

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Council meeting held at Pinelands Bowling Club

on Saturday 18th June 2022 at 9.30 am

Present: President Gerrit van Milligen
Vice President: Mark Douglas
Treasurer: Jenny Griffiths
Executive: Mark Gibbs, Marianna Kirsten, Ammie Carstens, Jenny Phillips
Taz Bright
Administration: Denise Vermeulen, Chris Nurrish
Council: Bellville, Bergvliet, Constantia, Durbanville, Edgemead,
Fish Hoek, Fresnaye, Glen CC, Goodwood, Gordon's Bay,
Helderberg, Kraaifontein, Meadowridge, Mowbray, Oakdale, Old
Oak, Pinelands, Plumstead, Pollsmoor, Rondebosch, Somerset West,
Stellenbosch & Wheatfield

Apologies: CT Military, Gardens, Helderberg Village, Kuilsrivier, Malmesbury, Milnerton, Strand,
Sunningdale & WPCC

No replies from: Parow & SAPS

1. Meeting Convened

The notice convening the meeting was read and the meeting commenced at 09h30

2. Roll Call (Attendance/apologies recorded on arrival)

23 Clubs were present, the meeting was duly opened. The President welcomed the Executive and club delegates to the meeting.

3. Obituaries since 13th November 2021

23 Affiliated members had passed away since the Council Meeting in November 2021. The names were read out and Council members stood in a moment of silence.

4. Minutes Accepted

Acceptance of minutes of the last Council Meeting of 13th November 2021 – these were proposed by Goodwood & seconded by Kraaifontein

Present the Minutes of Executive Meetings:

- November 2021
- January 2022
- February 2022
- March 2022

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from any of these minutes.

6. Financial Statements

To consider, confirm and accept the Financial Statements of October 2021 - March 2022

Jenny G briefly gave a summary of the present financial situation.

- The association, at this stage of the year is showing a profit at the end of March but at the end of April we are showing a loss of about R 115k.

- The Inter Districts competitions were expensive, and this was worsened by the cancellation of Kulula and British Airway's flights which generated additional travel costs for our teams. We applied for refunds but with the liquidation of Comair we will be lucky to get 10% of what we paid.
- Our January Lotto application was declined as they had a lack of funds. We have put in a new application for R3 Million over 2 years and are waiting for results.
- DCAS has dropped our allowance from R60k to R50k but granted an extra R10k towards the hosting of the under-45 WCPBA tournament.
- We are close to budget with both Income and Expenditure.
- Affiliation fees are above budget which translates to an increase in membership.
- Competition fees are close to budget.
- The hosting of the All Cape generated a profit of R100k.

Proposed by Oakdale and seconded by Goodwood

7. **WP Competitions**

A report was submitted on the WP Competition season and is attached.

Queries were raised as follows:

Glen CC – Geoff Chait

They have surveyed their members and a large majority prefer Trips over Fours. Mark D requested that Glen send the results of the survey to him to be discussed at the coming Competitions committee meeting.

Constantia – Eddie Douglas

Requested a greens' availability/requirement calendar. This can be discussed at the coming competition meeting.

Pinelands – Rob Kruger

Asked if the green fees for competitions can be added to the entry fee paid to WP Bowls – this will be discussed at both the competition and finance committees.

Glen – Geoff Chait

Commented that the allocation of Greens for WP Competitions was not evenly distributed.

Mark Douglas requested that all these queries be emailed to him so they can be considered at the coming WPB Competitions committee meeting.

8. **Inter-Districts and All Cape**

Inter-Districts

The selectors have updated their methodology and then held workshops with the squads to present a three-year plan and to set selection criteria. They are working to raise skills and recreate pride in the WP badge. We had improved results at the various ID tournaments this year and expect more improvements in the coming years.

All-Cape

The Exco expressed thanks to all the clubs who hosted the All Cape this year after 2 false starts through COVID. All clubs did an amazing job and as reported under finance we generated a healthy profit.

9. Membership and Marketing

A report was submitted and is attached.

10. Junior Bowls

Jenny G said that Junior bowls is growing well, and the increased number of events is helping to attract new Juniors and keep them interested in bowls.

- The Junior Masters was taking place at Pinelands while the meeting was in progress.
- Two under 15 and one under 18 team attended the Junior ID in Bloemfontein with encouraging results.
- Junior and Schools Bowls are flourishing. U18s train every month at Pinelands. Participants are encouraged to bring their friends and learn to play bowls.
- Under 45s numbers are growing and they meet once a month.

Queries and comments were raised as follows:

Edgemead - Graeme Kemp

Commented that at the Envar Buys tournament he noticed that other provinces teams have Inter Provincial players as managers, and we should consider doing this.

Mowbray - Claire Cowan

Commented that we should differentiate between the manager and the coach.

Jenny P commented that the biggest problem with Juniors was not the players, but their parents.

11. Any other business

Gerrit asked clubs raising queries to understand that these will be minuted and responded to after the relevant parties had time to consider and discuss them. He said that they would be minuted and responses would be sent in due course.

Rondebosch – Scott Fraser

They are considering replacing their green with artificial surface and would appreciate input from WP Bowls.

Somerset West

Requested that consideration be given to raising green fees to cover the increase in catering costs. WPB should also consider travel costs when preparing competition draws.

An additional comment asked for some guidelines on what constitutes a reasonable tea and sandwiches.

Edgemead – Graeme Kemp

Asked whether selectors can be players.

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Asked whether WP colours should be awarded to the players representing WP in the friendly against Namibia held recently.

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Asked how Taz Bright can be both a member of the Executive and a salaried staff member as this is forbidden by the WP Constitution.

Edgemead – Graeme Kemp

Edgemead tabled thanks to all involved in running the All Cape.

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Queried the selection process for the recent Masters tournaments as it seems that one selector made all the selection choices for the men, and then a selector resigned in protest.

Constantia – Eddie Douglas

Constantia asked that WP Bowls resend the circular regarding smoking on greens.

During the discussion after this point it was noted that this is not just about being within 2 metres of the green. Umpires struggle with this as they must be on the side of the green where players are smoking and are unable to get away from it easily.

Kraaifontein – Janet Schmidt

Asked how under 30s and Open players can get noticed and was referred to the letter recently sent to all clubs by the lady selectors. Several clubs asked for this to be re-sent.

Edgemead – Graeme Kemp

Commented that it should be compulsory for the selectors to be present at the Champion of Champions and Masters competitions – this was not evident this year.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10h25