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**Minutes**  
**10<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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

**Apologies:** Don Couch

**1. Correspondence**

- 1.1 2015-12-11\_R WPHSC- Men's Bowls Fees Increase
- 1.2 2015-12-08\_I Jason Read - Feedback from our Christmas Luncheon
- 1.3 2015-12-08\_O Jason Read - Feedback from our Christmas Luncheon
- 1.4 2015-12-08\_O Alyssa Smith - Pacific Hills Christian School Dates Enquiry
- 1.5 2015-12-08\_O Michael Schwarcz (Zone 10) - Bowls NSW Membership Fees
- 1.6 2015-12-06\_I Keith Robinson - Suggestion for New Competition in 2016
- 1.7 2015-12-06\_I Zone 10 - Business Paper and Minutes for October
- 1.8 2015-12-04\_I Pacific Hills Christian School - Dates Enquiry
- 1.9 2015-12-03\_O John Williams - Bowls Locker
- 1.10 2015-12-03\_O Max Walters - Bowls Locker
- 1.11 2015-12-03\_I John Williams - Bowls Locker
- 1.12 2015-12-02\_I Zone10 - Membership Fees
- 1.13 2015-12-02\_I Peter Schwarcz - re 2016 bowls fees
- 1.14 2015-12-02\_O Peter Boyd et al. - Volunteers Needed - Monday 7 December
- 1.15 2015-11-27\_I Ken Byatt (PHBC) - Social Bowls during Pennant Season
- 1.16 2015-12-01\_I Zone10 - 2016 State Pennant, State Fours & Zone Four Reserve Entry Forms
- 1.17 2015-11-24\_I Shirley Williams - Thank you for attending Geoff Williams' funeral
- 1.18 2015-12-01\_R Women's Section - Green Space for Women's District Events
- 1.19 2015-11-30\_O Peter Eagle - Green Space for Women's District events
- 1.20 2015-11-30\_O Newline Catering - Men's Bowls Presentation day and Christmas Lunch
- 1.21 2015-11-30\_I Pat Jones - Green Space for Women's District events
- 1.22 2015-11-28\_O Rod Roberts - Confirmation of Attendance at Presentation Day
- 1.23 2015-11-28\_I Rod Roberts - Presentation Day RSVP
- 1.24 2015-11-27\_I John Skidmore - Thank you for Triples Photo
- 1.25 2015-11-27\_O Kopycut Trophies - Clive Donohoo - Name badge
- 1.26 2015-11-27\_I Don Stubbin - Thank you note
- 1.27 2015-11-27\_O Kopycut Trophies - Greg Holmes - Name Badge
- 1.28 2015-11-25\_I Women's Section - Mixed Pairs - now proceeding from 6th Feb
- 1.29 2015-11-25\_I Women's Section - Mixed Pairs and bowls stickers
- 1.30 2015-11-25\_O Peter Eagle et al. 2015 Triples Championship Photo
- 1.31 2015-11-23\_R Anne Lucietto - Geoff Seamons' funeral arrangements
- 1.32 2015-11-22\_I RNSWBA - Annual Return documents
- 1.33 2015-11-22\_O Invoice from Ad-Vantage Bowls Supplies for bowls stickers
- 1.34 2015-11-22\_O Michael Quinlan - Information on 2016 Championship Calendar

