

MINUTES MEN'S BOWLING CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING

DATE **9.45 am Wednesday 21st May 2025**

PRESENT – Terry Norwood, Robin Staples, Graham Hunt, Ian Duncan, Richard Denman, Peter Flight, Ted McPhee, Chris Forrester, Gordon Lewis ex-officio, GM Shane Holland guest

APOLOGIES – Nil

1. Actions from previous meetings

Minutes of meeting 23rd April accepted as distributed.

Matters

1. Strategic Plan to go to the next meeting of the Club Board 27th May
2. The details of where parts of the annual fee, especially the \$83 go to be resolved.
3. Current membership list now acquired. Peter Marshall and Peter Martin to be added when transfer completed. Now 97 full bowling members. The status of Brian Bailey to be resolved.
4. Agreed that we produce an etiquette statement for issue to members and to post within the Club.

2. Membership

As above under 1.

New member introduction booklet – President has made no progress; Ian Duncan has agreed to take on the task and produce a draft.

3. Financial Report

Robin reported that the balance is currently approx \$526. 23. Raffles remain the single source of income. Further funds have been allocated to expenses for Regional/Other participation; also for trophies/engraving.

4. Discussion with AGM Shane Holland

Agreed that Men's Bowls Committee receiving a grant to commence the financial year would be advantageous. Shane to take a case to the Board of the Club.

Shane will work on assisting with our priorities – upgrading Wilson Green, Sponsorship, Funding, Waratah Green maintenance, Strategic Plan.

With sponsorship, Shane thinks that the involvement of the Men's Committee members might be advantageous with the perception likely to be that funds would be going into 'bowls'. Men's Committee is just waiting on the agreement of the Board/GM to proceed in seeking sponsorship.

A priority for Shane will be to promote bowls as an important aspect of the Club, in accordance with the Constitution. Social membership and visitors will remain very important for the viability of the Club, but bowls will receive strong support.

Shane will work on improving communication between the Men's Bowls Committee and the Board. He will also look into the fee structure and advise on where monies are allocated.

5. Committees

Sponsorship – as above

Uniforms – Noted nothing new to report. Still awaiting sponsorship resolution before proceeding.

Survey – Noted that a follow-up meeting is now required, following the endorsement of some sections of the Strategic Plan, for the Committee to finalise its position on the remaining sections. Peter and Ian to follow up.

Greens – As above discussion with GM. Peter to follow up marking of the Waratah Green and the Wilson with the view of hosting Picnic Point visitors on Wednesday May 28th.

The idea of the 'Greens Committee' seeking a regular report from the greenkeeper, a statement of his job specifications, and an inventory of the club machinery still to be implemented. Perhaps discussion with the GM prior to proceeding??

Match – Chris Benton Charity day very successfully completed on Saturday May 10th. The winning team was Andy Connor, Peter Flight, Dave Coltman and Al McGhee. In 2026, the event will be held on Saturday February 7th.

Major Triples Championship commenced on May 17th with completion of round 1. Subsequent rounds to be played on May 24th, and 31st.

Handicap Pairs Competition for June posted on the notice board.

Senior Singles listed for June.

Gordon Lewis 'Spirit of Bowral' events to be scheduled. Peter/Ted

2025/26 draft schedule of events now completed for committee members to review.

6. Reports – Selectors, Umpires, Coaches, Other

Selectors – Pennants – Seek to have two teams entered in pennants next season. Nomination of teams will take place probably in late November.

Umpires/Coaches – Noted to defer action for the present, although Peter and Ian to follow up with Survey assessment.

7. Region / BNSW Issues

Extreme Weather Guidelines from Region – Adopted. Peter to prepare a laminated guidelines statement for placing in the Weather Box.

8. Communication

At Ian's initiative, President's monthly newsletter 'Jack Chat' has been instituted. The first edition in early May received positive feedback, so will continue.

GM Shane to work on improving communication between the Men's Committee and the Board.

9. General Business

Canterbury (Sydney) Social Travelling Bowls visit 28th September – to proceed, subject to the availability of the Wilson Green. Peter to negotiate.

Calendar of events distributed to Committee members – Peter to pursue possibility of a combined day with the Women on December 22nd.

RSL Shield – President and Ted to approach the RSL for support.

AGM date - 10am Sunday August 17th

Next Meeting – Wednesday June 25th