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**Minutes
4th January 2016**

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 2016-01-04_O Jeremy Thiedeman - Norfolk Island
- 1.2 2016-01-04_I Max Turrell - Orange Blossom Festival
- 1.3 2016-01-03_O Max Turrell - Orange Blossom Festival
- 1.4 2016-01-03_I Zone 10 (M Schwarcz) - Letter to BowlsNSW re: New Fee Structure
- 1.5 2016-01-01_I WPHSC - Bowls Renewals
- 1.6 2015-12-31_R WPHSC - Bowls Renewals
- 1.7 2015-12-30_I Clr Jeff Lowe - Orange Blossom Festival Funding
- 1.8 2015-12-30_R Anne Lucietto - Beryl Jennings funeral
- 1.9 2015-12-30_R Peter Eagle - Bottom Green - West Pennant Hills
- 1.10 2015-12-30_I WPHSC - Mens Bowl List
- 1.11 2015-12-29_I Rob Mitchell - Thank you for improved communications
- 1.12 2015-12-29_I Clr Jeff Lowe - Orange Blossom Festival Shield
- 1.13 2015-12-28_O The Hills Shire Council (Clrs Byrne and Lowe) - Orange Blossom Festival Shield
- 1.14 2015-12-26_O Jeff Campion - Request to revert to old fee structure
- 1.15 2015-12-24_O Mike Brown - Thanks for Championship Photo
- 1.16 2015-12-24_I Zone 10 - Zone 10 Elections
- 1.17 2015-12-24_I Jeff Campion - Request to revert to old fee structure
- 1.18 2015-12-23_O WPHSC - Men's Bowls Membership Update
- 1.19 2015-12-23_O Lindsay Mitchell - Australian Blind Bowlers Association
- 1.20 2015-12-23_I Zone10 (M Schwarcz) - Members CSV Report
- 1.21 2015-12-23_O WPHSC (Narelle Statos) Cheque - Australian Blind Bowlers Association
- 1.22 2015-12-23_I Peter Eagle - Bottom Green - West Pennant Hills
- 1.23 2015-12-22_O Jeremy Thiedeman - Presentation Day Photo and AGM update
- 1.24 2015-12-22_O John Skidmore - AGM update
- 1.25 2015-12-22_O Kevin Tuckerman - AGM update
- 1.26 2015-12-20_O Ross Irwin - Bottom Green - West Pennant Hills
- 1.27 2015-12-20_O Ian Thompson - AGM update
- 1.28 2015-12-20_O Jeff Campion - AGM update

- 1.29 2015-12-20_O Peter Eagle - AGM update
- 1.30 2015-12-20_O Dom Surace - AGM update
- 1.31 2015-12-20_O Paul van Tilburg - AGM update
- 1.32 2015-12-20_O Les Watkins - AGM update
- 1.33 2015-12-20_O Keith Robinson - AGM update
- 1.34 2015-12-20_O Don Stubbin et al. - Barry Walker Classic Pairs Photo
- 1.35 2015-12-15_O WPHSC - Request for cheque for ABBA Proceeds
- 1.36 2015-12-15_I Beecroft BC - Re WPH Suggested Interclub Social Games during Pennant Season
- 1.37 2015-12-14_O Minutes of December Men's Committee Meeting
- 1.38 2015-12-14_I Terry Barnett - Update of email details
- 1.39 2015-12-14_R Pat Jones - Permission to hold District Mixed Pairs
- 1.40 2015-12-14_I Rod Roberts re Ron Oriel
- 1.41 2015-12-13_I Zone10 - Preliminary Agenda 2016 AGM
- 1.42 2015-12-12_R Barbara Hazeltine - Permission to hold District Mixed Pairs
- 1.43 2015-12-11_I Con Ganis - Resignation from the Section
- 1.44 2015-12-11_R WPHSC- Men's Bowls Fees Increase
- 1.45 2015-12-10_I Peter McLoughlin - Feedback from our Christmas Luncheon
- 1.46 2015-12-08_I Jason Read - Feedback from our Christmas Luncheon
- 1.47 2015-12-08_O Jason Read - Feedback from our Christmas Luncheon
- 1.48 2015-12-08_O Zone 10 (Michael Schwarcz) - BowlsNSW Fee Increase
- 1.49 2015-12-08_O Alyssa Smith - Pacific Hills Christian School Dates Enquiry
- 1.50 2015-12-08_O Michael Schwarcz (Zone 10) - Bowls NSW Membership Fees
- 1.51 2015-12-08_I Keith Robinson - Suggestion for New Competition in 2016

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. | GMc |
| 2.3 | 2015-10 Cock of the Walk – awaiting Match Committee meeting discussion | MS |
| 2.4 | 2015-12 Barefoot bowls pricing | SW |
| 2.5 | 2015-12 Etiquette | DC |

3. Reports

3.1 President

Happy New Year to all! 2016 promises to be a big year for WPH. As I trust you will have seen from the Correspondence, I have been very busy over the break writing to members to update them on progress made against issues they raised at the AGM. As a committee we have made some solid progress and we should be proud of that.