- 1.35 2015-11-22\_O Richard Hickey - Invitation to Presentation Day and Christmas Luncheon
- 1.36 2015-11-22\_O Max Walters - Geoff's Passing
- 1.37 2015-11-22\_I Anne Lucietto, re Geoff Seamon passing
- 1.38 2015-11-18\_O WPHSC - Greg Holmes membership payment
- 1.39 2015-11-17\_I Zone10 - Zone 2 response to RNSWBA on Revised fee structure
- 1.40 2015-11-17\_I Zone 10 - Season review Meeting
- 1.41 2015-11-16\_I Brush Park BC - Introducing Twilight Social - Mixed Bowls - Friday nights
- 1.42 2015-11-16\_R Women's Section - Mixed Pairs Tournament (2)
- 1.43 2015-11-16\_R Womens Section - Mixed Pairs Championship
- 1.44 2015-11-16\_O Keryn Smith - Aero Bowls - Invoice for Payment
- 1.45 2015-11-15\_I ORDER Confirmation - Corflute Inserted A Frames
- 1.46 2015-11-14\_R Peter Nolan - Turn Around Triples - Pennant Hills (Change of date)
- 1.47 2015-11-14\_R Ross Iredale Members Update - November Management Committee Meeting
- 1.48 2015-11-13\_I Women's Section, Mixed Pairs Tournament - correction to claim
- 1.49 2015-11-14\_I Jason Read - Update on Honour boards
- 1.50 2015-11-12\_I Peter Eagle - Greens Committee & Mixed Committee
- 1.51 2015-11-12\_I Peter Eagle - Greens Committee 2015
- 1.52 2015-11-12\_I Women's Section, Region 16 Mixed Pairs Championship 2016, availability of greens
- 1.53 2015-11-12\_I Zone10 - Bowls NSW Annual Fee feedback and/or comments sought
- 1.54 2015-11-11\_I Zone10 - Match Committee Nominations
- 1.55 2015-11-11\_O Tony Boughton et al. - 2015/16 Competition Panel
- 1.56 2015-11-11\_R Sheree Dowling - Corporate Bowling Enquiry
- 1.57 2015-11-11\_R Kevin Tuckerman - Probus Agenda for 2016
- 1.58 2015-11-11\_O WPHSC - Men's Bookings for 2016 v3
- 1.59 2015-11-11 WPHSC - Renewals notice image
- 1.60 2015-11-10\_R Women's section - Christmas 2015 WPH meal selection
- 1.61 2015-11-10 Peter Eagle - Greens Committee 2015
- 1.62 2015-11-09 WPHSC - Invoice for payment for new rink numbers
- 1.63 2015-11-09 WPHSC - Bowls Jackets delivered
- 1.64 2015-11-08 WPHSC - Sectional Promotion
- 1.65 2015-11-08 Hills BC - Social Bowls
- 1.66 2015-11-06 Donna Meaker - Corporate Bowls at WPH enquiry
- 1.67 2015-11-03 WPHSC - Bowls Jackets

## 2. Outstanding from previous meetings

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| 2.1 | 2015-03 Sponsorship – awaiting outcome of Match Committee meeting  | MS |
| 2.2 | 2015-04 Working with Children Clearance – Geoff has applied and is waiting for certificate.                      |    |
| 2.3 | 2015-10 Orange Blossom – awaiting Hills Council position   | GT |
| 2.4 | 2015-10 Cock of the Walk – awaiting Match Committee meeting discussion   | MS |
| 2.5 | 2015-10 'A' frame entry signs – signage being prepared.  | DW |
| 2.6 | 2015-10 Include calendar in Member booklet – Calendar to be printed on card as insert to booklet.                | DP |
| 2.7 | 2015-10 New communications methods – instructions for saving club calendar to be written and supplied to members | DP |

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| 2.8  | 2015-10 Monthly Mini carnivals – Selectors to determine format (not handicap, random draw) with start on last weekend in January.                               | LW |
| 2.9  | 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 |
| 2.10 | 2015-10 Honour Boards – working with Sports Club to update existing honour board, as well as introduce electronic honour board similar to other clubs           | DW |

### 3. Reports

#### 3.1 President

No report.

David Wilson

#### 3.2 Treasurer

No report.

Ross Fitzpatrick

#### 3.3 Secretary

##### Lockers:

Lockers have finally been sorted. Coaches now have 2 designated lockers.

Next is to see what the demand is for lockers above available (3 currently spare) before committing to buy additional capacity.

##### Membership:

Documents received from RNSWBA ✓ 2015-11-22\_I RNSWBA - Annual Return documents

Fees due end January.

