

Western Province Bowls

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at WPCC on Thursday, 28th July
2022 at 18h00

1	Welcome		Action
1.1	Gerrit welcomed all present		
2	Attendance and Apologies		
2.1	Present: Gerrit van Milligen (GvM), Jenny Griffiths (JG), Jenny Phillips (JP), Mark Gibbs (MG), Noel Solomon (NS), Marianna Kirsten (MK) & Chris Nurrish (CN). Apologies: Mark Douglas (MD), Ammie Carstens (AC), Taz Bright (TB)		
3	Visitors to meeting		
3.1	None		
4	Upfront discussions		
4.1	Acceptance of Minutes of 13 June: Proposed by MK and seconded by JP.		
4.2	Matters arising: to be discussed under individual headings Additional Sponsorship: Warren Hewitt and Adré Barnard have contacted a few companies. KWV will be involved at Club level. Fairtree have displayed interest in sponsoring district competitions or some form of Inter District sponsorship but we need a written proposal from them to check for conflict of interest with Personal Trust. Hollywood Bets will be involved in other sports.		GvM
5	Confirmation of decisions between meetings		
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6	Portfolios (Matters arising & feedback)		
6.1	Finance		JG
6.1.1	General		
	June marks the end to our financial year. The figures have not yet been fully audited but the auditing process has begun. I anticipate that the only changes will come in the depreciation entries that must still be processed which will increase our deficit which is sitting at just over R 135 000-00. Even with the depreciation we are looking way better than budget, and this has been due to a really big effort to control spending. We have still heard nothing from Lotto re our application and so we continue to hold thumbs that we will at least receive something from them in this coming year.		
6.1.2	Income – Income in general slightly exceeds our budget. Our affiliation fees are slightly up on budget which means we have increased our membership which is a positive. Most of the competitions are slightly higher although a couple are marginally lower than budgeted but it is a positive sign for the future. We may need to be creative when it comes to Flag and Muter next season considering the huge petrol hike which affects all our bowlers. Moving into next year we know that our DCAS grant has been reduced but we have been given two small grants towards the U45 Inter districts and the SA Masters which our District is hosting.		
6.1.3	Expenditure – On the expenses side the biggest hiccups came when our move to work from home took longer than anticipated and the costs in getting this setup. Long term we will reap the benefits of this, but it took some input to get things setup. We haven't had the costs of a yearbook for the past two years, but JG has been approached by several clubs and individuals asking if we can't go back to printing this as it was very useful to have it on hand whenever they needed information. Considering our demographics are mostly people in the "non-technological" age		

		group we need to think about how we do this either by getting the app up and running or print a yearbook asap. We need to increase the number of sponsors we have in the district, and this will be addressed at the AGM. We need to appoint a volunteer who can drive this for us. We cannot be reliant on only one sponsor and perhaps Lotto. Many smaller sponsors would be an ideal way to start.	
6.1.4		Fees – JG explained the BSA proposal on fees to be presented at their AGM. Affiliation fees (BSA & District) will be combined and renamed “Membership Fees”. Each District will be charged the same as last year – WP was R 570 000. This will increase in future years. The District then charges individual clubs equitably. JG suggested that we hold a Zoom meeting with club treasurers and presidents – JG & GvM to set up.	JG GvM
6.2		Competitions	MD /CN
6.2.1		General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trophies: In future we agreed to present Trophies on the green at Finals of competitions. Medals will be retained. - MD to setup a competition meeting with GvM, BE, CN & TB and other interested parties to prepare for next Season’s competitions. Minutes must be kept for this meeting to prevent misunderstandings. - GvM will ask BE if he is remaining as Competition Secretary. - NS requested that we run the “new” competitions earlier in the Season to avoid weather problems such as bedevilled the PRO10. - PRO-10 was successfully completed with thanks to Durbanville & Plumstead for hosting the competition. - The Executive Trophy was won by Durbanville Ladies and the John Edwards Trophy was won by Durbanville Men. 	MD GvM MD
6.2.2		Inter-Districts 2023 Inter-Districts are being held from Monday 6 to Friday 10 March 2023 Open – Port Natal Bowls ‘B’ – Johannesburg Bowling Assoc. Vets – Eden Bowls U30 Inter-Districts are being held from Monday 18 to Friday 22 September 2023 hosted by North West Bowls	
6.3		Selectors	MG
		District Squads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WP Bowls needs to submit a selection policy to BSA – this should come from the selectors with input from the coaches. - Perhaps we need 2 liaison Exec members to improve communication with the selectors – for discussion after the AGM - Players' nominations were submitted to BSA by JG. In future this should be arranged by the selectors with CN providing admin backup if required. 	MG CN
6.4		Marketing, Membership & Transformation	TB
6.4.1		General SC feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report 	
6.4.2		Transformation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report 	
6.4.3		Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	
6.4.4		Marketing and Membership – report from TB No report	
6.5		Greens	MK
6.5.1		General SC feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WP Bowls received 7 Level 1 Greenkeepers Certificates after the recent course. 	
6.6		Coaches	JG
6.6.1		General SC feedback	

