

**RHGC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - RHGC Clubhouse
October 9, 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)	Apologies
Stephen Vezendy	Handicap Director (SV)	Yes
Jake Rosenthal	Junior Golf Director (JR)	Yes
Angela Farley	Ladies Golf Director (AF)	Yes
Michelle D'Antoni	Media Director (MD)	Yes
John Sinesi	Co-Membership Director (JS)	Yes
Dianne Le	Co-Membership Director (DL)	Apologies
Jeff Meisner	Social Director (JM)	Yes
Christoffel Steenkamp	Co-Tournament Director (CS)	Yes
Nabeel Haq	Co-Tournament Director (NH)	Yes

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair (Club Secretary) 4.45PM

2. GUESTS - NIL

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Motion by KC to approve September 2023 Minutes was seconded by JM, and passed with a 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 informed the board that due to an Oct/Nov repatriation vacation, this is his last Board meeting. BW wanted to thank all the Board, RHGC staff and volunteers for their help and support. DB will cover his absence.
2. Girl Scouts - RHGC has been contacted by the Girl Scouts to do a fund raiser (washing carts). **ACTION:** DB to liaise with Girl Scout Leader to establish an event date.
3. 2023 Election - The election committee has started planning the 2023 election, and announcements will be circulated later this week to solicit nominations
4. 2023 SDG Expo – Date set for November 17th 3:00- 9:00pm at Kings Road, DH. MD has volunteered to represent RHGC.
5. Golf Ball – Turkish Airlines agreed to support; there is a requirement to promote the Ball. **ACTION:** Media Director and all Directors to promote the event.
6. The SA Community Championships have been announced as February 23rd & 24th (long weekend). RHGC was selected for the event by Community Services (CS).
 - The Friday will be Men’s, Women’s, and Junior’s final.
 - Low gross
 - Top four (4) men, four Ladies and four Junior from RHGC to qualify;
 - The Saturday will be a Mixed Team event (Shamble);
 - Mixed Team of four (4) - to include a minimum of one woman and one man per team;
 - Top four (4) teams qualify from RHGC;
 - Net (75% handicap) – Stroke play;

- Best 2 balls per hole;
- RHGC are required to establish a qualifying tournament for team event. There was a discussion in regard to the potential dates of the qualifier, with support for Friday Jan 26, 2024.

ACTION: Tournament Director to place the Team Qualifier in RHGC Calendar, and run within GHIN.

ACTION: Tournament Director to note - Men and Ladies qualifier is the best four low gross scores in January MM.

ACTION: JR to establish criteria/event for Junior qualification to Community Championship and provide details for newsletter/Board info.

ACTION: MD, working with each relevant Director, to place information and qualifying events within RHGC Newsletter.

Prior Actions

1. Community Services (CS) outstanding Issues -Update – All matters related to RHGC and CS were presented to the Supervisor of the Self-Directed groups on June 14th at a meeting for the ADT. BW will update when information received.

Vice President

New Business

1. Nil

Prior Action Items

1. Oilman Tournament – Work is ongoing; all places have been taken. The estimates at this stage indicate a healthy profit for RHGC.
2. Tuesday Night League – commenced.
3. Matchplay (2023) – All competitors have been made aware of deadlines.

Treasurer

New Business

1. All Directors to submit outstanding invoices or expenses to HP, as the final year end accounts are being prepared for AGM. **ACTION:** All to note

Prior action items

1. Nil

Secretary

New Business

1. Nil.

Prior action items

1. The 2023 Draft of RHGC Constitution and Bye Laws was submitted to Recreation Services Policy Group for concurrence in April 18, 2023. KC has followed up with policy group-work several times in email and telephone calls. No feedback from Rec Services – **OPEN**

Grounds & Rules

New Business

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Fairways (new/repared sections). The temporary local rule to help protect these areas remains in place until further notice; there may be amendments for tournaments to be communicated.
2. RHGC has sufficient scorecards for 2023. Required updates, such as local rules, hole indexes or design is on hold until the Saudi Golf Project paper (see President section (j) Sept 2023 Minutes)-**ON HOLD**
3. Range Ball Process - proposals to Board- **ON HOLD**