Dallas Palm

#### 3.4 Match Committee

A couple rounds left in the Barry Walker Classic Pairs and the competitions for the 2015 are finished. I must say it wasn't an easy year to complete and allowing request for dispensations and delaying rounds of the competition made it difficult to complete on time.

It is extremely important next year that dates are set and not changed (unless absolutely necessary). It is imperative that the condition of play is adhered to.

We will be starting the 2016 Competition on the 20th February with the Major pairs. Round1 will be Saturday (AM) and Round 2 will be Sunday AM.

The entry form will be going up on the Notice board before Christmas.

There have been corrections to the Calendar:

##### Major Pairs

Saturday 20/2/16 R1 - 9am

Sunday 21/2/16 R2 -9am

Saturday 27/2/16 R3 - 1pm

Sunday 28/2/16 R4 - 9am

The ladies have requested green space on the 6th or 13th February for a State Women's Mixed Pairs. As this will be in the morning and is sets play, it will be finished before the men's Social games.

The ladies have also asked for Green Space on

District Senior And Open Pairs Final Friday 22nd April. This would be am only.

District Singles round 3 Monday 16th May. Hopefully this will be morning only but if they have earlier rounds rained out it could be morning and afternoon.

The Match Committee is happy for these tournaments to go ahead on dates requested.

Michael Schwarcz

### **3.5 Competition Panel**

It was noted that the number of sides and players in those sides for the 2016 Pennant season have to be sent into Zone 10 by January 13, so that they can be vetted and processed before being sent to the Royal by January 30th.

Extract from State Conditions of play

4.3.1. Club Grades - Players Eligibility Clubs shall be allocated grades in accordance with Condition of Play 4.15. Clubs shall submit (by the due date) a list of all players indicated as playing with their club in that season. Only players nominated on that list shall be eligible to play for that club in the season. Players may be added with permission from the State Match Committee (through District and Zone, as applicable).

After discussion, the Selection Panel recommends that WPH enters three (3) sides and that we request the sides be entered in Grades 5, 6, and 7.

We request that the Management Committee endorse these recommendations.

Once these recommendations are endorsed, the Panel will set about selecting the best teams for each grade.

We have arranged a trial with The Hills club for grades 5,6 and 7 on the 30th January more details to come on these trials.

It is intended to contact Greenlees Park to arrange a trial with them. We also will enter in the state fours teams in both state and reserves championships.

Michael Schwarcz

### **3.6 Greens**

The bottom green will receive its second rub in the week commencing 7 December. Prior to the rub in, the green will be fertilised and well watered. The green has been scarified and cored and is coming on well. There is an uneven colouring of the green but that is nothing to be concerned about. The fertilising and second rub in will rectify the situation. It is expected to have the green back in play from mid to late December. An exact date has not been set at this stage.

As soon as the bottom green is back in play, renovation of the top green will commence. As bowlers would have noticed or should have noticed, the green is showing signs of wear, however provided the green is well rolled prior to the commencement of play, it is running quite well. Considering the green has received little maintenance over the last two years, it has held up well, actually better than expected. Steve is trying to stay out of the worn areas as much as possible as well as turn the green as often as possible. Unfortunately, weather conditions which cause the gum trees to shed material across the green are a continual problem.

Thank you to Max Walters who dealt with the score boards. The areas have been painted and are ready for use.

With the hedges along the back fence, both top and bottom greens, the Committee needs to note that a request to have them trimmed should be sent to the management of the Sport Club every March. By having the hedges trimmed each year helps to increase sunlight into the corners of the greens, especially the bottom green during winter. There was a marked improvement in the corners when the hedges were trimmed this year.

Now that summer has arrived, it is important that we apply the weather policy of the club. So far this year it has been necessary to close the top green twice due to heat and gum tree material across the green. The top green is isolated and should a person be up there on their own and something was to happen, that person could be there for a considerable period of time. The argument that common sense should prevail applies, however there is a duty of care. The matter has been raised with the President of the men's bowling section under a separate email as technically this is not a greens concern, suffice to say there is a weather chart on the notice board and underneath it how the thermometer we have should be used. Placing it under shade cloth is not sufficient.

