

**MINUTES OF WP GREENSCARE COMMITTEE HELD AT PINELANDS BC
ON 16th OCTOBER 2023**

Present: Vernon Dryden, Trevor Wheeler, Bill McCarthy, Collyn de Witt, Nic Marais and Brian Pearman.

Apologies: Terry Hepworth

- 1 Welcome and Apologies: Vernon welcomed the members of the committee.
- 2 The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.
 - 2.1. Vernon requested Trevor to write to Chris Nourish to find out for sure who our WP representative is.
- 3 Matters arising
 - 3.1. Bill would be meeting up with Dr Ross later this week regarding the costing etc. of producing a minimum of 5 Infiltrators.
- 4 Website
 - 4.1. Nothing to report
- 5 Focus greens
 - 5.1. Fish Hoek: There still has been no response to Bill. He will go back to Fish Hoek once their renovations have been completed and report back to the Committee.
 - 5.2. Parrow: Vernon reported that currently Parrow were only using one green. They had decided not to put any further effort into improving the B green at the current time. He will report back to the Committee further.
 - 5.3. Bergvliet: It was reported that there was now a new greenkeeper at Bergvliet, and that the greens were looking and playing better. It appears that the greens budget there is small, and a further inspection will need to be done.
 - 5.4. Goodwood: Vernon will make a visit and report back to the next meeting.
- 6 There were no written complaints received
- 7 WPBA Matters
 - 7.1. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Flag and Muter scheduling this season. Among the issues raised were the following:
 - The timing of the preparation of greens for Flag and Muter, as the proposed schedule largely eliminates the possibility of preparing more than one green on a Saturday morning. Moreover, preparation on a Friday afternoon is dependent on the allocated Clubs not using the greens, potentially pushing preparation to a Friday morning or even a Thursday afternoon. The earlier that a Club prepares the greens is

likely to detrimentally impact the playing surfaces they are able to provide.

- The allocation of the greens, in so far as the criteria that will be used and our concerns that some Clubs might end up being overused to the detriment of their greens, making them reluctant to host other WP events.
- The reluctance of elderly players to play two games in one day.
- The partial exclusion of players who work on a Saturday morning.
- The additional burden of providing catering on hosting Clubs.
- The impact on Clubs with two or less greens being able to provide for social bowls or other local competitions that are played alongside the Flag and Muter competitions.
- The possibility that some Clubs may not play any of their games at home.

Veron asked Trevor to compose an email and sent it to Chris Nourish as a matter of urgency. Trevor would also copy the members of the Committee for information.

8 BSA Matters

- 8.1. Terry had contacted Vernon to ensure that all the Clubs on the revised list sent to BSA were visited and the greens inspected.

9 Ladies Nationals

- 9.1. It was noted that there was an overlap between the Ladies Nationals and the Men's All Cape, which may have an impact on the availability of Club Officials.

10 Level 2 Course Update

- 10.1. Nic reported that it had been agreed that there was too much of a jump between the level 1 course and the level 2 course. In order to facilitate the transition between the level 1 qualification and the level 2 qualification.
- 10.2. A series of seminars would be organised to make that step easier.
- 10.3. BSA have indicated that they would like some sort of assessment to done for participants of the level 2 course.
- 10.4. The qualifications required to take the level 2 course were still under review.

11 Renovations

- 11.1. Bill reported that not many Clubs were undertaking an annual full renovation of their greens.
- 11.2. He also pointed out that if the current Flage and Muter schedules remained in place, then there would be an opportunity to possibly increase the recommended renovation window. This item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

12 Newsletter

- 12.1. It was agreed that the draft Newsletter that Trevor had circulated should be split into two. Trevor would find a suitable place to split its contents and use the second part of the draft as next months Newsletter. Once split he would send it to WP for distribution to all Clubs.
- 12.2. Given the ongoing work that was being done on the revision of the Greens Inspections sheets, the final revisions would be used as future Newsletters.

13 Greens Evaluations

- 13.1. The current ladder table would be revisited at the end of the year, once the new evaluation sheet and instruction had been finalized.
- 13.2. Trevor would send out the updated ladder table to all Committee members and asked that if any scores were missing, they be added and the updated sheets returned to him to update the master ladder table.
- 13.3. Vernon asked Nic to do a practical exercise at next months meeting for the Committee members. He also asked Trevor to review and revise the guidance notes on the website based on the new form.
- 13.4. It was agreed that in order to maintain consistency with our inspection evaluations, Clubs in the South would be under the direction of Bill, with the assistance of Nic and Brian, and Clubs in the North would be under the direction of Vernon assisted by Collyn and Trevor.

14 General

- 14.1. Two ideas were suggested for the lowering of Ph values, the first was to use a fertilizer that contained sulphates. The second was to apply gypsum. Caution was urged when applying gypsum, as it had a tendency to block spray nozzles and needed to be agitated on a regular basis to avoid its separating out. After application gypsum needed to be watered in.
- 14.2. Mole pellets: Bill reported that it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain mole tablets without a letter of authorisation.
- 14.3. Phillip Conradie has replaced Korbus Conradie as the main contact at Conchem.

15 Date of next meeting

- 15.1. The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th November 2023, at Pinelands BC, commencing at 10h00