

Western Province Bowls

Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, 14th August 2023 in the
WPCC Bowls Clubhouse

1	Welcome		Action
	1.1	Gerrit welcomed all present and gave thanks to all for their efforts over the year. He gave special thanks to Jenny Griffiths and Noel Solomon who are stepping down at the AGM.	
2	Attendance and Apologies		
	2.1	Present: Gerrit van Milligen (GvM), Mark Douglas (MD), Jenny Griffiths (JG), Mark Gibbs (MG), Marianna Kirsten (MK), Noel Solomon (NS) & Chris Nurrish Apologies: Soekie Fourie (SK) & Joy Calvert (CV)	
3	Visitors to meeting		
	3.1	None	
4	Upfront discussions		
	4.1	Acceptance of Minutes of 17 July 2023: proposed Mark Douglas & seconded by Marianna Kirsten.	
	4.2	Matters arising to be dealt with under their respective agenda headings.	
5	Confirmation of decisions between meetings		
	5.1.	- The Plumstead matter has been sorted out & CN to send letter to complainants and the Club.	CN
6	Portfolios (Matters arising & feedback)		
	6.1	Finance	JG
	6.1.1	General	
		- Approval of AFS – JG is still waiting for audited AFS from our auditors and JG will circulate the audited AFS immediately she receives them from True North.	JG
		- 2023/2024 Budget approval – JG presented the 2023-2024 budget and will distribute the 2023-2024 budget for approval after the actual 2023 figures are inserted to enable the budget to be reviewed.	JG
		- We propose charging R295 for WP fees and BSA has proposed a 6% increase in their affiliation fees.	
		- JG will arrange a handover to Joy Calvert asap. It makes sense that someone else from the Exec takes over JG's responsibility for communicating with DCAS, CTSC and other government departments – this to be decided by the new Exec.	JG/JC Exec
	6.1.2	- The Executive approved an increase of 5% for the 3 employees of WP Bowls with effect from 1 August 2023. Increase letters to be prepared and signed by 2 members of the Executive.	
		- Sponsorship: MG advised that he had contacted a few businesses re sponsorship including BOSSA and Keller Williams Estate Agents. Both have indicated some	MG

		interest in providing sponsorship in the 2024 year. MG to follow up on an ongoing basis. - Growthpoint – NS will contact.	NS
	6.2	Competitions	MD
	6.2.1	General – MD is working on the proposed competition calendar for the new season. Next year the BSA Nationals are split for men and ladies which reduces the number of weekend available for play. In order to fit our competitions into the time available MD suggested playing 3 rounds of playoffs per day. He suggested playing the Fours in December. We should consider making the Fives a mixed gender competition rather than open to dissuade clubs for entering teams of 5 top men players. Will be discussed at the competition's meeting with clubs. Competitions will end on 14 July and the BSA Mixed Pairs is the following weekend.	MD
	6.3	Selectors	NS/ MG
	6.3.1	The Men's Trials in July and over the weekend went well and the teams for the ID practise against Boland will be announced this week. The Ladies are having a second round of trials in 2 weeks' time.	
	6.4	Marketing, Membership & Transformation	SF/NS
	6.4.1	General SC feedback M&M are looking to recruit 30-40 year olds rather than 16-18 and are looking to hold a Pro-Am tournament where 1 established bowler plays with two non-bowlers to introduce them to our sport. We should also consider asking our under 15s to bring along friends to the J-Squad to grow this sector. The Executive will discuss closing/de-affiliating SA Police BC & CT Military BC as they no longer fulfil the requirements to be registered as a Bowling Club.	TB
	6.5	Greens	
	6.5.1	General SC feedback Gray Collier is now looking after the Merado and bookings plus keeping it in good condition. CN to liaise with Vernon over the license for the trailer.	CN
	6.6	Coaches	JG
	6.6.1	General SC feedback JG will produce a document outlining the various levels of coaching qualification and the courses available to attain them.	JG
	6.7	Technical Officials	??
	6.7.1	General SC feedback We need a document outlining the various levels of TO qualification and the courses available to attain them. BSA will run a Train the Trainer course for WP in September.	
	6.8	Junior Bowls (Under 18's and Under 30's)	JG
	6.8.1	General SC feedback	

		- Envar Buys Tournament – WP are hosting this year’s Envar Buys Tournament and we need accommodation for 48-60 kids over the period 5-8 October. The venue for the tournament will depend on where we find suitable accommodation. CN to send out a circular appealing for help from all clubs in finding accommodation.	CN
	6.8.3	U30’s - About to book flights etc for the u30s ID	JG/CN
	6.9	Under 45’s	GvM
	6.9.1	- The u45 tournament was held at Oudtshoorn the past weekend. We entered 9 teams and sponsored their entry fees of R700 per team. They did a good job of getting sponsorship and raised ±R37k. All enjoyed the tournament	
	6.10	Disas – Players Association	NS
	6.10.1	General - To be followed up by new Executive	
	6.11	Disability Bowls	JC
	6.11.1	General SC feedback We need to meet with Graham Ward more frequently.	
7		Other Important Business	
	7.1	- WCPBA Minutes The Exec feel that the allocation of entries for the proposed singles competitions are unfair. The concept is good and we will support it. The selectors will choose our entrants for the tournament being held 14-15 October. A suggestion that was made is that the winner of the WP Singles and runner-up to go and in future we will hold a playoff for bronze to choose the third player. GvM to chat to the selectors to discuss different options and report back.	GvM MD
	7.2	- Gardens BC – this is not being run as a proper Bowling Club – GvM & MD to visit Eugene Howard at Gardens to discuss this.	
		The next Exco meeting will be held soon after the AGM	

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