As this will be last report for 2015, may the Committee members as well as the members of the both bowling sections have a Merry Christmas and that 2016 will be a rewarding year for all the bowlers at WPH.

Peter Eagle

### **3.7 Coaching Panel**

As at stands at the moment there is only one person being coached by MS, She has had two lessons so far. President of the ladies will be asked after the 3rd lesson to come and inform her of the requirements of being a member of ladies Bowls.

KT has completed coaching a lady bowler who is now bowling with the ladies.

KR has completed coaching Greg Holmes who at this time is playing on Thursday Nights.

We have spoken with Ladies President and there should be training starting of their Grade 2 and Grade 3 Pennants team in the New Year.

We have purchased 4 sets of new Aero Bowls sizes.

Sizes are 2, 3 and 4 – we now have to find a home for them.

Michael Schwarcz

### **3.8 Selectors**

No Report

Les Watkins

### **3.9 Umpires**

No Report

Don Couch

### **3.10 Events Committee**

Australia Day nomination open.

Start planning in January for 1<sup>st</sup> Open Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Events Committee will get their heads together shortly to commence planning.

David Wilson

### **3.11 Welfare**

#### **BRYON STOODLEY**

Bryon has been moved to the Westmead private rehabilitation facility, his left side is the most affected doctors want to concentrate on this to enable him to have some movement down that side.

#### **IAN THOMPSON**

Ian came home from hospital last week feeling very tired from his ordeal, what with the septicaemia and varicose veins in the oesophagus he's just about had enough but he did say he and his wife Rose would like to attend the Christmas lunch next Sunday.

#### **ALAN COTTON**

My report on Alan came too late for last month's report so I'll give it in full now. Alan has had a pretty rough time over the past few months having two skin cancers removed one from his knee and one from his ankle, the one from his ankle is not healing as it should and has seen his specialist in the past few weeks, I think he is back at bowls already, let's hope so.

#### **VALE**

#### **GEOFF SEAMONS**

Geoff Passed away on Sunday 22nd November from complications to his recent illness. His funeral was held last Friday 27th. He will be sadly missed. I will send a sympathy card to Pam and her family.

May he rest in peace.

David Roles.

### **3.12 Communications Committee**

Articles have been posted on all activities on website, facebook and Twitter.

Response to our website is strong with typically more than 100 visitors a day and hits running at ~200/day.

To increase reader interest it would be good to get articles from members apart from David & myself. Don has provided a couple of Umpires tips and Michael provided a coaches tip. I have previously approached some members who I feel could write interesting articles (e.g. Michael Quinlan) and still waiting for contributions.

In the new year, I plan on holding some Saturday morning workshops to help members become more familiar with the website and how to add their own comment or submit a post.

Dallas Palm

## **4. General Business**

4.1 2015-12-02\_I Zone10 - Membership Fees

4.2 2015-12-04\_I Pacific Hills Christian School - Dates for 2016.

Discussed how we support the schools programme. 'Bowls Attack' was suggested as means of adding value to the programme through skills development. Michael to organise

MS

Agreed fees for 2016 to be \$5 per person. David to advise school

DW

4.3 2015-12 2015 Christmas Party – suggested by Max to move start time to 12:00pm to allow church goers to attend.

Discussed results of feedback on the meals. All responses were negative. David to write to sports club

DW

4.4 2015-12 Barefoot bowls pricing – current fee of \$10pp has been in place for many years. Stephen Watson to report on charges at other clubs and what is included.

SW

4.5 2015-12 Etiquette – discussion about the increasingly common disregard for etiquette on the green, and in some cases ignorance of rules.

Don has been requested to write article for Koala News and blog. It was also agreed for mention before games.

## **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016, commencing at 6:00pm.

Close 7:45pm