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Minutes
10th November 2015

Present: David Wilson, Max Walters, Dallas Palm, Gary Tyrell, Les Watkins

Apologies: Don Couch, Stephen Watson, Ross Fitzpatrick, Michael Schwarcz, Geoff McIntosh

1. Correspondence

- 1.1 2015-10-06 WPHSC - Member Booklet
- 1.2 2015-10-06 Women's Section - Bowls Cloths
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- 1.4 2015-10-12 Letters to Thomson Lee & Max Walters
- 1.5 2015-10-12 Peter Eagle - Green Renovations 2015/2016
- 1.6 2015-10-14 Toongabbie BC - Response to Invitation
- 1.7 2015-10-14 WPHSC - Bookings for Men's Bowls Calendar 2016
- 1.8 2015-10-15 WPHSC - Cold Water Fountain repairs
- 1.9 2015-10-18 Aero Bowls - order for coaching bowls
- 1.10 2015-10-21 Pacific Hills CS - school programme
- 1.11 2015-10-22 Peter Eagle - Green Renovations 2015/2016
- 1.12 2015-10-22 WPHSC - Men's Bookings
- 1.13 2015-10-26 Donna Meaker - Corporate Bowls at WPH
- 1.14 2015-10-26 WPH Bowls - Presentation Day
- 1.15 2015-10-27 WPHSC - Some small matters
- 1.16 2015-10-29 WPHSC - Fee structure
- 1.17 2015-10-31 WPHSC - RNSWBA Fixed Fees
- 1.18 2015-11-03 WPHSC - Bowls Jackets
- 1.19 2015-11-09 WPHSC - Bowls Jackets delivered
- 1.20 2015-11-08 WPHSC - Sectional Promotion
- 1.21 2015-11-08 Hills BC - Social Bowls
- 1.22 2015-11-09 WPHSC - Invoice for payment for new rink numbers
- 1.23 2015-11-11 WPHSC - Renewals notice image
- 1.24 2015-11-10 Peter Eagle - Greens Committee 2015
- 1.25 2015-11-11_I Zone10 - Match Committee Nominations
- 1.26 2015-11-02 Australian Blind Bowlers Association - request for support (see General business).

2. Outstanding from previous meetings

- 2.1 2015-03 Sponsorship – awaiting outcome of Match Committee meeting

MS

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| 2.2 | 2015-03 Bowls Stickers – 1000 new stickers have been ordered at cost of \$470. These will cover until new specification is released. | MS |
| 2.3 | 2015-04 Working with Children Clearance – Les provided his clearance. | |
| 2.4 | 2015-04 Release of lockers – no progress | DP |
| 2.5 | 2015-10 Orange Blossom – meeting being arranged with Hills Council re ongoing funding. If funding does not come from Council it is likely the carnival will cease. | GT |
| 2.6 | 2015-10 Cock of the Walk – awaiting Match Committee meeting discussion | MS |
| 2.7 | 2015-10 Raffle tickets- laminated sheets – Ian Corke preparing final artwork. Dallas to print and laminate. | DP |
| 2.8 | 2015-10 'A' frame entry signs – David has ordered 2 signs. | DW |
| 2.9 | 2015-10 Include calendar in Member booklet – Calendar to be printed on card as insert to booklet. | DP |
| 2.10 | 2015-10 New communications methods – instructions for saving club calendar to be written and supplied to members | DP |
| 2.11 | Monthly Mini carnivals – Selectors to determine format (not handicap, random draw) with start on last weekend in January. | LW |
| 2.12 | 2015-10 mini-games - 'spider bowl-off' or 'bowl closest to the ditch' – Selectors to determine method and hold prior to Wednesday or Friday bowls once a month. | LW |
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3. Reports

3.1 President

I am pleased to be writing my second report in Asana. I thank members of the committee for their willingness to engage with this new medium. I have found it very helpful in keeping me on track and actually completing and delivering tasks for our members.

Since my last report, Ross Fitzpatrick and Darrin Ede have represented our club and the Zone in the NSW State Rookies Pairs. Ross and Darrin represented our club with skill and distinction and were placed fifth in the state in this competition. A remarkable effort!

We have also completed the Fours with Norm Jackson, Keith Robinson, Mal Horner and myself successful over Ross Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Thiedeman, John Leonard and Kevin Tuckerman. Congratulations to the 2015 champions.

We have also completed a club-wide survey of members, canvassing their opinions on matters raised at the last AGM. More on the results of this survey in general business.

Communication has improved dramatically over the last month with a significant number of hits on the website and the Facebook page. It is so pleasing to see more members having a go at Facebook.

We still have more to do, but I feel this may have been my most productive month as President. Thanks to all committee members for your ongoing support.

David Wilson

3.2 Treasurer

No report.

