

**RHGC BOARD MEETING Minutes- RHGC Clubhouse
April 16, 2023 4.45PM**

Name	Position	Attendance
Elected Officers		
Bruce Waldner	President (BW)	YES
David Bedford	Vice President (DB)	YES
Hayden Ponsford	Treasurer (HP)	YES
Kevin Capstick	Secretary (KC)	YES
Appointed Directors		
Jim Platt	Facilities Director (JP)	YES
John-Paul Scallon	Grounds & Rules Director (JPS)	YES
Stephen Vezendy	Handicap Director (SV)	YES
Jake Rosenthal	Junior Golf Director (JR)	YES
Angela Farley	Ladies Golf Director (AF)	Apologies
Michelle D'Antoni	Media Director (MD)	YES
John Sinesi	Co-Membership Director (JS)	YES
Dianne Le	Co-Membership Director (DL)	YES
Jeff Meisner	Social Director (JM)	YES
Christoffel Steenkamp	Co-Tournament Director (CS)	Apologies
Nabeel Haq	Co-Tournament Director (NH)	YES

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair (Club Secretary) – Rules for Meeting

2. GUESTS –Nil

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Motion by KC to approve March 2023 Minutes was seconded by JM and passed in unanimous vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES BY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS/COMMITTEES

* Order covered may change; Secretary will decide based on agenda or special requests

President

New Business

1. BW wished to express his appreciation by thanking the Board and all Members who had contributed/volunteered in events, project and tournaments. One-third of the year is complete and a lot has been achieved, examples being, The Ryder Cup, Road to Georgia, league play (TNL), Ladies League (MM and social scrambles), Junior tournaments, and social events such as Valentines & March Madness night golf; in addition, our Website and the photo Carousel has been updated, and our finances have passed a company audit.
2. Track-Man: The company plans are to purchase an additional device for RHGC Members. In addition, there is discussion to supply a Top Tracer Device to cover the RHGC Driving range. More information will be provided when updated by Recreation Services.
3. Non-member Fees. The SAGA President is in support of the proposed amendments and will write to Recreation Services in regard to this matter.
4. 2023 ADT Event at RHGC. BW has written to SAGA and requested updates as to the 2023 event i.e. dates etc. More information to follow.
5. Golf Saud Information Item. SAGA has written to the Board stating a media/video crew from P54 & Golf Saudi is visiting RHGC on May 10 & 11 to make a film regarding Women's Golf in Aramco, and will SA retiree ladies around the world; aerial shots of the course, Members playing and individual interviews. SAGA to coordinate with AF and Jake Burry.

<p>6. Succession Planning for Board. BW and JM will be leaving the Board in 2024. Due to their extensive work with RHGC, there are a number of support services in their names e.g. RHGC Internet; Pantheon, DNS, Survey Monkey etc. In order for a successful transition BW and JM will work together to transfer the roles and subscriptions to Members of the Board. ACTION: BW and JM to contact Board members individually in these matters.</p> <p>Prior Actions 1. Nil</p>
<p>Vice President New Business 1. Nil Prior Action Items 1. Nil</p>
<p>Treasurer New Business 1. Nil Prior action items 1. Ongoing work to move all payables to MPS- ONGOING</p>
<p>Secretary New Business 1. Amendment to 2023 Board Meeting Calendar: A request from a Director to make July the open month (instead of August) in Board Calendar. A discussion took place. Motion raised by KC for the July Board Meeting to be cancelled and moved to August 6. Motion 2nd by JPS and unanimous vote in agreement. 2. Update to VIP requests. Due to the time it takes to administer the procedures for VIP Golf, the RHGC Website and VIP forms have been amended to require the documentation is submitted 5 working days, prior to the date of play. In addition, in the cases whereby there are Members requests Diplomatic VIP's, the Member is required to include, at the time of submission the approval letters from SA Corporate Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Prior action items 1. Amend 2023 draft of Constitution & Bye Laws. Updated draft circulated to Board April 11, detailed update on document (Version IV). Matter to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late Membership. BW stated the Board voted, during 2022, to create a Bye-Law which created a late fee of SAR 250 for Members who missed the January 31st renewal date. This could conflict with an existing Bye Law (para 4.15 of draft) which states a member can rejoin the club within 5 years of their membership without paying the initiation fee. A motion was proposed by KC, seconded by DL, for the removal from the Bye Laws, which states a Member is exempt from paying an initiation fee, if rejoining RHGC within 5 yrs. of the prior lapse. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board. ACTION: KC to update Draft IV. • SV asked if there was a need to change the definition of Junior Member to align with GHIN. After discussion regarding the history of RHGC definition and the matching dates for SA School age, it was agreed there was no need to align with GHIN. • No further amendments or comments were raised by the Board. KC raised a motion that, once Draft IV was updated with amendment re 5yr renewal (see above), that the 2023 new Constitution & Bye Laws are approved, and submitted to Recreation Services Policy Group for concurrence. Motion seconded by JPS and unanimous vote to approve. ACTION: KC to update Draft IV and submit to Recreation Services Policy Group for concurrence.

Grounds & Rules

New Business

1. Grounds update:

- Spring Renovations. New walking paths widened from original plans and work ongoing.
- Update on Grounds meetings with Community Services
- General Grounds Updates (Walking Paths, Range Revamp, Stakes, Range Balls)
- Local rule “Placing in closely mown areas” will be amended after the Eid holiday.
- Range and replacement balls. The demands on the driving range surface and balls are increasing due to the fact there is no longer a charge for balls. This creates issues for the Members and ground staff. There are a number of implications for the Board to consider e.g. cost, staffing and facilities. JPS stated it would be best that a smaller group from the Board meet and provide proposals for a later date. Volunteers were requested. **ACTION:** JPS to chair a meeting with BW, HP and JP to bring proposals to RHGC Board.

Prior action items

1. Nil

Facilities

New Business

1. Updates:

- Ice machine leak – Ticket in for repair
- Member lounge furniture – Still working with recreation to get furniture
- Sliding door exterior handles – awaiting response from Community Services- Reported as a safety issue
- Replace broken shades in pro shop – Open
- Ice is available for Members from 7.00 AM on Weekends

Prior Actions

CS Cart Inspection Sticker process – CS state this will take place in June/July

OPEN

Tournaments

1. Nil

Prior action items

Handicap

1. Handicap Report – April 2023

Prior action items

1. Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Update. Info Item. Numbers of Members that have not acknowledged is reducing as the loss of GHIN and removal from club events is having a positive impact.

Junior Golf

New Business

Nil

Prior action items

Ladies’ Golf

New Business

On vacation- Nil

Prior action items

<p>Media</p> <p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May Newsletter deadline for Board is April 29, 2023. ACTION: All to note 2. Work to update RHGC website is ongoing. Info item. 3. Working on Golf Hub as an alternative to sign up for RHGC events. <p>Prior action items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish Cart Policy to the Membership. Waiting for Community Services to provide information – OPEN
<p>Membership</p> <p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil <p>Prior action items</p>
<p>Social</p> <p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil <p>Prior action items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JM and DB to book 48 tees at Bahrain Golf Club (RHGC Annual Ball). CLOSED
<p>5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BW requested the Tournament Committee decide as to whether Golf Genius is turned on or off after hole 15. This should be consistent for 2023 tournaments. ACTION: NH to action and update Board. 2. HP made an enquiry if there was a RHGC Stamp for external letters. There is not a stamp for the RHGC.
<p>6. Meeting Concluded: Motion by JP to close the meeting at 5: 51 PM, seconded by DL and passed with unanimous vote</p>