	<p>This past Saturday we ran a Coach-2-Coach to enable coaches to do a refresher which is needed every 4 years to keep their qualifications up to date. We had 26 people applying, 1 extra arrived on the day but of the 26 only 19 arrived. This was disappointing as we had to pay for their costs to the club as we had booked them in. It was a good morning with hopefully something for all the coaches to take back and use with their players. Those that were there asked if we could run these more often. The DSCC will have a look at how we can do these maybe twice a year.</p> <p>Our next Level 1 course is on the 6th and 7th August at Durbanville and presently we have 16 applications.</p> <p>Level 2 course – 15th & 16th October – we need to find a venue for this – it will probably be dependent on who does the level 1 course as many of them may want to go on and do the Level 2.</p> <p>Level 3 course – this will be held in Knysna from the 12th – 16th November and names need to be in by the end of September. At this point we have one candidate who has applied.</p> <p>Z-Squad coaching is going well with a very successful outing at Mowbray at the beginning of July. There were 25 players present and a range of skill levels. There is a clear need for advanced coaching, and we need to get more of our Level 1 coaches doing the Level 2 course.</p> <p>Junior coaching had two new bowlers join us and hopefully they will return. With soccer season coming to an end, we should have some of our other players returning.</p>	
6.7	Technical Officials	JP
6.7.1	<p>General SC feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JP has had no response from Jeanette Williams about TO training and will telephone Stoffel to clarify the situation. We have people waiting for TO training and are unable to proceed without BSA guidance. 	JP
6.8	Junior Bowls (Under 18's and Under 30's)	
6.8.1	<p>General SC feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	TB
6.8.2	<p>U18's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Enver Buys Tournament is at the end of September, probably in Barrydale and we need to appoint two under 15 teams and 1 under 18 team. 	JG
6.8.3	<p>U30's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dune Pettit is under 18 and should not play in the under 30s. Due to a communication failure the Pettit family were incorrectly informed. Oakdale Club has objected to her removal from the team. The Executive agreed to adhere to WP policy that u30s must be over 18. GvM to discuss with Ettiene Schut. - Note: We need to change byelaws or CoP to make this clear. - Noel Solomon was appointed as the 4th manager for the u30 tournament. 	GvM MD NS
6.9	Under 45's	
6.9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The qualifier was a great success, and all participants are very excited about this tournament. NS will be live streaming it on Sunday 14th. - U45 logo/colours were changed but have now reverted to earlier design. JP does not know who made or authorised these changes. Attie (the sponsor) will decide on the shirts. Shorts will be blue. JP will send the designs to the Executive for a decision for next year's shirts. - U45 income and expenditure must be through District to satisfy DCAS. U45 should be self-funding and we need to check the budget. - JG to set up a meeting to confirm details. 	JP JG GvM JG
6.10	Disas – Players Association	NS
6.10.1	<p>General</p> <p>The players meeting at Goodwood was attended by 32 players with 17 apologies. According to unofficial reports it was a well-run meeting with very positive outcomes. We are waiting for a formal report from Eugene Ferreira.</p>	
6.11	Disability Bowls	TB

	6.11.1	General SC feedback No report	
7		Other Important Business	
	7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DCAS nominations must be submitted before 31 July. - WP Bowls AGM we need nominations for the Exec – GvM to call Tony Harland for nomination from Durbanville. At present Anina Black and Lorraine Pretorius’s nominations are not valid as they are not supported by their clubs. - We need a progress report on the transfer of money from Warwick. JG is trying to contact Nic Rusling to establish situation. - We need to establish and publish when is the Season Opening. 	<p style="text-align: right;">JG</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GvM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JG</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ALL</p>
	7.2	Annual Salary Reviews:	
		Next Meeting: We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday 16 August at 18h00 to prepare for the Annual General Meeting.	

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PRESIDENT

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DISTRICT SECRETARY

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