Facilities

New Business

1. Nil

Prior Actions

1. Email from CS re list of outstanding issues for facility:

- Shades in Pro Shop – CS waiting for material;
 - Dead Bolt in pro shop exterior door– CS waiting for cost estimate
 - Door Handle (sliding door) – The replacement handle is installed. Close item;
 - Broken tiles on steps leading to starter office: Cost estimate received and job will be expedited – Ongoing;
 - Furniture in Members Lounge – CS is discussing proposals- Ongoing;
 - Lighting and fans on rear patio - Ongoing.
2. CS Cart Inspection Sticker process – Recreation to inform RHGC date of implementation and process- 2023/2024 stickers are on order. CS will announce date for inspections once stickers are received. **Closed**
 3. CS Cart Operators Card – Jake Bury states the cards have been prepared and will be given to Starter Hut for Members. Memo will go to members once delivery has been confirmed. BW reminded the Board this is a CS responsibility, and not a RHGC initiative. Info item. **Closed**

Tournaments

New Business

1. RHGC Calendar – Q4 (2023) and draft 2024 calendar was circulated prior to this Board meeting. Opportunity to discuss the draft, which is subject to change was taken. All to note a communication to SAGA was sent to request the 2024 events; no response as yet. NH raised a motion that the draft Q4 (2023) and 2024 calendar be approved by the Board. The motion was seconded by JM, followed by a unanimous vote to approve.

Prior action items

1. Nil

Handicap

New Business

1. The October Handicap Report has been circulated and SV is available for questions or queries. SV gave update that only responsibility open for 2023 is to run final Most Improved Player reports for TC review in mid-November. As approved in 2022, this award was expanded from one to three – one for Men, Ladies and Junior. A preliminary report was run and sent to CS for TC review right after the meeting.

Prior action items

1. Stroke Index Allocation (SIA) project. **ON HOLD**. Same status as last meeting. The team met to review hole indexes, but due to potential planned course changes for ADT, etc. in 2023 and potential course rating in 2024 (see Grounds & Rules above), this action is on hold.
2. RHGC GHIN/WHS contract with TGA expires at the end of 2023, and deadline is November 2023 to inform TGA of renewal decision. **OPEN** SV met with Executive Board after this meeting and Exec Board made motion and approved to renew this contract.

Junior Golf

New Business

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Nil

Ladies' Golf

New Business

1. Ladies MM – AF reported there is great interest and support for the evening events. However, there is little interest in the Ladies MM, and has therefore decided, from November 2023, the ladies will compete in the same event as the Men.
ACTION: CS, NH and Tournament Committee to note for future MM.
2. AF reported she will be stepping down as Director at the end of this year and there is a need to consider a replacement. BW stated an email will be sent to the membership for all Director positions for 2024.

Prior action items

1. Nil

<p>Media</p> <p>New Business</p> <p>1. All articles for newsletter by Oct 26 to MD. ACTION – All to note.</p> <p>Prior action items</p> <p>1. Publish Community Cart Policy to the membership when Recreation Services conclude project.</p> <p>OPEN</p>
<p>Membership</p> <p>New Business</p> <p>1. Nil.</p> <p>2. Prior action items</p> <p>1. Nil</p>
<p>Social</p> <p>New Business</p> <p>1. Items for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM is not available for Oct Night Golf. CS and NH will run this event. • Golf Ball – Tickets on sale; the band are not available to play and so a DJ has been hired. <p>2. The Amazon account on the RHGC Firestick belongs to JM. As JM leaves in 2024, the account must be taken over by CS/NH. ACTION: CS/NH to liaise with JM and establish account.</p> <p>3. The RHGC Clubhouse and Pro Shop Internet accounts (currently under JM & JPS) need to be in the name of a Saudi Member (KSA law on number of expat SIM cards). Fahad Al Mulaik has kindly volunteered. There was a discussion as to why the Guest WIFI was not a practical solution to this issue. ACTION: DB to follow up.</p> <p>Prior action items</p> <p>1. Nil</p>
<p>5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>1. NH stated the birds for the 2023 Turkey Shoot are being ordered. – Info only</p> <p>2. NH asked for all winners of events (Matchplay/Junior/Most Improved Player etc etc) to be provided for an award ceremony at the AGM. ACTION: DB, JR and SV to note.</p>
<p>6. Meeting Concluded -Motion to close the meeting by KC at 5:25 PM, seconded by JP and passed with unanimous vote. Next meeting scheduled for Nov 12, 2023</p>