Congratulations to Keith Robinson and Don Stubbin, victorious over Mike Brown and Peter Eagle in the final of the Barry Walker Classic Pairs. It was a very close final and one which was great to watch.

Our first championship is the Rod Roberts Major Pairs and I hope that members will appreciate the lengths our Bowls Coordinator and Match Committee have gone to in producing a championship calendar which as much as possible avoids two games in one day. This was the feedback we received most vocally from members and as a committee we have taken it on board.

Planning is underway for our first open day of 2016 to be held on Sunday 3 April 2016. This will require effort and input from all committee members. At this time, the Events Committee is in the process of locking down a timeline for delivery of key items.

Pacific Hills returns to WPH on Thursday 4 February 2016 for a six week season. Thanks to Michael Schwarcz for offering to coordinate this. Michael will be assisted by the coaches in facilitating the season. Aaron Barnett has also expressed an interest in assisting.

In relation to the interclub social competition during the Pennant season, I have received a response from Beecroft and Pennant Hills. Both clubs rejected this idea as they currently have sufficient numbers to conduct a solid social game during the Pennant season. I am yet to receive a response from the Hills or Castle Hill.

I trust all committee members would have seen the response received from Jason Read and Peter McLoughlin about the Christmas Luncheon. I thank Peter and his team for taking the feedback on board.

I thank you all for your efforts over the last four months since we were reelected.

David Wilson

3.2 Treasurer

Control sheet provided – no discussion.

Ross Fitzpatrick

3.3 Secretary

Membership Renewals:

Renewals stand at 78 (a net drop of 17 from 2015). I expect a number to pay fees over next couple of weeks, however I will be submitting renewal and deregistration information this week, along with new member registrations.

Member Booklet including calendar insert will be prepared once registrations completed, with the aim to have booklet published by mid-Feb.

Dallas Palm

3.4 Match Committee

We have completed 2015 and now we can move onto the New Year.

Nomination forms for the Major pairs are on the Notice Board.

It looks like we will have our second green in just in time for Pennants.

We will be having 36 players playing Pennants which will mean on the bases of the amount of players we normally have playing on Saturdays we should have about 15 players available to play Social. We may need to provide some sort of competition for them.

I think we need to put on the Board a list for Non Pennant Players who will play on Saturdays if there a sufficient names with a commitment then we could have a competition

Michael Schwarcz

It was agreed to submit sides in 1 in Grade 5 and 2 in Grade 6.

3.5 Competition Panel

Pennant Trial games have been organized on the following dates:

23rd January - Rosehill - Grade 5

30th January - The Hills - Grades 5, 6 and 7

6th February – Greenlees Park Grades 5, 6 and 7

5th March – West Pymble - Grades 5, 6 and 7

We have 41 players that are available to Play pennants and 10 reserves. This means we will be able to go with 3 teams. Notable omissions will be Michael Quinlan, Kevin Ross, Kevin Hoffman Jeremy Thiedeman, Jeff Champion, Norman Jackson.

Trial teams for 23rd and 30th have been selected and on the Board.

It is intended to select teams to play in the State and Reserve Fours on the 13th February. I would envisage we will have three teams in the State and three teams in the Reserve fours.

Michael Schwarcz

3.6 Greens

It is expected to have the bottom green back in play on Wednesday 6 January. Unfortunately, the weather forecast is indicating that rain is predicted during that week which may delay this taking place. Steve is cutting the green and rolling it as much possible. As the green is still a little spongy in places, he has added weights to the roller to harden the surface. If the green does come in on Wednesday, the top green will remain open until Friday 8 January. The bottom green will not be available on Thursday 7 January, therefore twilight bowls as well as roll ups will be on the top green only.

The rinks on the bottom green will be numbered 1 to 7 in both directions. The score boards will be placed on the northern and eastern sides of the green. The green will be able to be turned especially during all day competitions without difficulties.

