 5.13 Presentation Day - Les thanked David for organising certificates of appreciation and Grade 5 Pennant photos.
- 5.14 Sponsorship – ARV have confirmed they will not be sponsoring Koala in 2015. We need to find alternate sponsor – potentially Gremmo Constructions. Suggestions to be passed to David and Max. ALL

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 2nd February 2015, commencing at 6:00pm.

Meeting Closed: 7:04pm

Sub Committees