3.3 Secretary

No report

Dallas Palm

3.4 Match Committee

We have two events to go to complete the competition season at WPH:

- Triples
- Barry Walker Classic.

It is touch and go whether or not that we will complete the classic in time for presentation which has been moved earlier than expected. We may have to ask some of the Saturday players to play on Wednesday and maybe play some AM and PM games in the triples to facilitate a finish in time for presentation.

The program has been completed and up on the Google Calendar for 2016 program.

Some of the rules have to be looked at such as Friday Bowls.

Still to be looked at are the following:

- Mini Carnivals
- Cock of the Walk

Michael Schwarcz

3.5 Competition Panel

The committee has identified a number of bowlers that would need training in new positions also some that would require training in old positions. The more we talk to players we realize there are a few leaving club in the new year, It depend on the building of houses and there completion date of the ability of those persons to play pennants.

In researching the players for training it became obvious that we should have three teams in 2016, keeping Grade4/5 and possible having a grade 6 or grade 7.

It is intended that we will offer a course of how to be a skip to both the men and ladies. This is intended to be for persons who wish to be skips or thirds.

There will be a meeting held in the next two weeks to plan further on training and direction.

Michael Schwarcz

3.6 Greens

The bottom green was cored on Monday 9 November. It has also been scarified. It is planned to rub the green in this week and then see how it develops. At this stage, the green will probably require at least two rub-ins. The plan is to have the green back in play sometime during December.

As soon as the bottom green comes back into play, the top green will be taken out for maintenance. Some plugging has taken place on the top green and it has been fertilised. The corners on the western side will be looked and hopefully rectified. The plan is to have both green back in play by the latter part of February provided the weather conditions are in our favour.

Cliff Johnstone has made new rink pegs and re-furbished those that required maintenance. They have all been painted yellow and white caps have been placed on the top of the pegs. This will allow both greens to be turned without having to move the pegs. Cliff is also making an extra supply of bowl and jack markers. They will be slightly smaller than the current ones, however it is

felt they will be sufficient for what is required and should be seen by bowlers from either end of the green.

Cliff will refurbish the old rink numbers 8 to 14 when the top green is taken out of play. A new set of rink numbers 8 to 14 have been purchased so all sides of the top green will be marked. I have the new set at home.

The bottom green will be marked 1 to 7 on all sides and the top green will be marked 8 to 14 on all sides. Each rink top and bottom will also have jack and bowl markers.

Some of the score boards require maintenance. The black areas need to be painted and I suggest this should happen to all the score boards. I have spoken to Steve and he is to come back to me as he feels that there is black paint in green keepers shed. If there are any volunteers, please let me know. We are short on set of score boards so on one of the greens (probably the top), when the green is turned, the score boards will need to be moved. It is not a big job and can be completed in a matter of minutes. I have raised the issue with a Sports Club director. ☒ Waste pots will be purchased in due course. The terracotta pots are the best but they can be broken, therefore the bowlers need to be careful with them and not push them away with their feet or drop hard items into them from a height.

Two new wind socks need to be purchased and I will attend. We should be able to get away with the corner flags for another year provided they are not left out in the weather.

There has been some mention that a working bee should be arranged for the gardens. Steve has weeded the gardens and sprayed where required. I also suggest the ladies be involved. Any comments?

Peter Eagle

3.7 Coaching Panel

The Coaching Panel has not lot work to do but are coaching as follows:

KR is coaching a new bowler; he is also doing some remedial coaching with one of the ladies.

KT is nearly completed coaching a new lady.

After successful coaching of the ladies pennant teams KT and MS are working on training for the ladies teams in the New Year.

MS has completed coaching of male players who has joined club and is playing on Saturday Mornings. About to start coaching another ladies bowler when she is ready.

We have purchased 4 sets of Aero Bowls at cost of \$330 each set.

- Size 2 Aqua marking of WPH in White
- Size 2 Aqua marking of WPH in White
- Size 3 Aqua marking of WPH in White
- Size 4 Aqua marking of WPH in White

Chris Wallace is to pick this up and deliver WPH. In the next couple of days.

If there is spare locker we should put the bowls in there with keys only for the coaches.

I will be purchasing 2 sets of jacks to replace the broken ones.

In conjunction with competition panel it is intended that we start instructing willing bowlers how to play skips and thirds this will also be offered to the ladies.

Michael Schwarcz

3.8 Selectors

No Report

Les Watkins

3.9 Umpires

No Report

Don Couch

3.10 Events Committee

No report.

David Wilson

3.11 Welfare

Kevin Hoffman

Kevin's medication has not agreed with him causing nausea, tiredness, and shaking, the doctors have reduced his tablet intake from four to three per day hoping it will do the trick. He did say he was looking forward going to Norfolk Island, it should do him the world of good.