The top green will be taken out on or around 8 January subject to weather conditions. The green will be scarified, cored, plugged and top dressed. The two western side corners will be looked at to see what can be done to rectify the problems. Some plugging has taken place which has been noticed by bowlers when the bowl or jack bounces. Steve has tried to keep the surface as flat as possible but it has been necessary to plug now rather than later. It has also been suggested to Steve that the southern bank be top dressed. The surface is uneven and some bowlers have complained. There is nothing that can be done to the southern bank of the bottom green until the Sports Club deals with the water overflow when it rains and the air conditioning unit.

There has been a suggestion that contact be made with Hornsby Council to see if further trimming of the gum trees can take place on the western side. The request has to come from the Sports Club. I am suggesting that when Jason Read returns from holidays a request be made to him to see if he is prepared to write to Council. I am happy to deal with this issue as I was involved when the last trimming took place.

Cliff Johnston is in the process of completing the bowl and jack markers for the top green. They are slightly smaller than the current ones but they can be seen. Cliff will commence the re-furbishing to the old rink numbers on the top green as soon as it comes out. The numbers will be 8 to 14 both sides

All the preliminary requirement pertaining to the greens have been completed.

Peter Eagle

David to request Sports club arrange trimming of hedges, and request Council to trim trees in Edward Bennett Park.

DW

3.7 Coaching Panel

As from Thursday, 4th February we will have Persons coming from Pacific Hills coming to play from 3:45 to 5pm we will be looking for some of the coaches and the introductory coaches to assist with teaching and helping the players. We will also be looking for helpers from both the men's and ladies clubs to help.

There is no one being coached at the moment neither new players or remedial.

Michael Schwarcz

Suggested to mention prior to games that coaching is available. Michael to look at setting a regular remedial coaching period e.g. as done several years ago on Saturday mornings.

3.8 Selectors

No Report

Les Watkins

3.9 Umpires

No Report

Don Couch

3.10 Events Committee

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3.11 Welfare

JIMMY ROBERTSON

Jimmy came home from hospital this month after spending three weeks getting over an operation on his back. I sent him a get well card from the club.

CON GANIS

Con is suffering from spurs in his back. When I spoke to him he was in a lot of pain. He said he had to resign from the club until he recovers and is able to play bowls again.

David Roles.

3.12 Mixed

A meeting of the Mixed Bowls committee will be convened on Tuesday 5th January to finalise the actions required to stage the event

A notice and entry form has already been placed on the notice board in the Sports room.

The cost for paid up members has been increased from \$5 to \$10 per person.

The food for the event is likely to be sandwiches and potato wedges as previously provided at the Labour Day event in October 2015. The final food selection and pricing is still to be discussed with the Kitchen.

A booking of the large function room will be made following the meeting on Tuesday 5th.

3.13 Communications Committee

Pennants selections and results page developed and activated. Select from Men's menu on blog. Competition panel have access to edit teams and draw and enter results. Results for season will display in a summary table.

Team App - testing application and suitability for advising teams in Pennants, and updating scores from matches.

website and facebook hits are down over last couple of weeks although expect this to lift quickly, especially as new articles are posted.

Dallas Palm

4. General Business

- 4.1 2015-12 Amend 'responsibilities of sub-committees section in the regulations'. Draft prepared with amendments to clarify roles. All committee to review and provide comments to David. ALL
- 4.2 2016-01 Expansion of existing fee structure – whilst the committee are sympathetic to situations some members may find themselves in, the current rules were agreed by vote at 2013 AGM and can only be amended by passing a resolution at a General Meeting.
- 4.3 2016-01-03_O Max Turrell - Orange Blossom Festival – clarification from Hills Council on their funding support was obtained by David Wilson and has been forwarded to the Max Turrell (organising committee). Council will provide perpetual trophies only. It is upto the host to cover the cost of meals and individual trophies (if given out). Alternatives include charging each club to cover meal costs; charge players; obtain sponsorship.
- It was agreed that we would offer to host the tournament this year. Further, WPH would be prepared to take on hosting the tournament ongoing, possibly seeking a sponsor). Gary to advise Dural. GT
- 4.4 2016-01 Jackets – issue with players determining best size to order. Suggested players are advised to establish size from other players' jackets. Geoff to follow up on jackets for Milton Purkiss and Steve Arnold. GMc
- 4.5 2016-01 Flags – suggested that selectors task an early arrival at games to put flags up, and that last rink finished is responsible for stowing flags. LW

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 1st February 2016, commencing at 6:00pm.

Close 7:45pm