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**Minutes**  
**7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Present:** Ross Iredale, Michael Schwarcz, Jim Ede, John Skidmore, Ross Fitzpatrick, Dallas Palm

**Apologies:** David Wilson, Steve Arnold

**Meeting started:** 5:35pm

**1. Correspondence**

Quickly reviewed.

**2. Previous Minutes**

Accepted

**3. Outstanding from previous meetings**

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| 2015-10 Monthly Mini carnivals – Steve to address with Match/Greens by next meeting  | SA |
| 2015-10 Business competition on a Friday – no progress – Dallas to discuss with Robyn and tying in with Corporate bowls process.                                     | DP |
| 2015-10 New communications methods – Dallas to publish steps for members to load calendars into their calendar.  | DP |
| 2016-07 Recruitment of younger players/ New member ideas – Ross Fitzpatrick proposed approaching local high schools to establish a training and competition program. | RF |
| 2016-09 Printer for Sports Room – John Leonard has donated a unit suitable for our use.  | RF |
| 2016-09 Travelling Bowlers – Pens to be arranged through Sports Club   | DP |
| 2016-10 Umpires Shirts – Michael is arranging order for new shirts   | MS |

**4. Reports**

**4.1 President**

I would like to thank Ross Iredale for chairing tonight's meeting in my absence. I have recently accepted a short term secondment to the Office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure which has seen my working hours change significantly.

It has been a big month at West Pennant Hills with the Fours championship coming to an end. We now have the Triples (which will be complete at the time of the meeting) and the Barry Walker Classic to finish. I would like to thank the Match/Greens Committee for their efforts in bring our championship calendar to a close.

Presentation of awards for the Barry Walker Classic will be made at the Christmas Party along with the Mixed Trophies.

Members will also be aware that two bowlers have stood for election to the board, namely Bob Cole and Ross Fitzpatrick. I know that this has caused some consternation among members which I have found rather disappointing. Our section and indeed our club is a democratic body where anyone can stand for any position. As all would be aware, I have actively encouraged this during my time as President. I want to make it clear that I have complete confidence in both bowlers to represent our

interests on the board with dedication and distinction and I look forward to working with Bob and Ross regardless of who is elected.

Both November and December are shaping us to be big months in terms of Corporate Bowls with numerous bookings taken. I look forward to working with our members to ensure we are putting our best foot forward in presenting West Pennant Hills as a great place to come and bowl.

#### **4.2 Secretary/Communications**

Due to clash in dates of Barry Walker Classic Pairs and the Special General Meeting, special arrangements have been agreed with Jason to enable both activities to proceed as planned and not cause disruption to the competition matches.

Dallas Palm

#### **4.3 Match & Greens**

The committee will consider an alternate format for our round of the 2017 TAT (21 Aug) in an endeavour to get full attendance.

There are concerns about the amount of weed in the surrounds and risk of weed ingression to the greens. Greenkeeper has been advised of our concerns.

Roller repairs are still not completed. Delay appears to be the search for second hand parts.

Michael Schwarcz

#### **4.4 Competition Panel**

Pennant trial against Castle Hill BC (19<sup>th</sup> November) teams have been selected for 2 grades – 1 at WPH and 1 at Castle Hill. Selections based on results of training and nominating to play Pennants. Quite a few of intending players are doing the drills with Michael & others make themselves readily available to assist.

#### **4.5 Communications**

I have been working on 2 performance issues with the website-

1. poor service in our evenings - site is slow to respond if at all, same with mail, ftp. The ISP has provided support in addressing this issue.
2. the failure of the weekly blog to format pictures, and indicating the site is unsafe. I have verified the paid site security is in place, up to date and working. I am chasing the developer of the newsletter plug-in over the display issues. Until resolved, the weekly newsletter is inactive. Newsletter 6/11/16 ran correctly.

The Women's Committee page has been dropped (not sure how this has happened). I have requested Pat to provide information again to reload.

#### **4.6 Umpires Panel**

Umpires have been requested to advise Michael of their shirt requirements. Michael will place an order late November.

#### **4.7 Welfare**

##### **PETER CARRITT**

Peter had cataracts removed on the 11th of October everything went really well.

##### **JOY WALKER**

Barry's wife Joy fell over in their bedroom hitting her head on a side table, she is now experiencing some memory loss let's hope it's temporary.

## **JOHN WILLIAMS**

John has been away from bowls for some months suffering from thrombosis, he is unable to bend his knees so he's trying out a bionic arm so he can play bowls again.

## **JOHN SKIDMORE**

John had a major accident when he fell in the shower crashing through the glass screen receiving multiple lacerations on his body. He had stitches in his arm and on his chest and back over thirty in total. I spoke to him on Monday night he said he was getting over the ordeal quite well. I sent a get well card to him this week from the club.

## **MICHEAL SCHWARCZ**

Micheal has had a horrible month, he went into hospital early this month to have a cystoscopy to check on his cancer, he received a good report from the doctor but contracted septicaemia and was rushed into intensive care at the SAN because his blood pressure was at a critical level, doctors had to place him on medication to get his blood pressure up to a safe level and keep a close eye on him before he could be released into a ward. He came home on Tuesday and said he was feeling a little bit better each day. I also sent a get well card from all of us at the club.

## **LES WATKINS**

Les went into hospital two weeks ago to have his heart put back into rhythm, he will visit his cardiologist again in about six weeks, unfortunately he now has another problem with his shoulder he has been unable to play bowls for some weeks now while waiting to see the specialist.

David Roles

## **5. General Business**

- 2016-09-29\_I BLK Sport Bowls Offer – discussed and agreed there was no incentive to move from our current reliable supplier. Dallas to respond to BLK DP
- 2016-11 Sponsorship on scoreboards – new scoreboards still have no advertising on them. Ross to discuss with Jason. RF
- 2016-11-02\_I Big Aussie Barbie information – as we are not permitted to hold BBQs at WPH it was decided to advise the organiser that we would not be participating. We provide support to several charities through wrong bias box collections. DP
- 2016-11 Trophy Cabinet – agreed that our preference is to have an opportunity to display the club's trophies. It is also about protecting these assets from damage or loss. David to again raise this with Sports Club DW
- 2016-11-07\_I WPHSC - Non-members using bowling greens – Reviewed the proposed Terms & Conditions. Additional items were identified for inclusion along with items in the planning/readiness to provide for non-bowling members to use the greens. Dallas to advise Sports Club of these items. DP
- 2016-11 Bowls Shed - door needs attention – As the door is hanging loosely on its hinges, it is now considered a safety concern. David to request immediate attention by Sports Club. DW

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016, commencing at 6:00pm.

Close 6.34pm