Kevin Ross

Kev recently spent some time in hospital suffering from bells palsy he has lost about 80% of his hearing in his left ear and will have to wear a hearing aid, he considers himself very lucky that it wasn't a stroke.

Bob Cole

Bob fell out of bed a few weeks ago and broke four ribs he has been in a lot of pain but is mending fast.

Bryon Stoodley

Bryon suffered a stroke two weeks ago and is still in the stroke ward of Westmead hospital. I spoke to his daughter Denise today and she informed me he is paralysed down the left side he is now breathing on his own and they are hoping he will be able to take food soon as well. I will keep in touch with Denise and pass on any information I can. I sent a get well card today.

Ian Thompson

Ian's lymphoma has come back after a five year remission, he started his chemotherapy yesterday and that will continue off and on until February, he is in good spirits and said to say hello to everyone. We wish him well.

Steve Brady

Steve recently had a number of skin cancers taken off his face leaving him with 21 stitches he then had an unfortunate fall and fell onto his face causing all sorts of problems he had to see his specialist on Friday to make sure there was no damage.

David Roles.

3.12 Communications Committee

No Report

Dallas Palm

4. General Business

- 4.1 2015-11 Results of survey refer **Findings** on website for full details. Very good response with 58 responses.
- **Coloured pants** - Result 67%/33% against blue pants. Reasons are numerous - cost, cooler, appearance. Questioned other combinations not surveyed, however this was the question from the AGM. Happy to revisit in 12months in wanted.
 - **Bowling habits** - vital information on how & why our members bowl and what we can do to enhance the bowling experience at West Pennant Hills.
- 4.2 2015-11 Items from Zone 10 October 2015 Meeting – a summary by Gary Tyrrell of number of issues. See attached report.
- 4.3 2015-11 Jacks – Low numbers and cracked jacks. Michael has ordered 2 boxes. MS
- 4.4 2015-11 Bowls Shed – has been re-arranged to provide more space.
- 4.5 2015-11-02 Australian Blind Bowlers Association - request for support. Discussed and agreed to fundraise at the combined Christmas party. MW
- 4.6 2015-11 Blue Water container missing. Dallas to discuss with Jason. DP
- 4.7 2015-11 2016 Australia Day – Agreed to set entry fee at \$10pp. GT
- 4.8 2015-11 Potential revision to fee structure to cater for ill members. Sports Club have left it to discretion of Bowls committee to determine when this can be applied. DW
- 4.9 2015-11 Are the garden beds being looked after by a committee this year? Gardens are in need of a boost – suggested Geoff once again take this on following success in 2014. GM
- 4.10 2015-11 Twilight Bowls roster – Max still needs support here. ALL
- 4.11 2015-11 Repainting Scoreboards – Max volunteered to repaint chalkboard sections. See Peter Eagle re paint. MW

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 7th December 2015, commencing at 6:00pm.

Close 8:00

Report on Zone 10 Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2015 at Hills Club

The following points of interest to WPH Bowls section were raised at the above meeting:-

New Clubs

Following the restructuring of Zone 11, four new clubs - Concord RSL, Concord Community, Burwood Diggers, and Greenlees Park were welcomed into Zone 10. This is effective from 1st January 2016. These clubs have expressed an interest in participating in trial matches with any other clubs so interested.

Pennants point scoring

A SMC draft 2016 COP has been submitted containing a recommendation for a proposed Major change to the current scoring system for 2016 Pennants:- 7 points for the overall win plus 1x point for each rink won = 10 points

New fixed fee infrastructure

Some clubs are having issues with the fees assigned to them due to the late submissions of their member numbers to RNSW after 31 May 2015. They have been advised to submit a letter if they have problems. The Zone Management Committee have asked for feedback from all Clubs on this matter at the next meeting

Zone Treasurer

Warren Philips will be stepping down from his position of Zone Treasurer at the upcoming Zone AGM. The Zone has asked if any nominations are forthcoming from club personnel interested in the position.

Bowls Law Books

One person announced that there have been 34 x faults found in the new law books. Has any official information regarding this been received by Umpires?

Declining memberships

Discussions regarding possible ways of attracting new members were put forward. These included:-'

- Home for Heroes' charity day. Look at setting a common date for all Bowls clubs in the Zone to hold a Open Day with a common charity theme which could help publicize the events on a wide scale ie TV and papers. This idea may be revisited at the next Zone meeting.
- Shorter version of game Publicize the fact that short 2 hour and mixed person versions of the game exist. In our case we could be doing this with our existing Twilight bowls and Saturday morning mixed games and we need to be able to advertise these events adjacent to the New Line Road entrance to attract passing people that may not realise that we have bowling greens.
- Schools - approaching local public schools which may be able to apply for a grant from the Education Dept. to pay for bowls as a sport for one term in a year.

Gary Tyrrell
WPH Club Zone 10 Delegate
27/10/201