

RHGC BOARD MEETING
Minutes
January 17, Saturday – 4:45 PM

PRESENT:

Dave Minchau	President
Bill Ghant	Vice President
Alejandro Ramirez	Treasurer
Mel Rivera	Tournaments
Steve Vezendy	Handicaps
Jeff Meisner	Club House
Lee Kirk	Pro Shop
Gary Lorentz	Grounds and Rules
Bev Ingram	Women's Group Representative
Sunil Kokal	Secretary
Not Present (regrets)	
Tamara Tahir	Social
Clinton McGrath	Youth Golf

TOPIC	ACTIONS NOTED
<p>Meeting called to order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President welcomed everyone to the meeting. • Mel motioned that the December meeting minutes be approved. It was seconded by Alejandro and passed unanimously. 	<p>Info only.</p>
<p>President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President welcomed the new non-elected Board members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lee Kirk, Pro Shop ○ Jeff Meisner, Clubhouse ○ Gary Lorentz, G&R ○ Clinton McGrath, Youth ○ Tamara Tahir, Social ○ Bev Ingram, Ladies Rep • The Membership Director selection is pending the extension status from Mike Henry. • The President will share the list of volunteers as possible committee members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share list of volunteers to board members

<p>Report of the Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bank account issue has been temporarily resolved and an account created under Sunil Kokal's name. Recreation is still working on resolving the issue permanently. • The Club finances are healthy at the beginning of the year. 	<p>Info only</p>
<p>Pro Shop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sales figures for 2015 were slightly up from 2014. 	<p>Info only</p>
<p>Club House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff is working on acquiring a PA system for the Club. Will provide details and cost in the next meeting. • A commercial waffle maker is being purchased for the Club. • Lockers – Jeff will look into converting a few lockers for club storage for the benefit of off-camp RHGC members/residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA System
<p>Memberships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for a permanent Membership Director. • Mike is currently still maintaining and helping with the membership list. 	<p>Info only</p>
<p>Tournaments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Player of the Year - announced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gross POY Women – Rosie Daud, Net POY Women – Tamara Tahir, Gross POY Men – Rod Krynyk, Net POY Men – Dwi Waspada and Gunawan Romli ○ Ordered another trophy for Dwi Waspada ○ Most improved Jake McGrath ○ Will change the Player of the Year award to draw calculation from Dec previous year to Nov current year and make the announcement during our Golf Ball. Will also include RHGC Club Championship as part of the calculation. • CEO Cup Feb 12/13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bill Ghant is the CEO Cup Chairperson ○ Invitation already sent out to SAGA Clubs 12/14/2015. Reminder sent out today ○ Trophies are in the Kingdom. 2 for overall and 5 trophies for each flight (Ladies, A, B, C and D) ○ Shirts are in. NO hats. • Oilman's Tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tim Billa is the Chairperson ○ Chairman Committees are being formed ○ There was considerable discussion on a proposal made by Tim Billa on combining the Oilmans with ABA. The Board was not in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check if the winning teams need to be disqualified based on membership status at the time of the tournament.

<p>favor of this and voted against it. There was also discussion on the 2-player limit on each team by the sponsors. This will be discussed further with Tim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RHGC Opening Day Scramble – January 16, 2016. Done and vouchers will be communicated later. ○ January 30 – Bi-Monthly Medal. Please register. ○ Feb 19/20 Dirab – Oasis Cup. Minhaj is the chairperson and communicating with Recreation. We need to secure an Aramco Bus and escorts. ○ Feb 27 – Bi-Monthly Stableford. • For the January scramble there was a discussion on the disqualification of winners based on some not being active RHGC members. The Board decided (majority vote) that the winning teams should be disqualified if a member(s) had not paid their 2016 membership dues. 	
<p>Handicaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve has taken over from Kurt Jansen as HC Director. • A point was raised about digital coordination between HC and Tournament software. Kurt brought it to Mel’s attention in December that a new internet program (Tournament Pairing Program) is available for use that interfaces with GHIN. GHIN was moved from a local pc-based to an internet based program, and since we are still using local pc-based Tournament software, there is a lot of manual entry performed. Mel mentioned it is important that he test the system first to make sure tournaments can be run smoothly, including printing scorecards. A point was also made about digital coordination between Membership list/directory with the HC software and Tournament registration. Steve will explore the use any appropriate software. • Gary brought the issue of new USGA rules effective January 1, 2016, including some that impact the Handicap program. For example, for score recording, a golfer playing by oneself (without a partner) cannot record his/her scores. This rule will be communicated with the general membership. • Steve has requested a list of dropped members from Membership Director, so these golfers can be made inactive in GHIN prior to the annual billing for GHIN services on Feb 28, 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software that works across membership/HC/tournaments. • Communicate new USGA rules regarding individual score recording with membership. • Inactivate dropped members from GHIN

<p>Grounds and Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A course rater from Dubai will be coming soon to rate the golf course. Logistics being worked out. • There are several leaking sprinkler heads around the course. This has been communicated to Bruce from Gardening. • Another issue communicated with Bruce is to cut down the wild grass near the bushes across the entire golf course. • A note should be posted near the starter regarding proper golf attire. This should also be marshalled. It was agreed to send an e-mail to membership on this issue. • Gary shared a proposal for the shade near the pipeline/driving range. He is communicating this with Bruce. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note on attire near starter. Also e-mail to membership.
<p>Youth Golf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinton provided an update via e-mail: • 8 junior tournaments planned for 2016 with a Junior Club Championship scheduled for either November or December. With the help of Stuart try to put together some special junior classes/clinics that will culminate with the participants playing in a tournament. Last year, there were 22 junior rounds played over 3 tournaments between October and December. • One new policy for juniors was initiated last year. Non-member juniors were allowed to participate in tournaments if they were taking lessons from and were cleared by Stuart. This will be continued during 2016 and Stuart has given a list with several new non-member juniors that can play. There are about 10 total on this list. • In 2015, the juniors green fees was covered with our juniors budget – whether the junior was a club member or not. The plan for 2016 is to continue covering the greens fees for junior club members, but the non-members will have to pay for their own greens fees which is 75 SAR. Additional tournament expenses include lunch for all participants, golf balls, tees, carts for marshals and medals/trophies for flight winners. 	<p>Info only</p>
<p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report as Tamara was absent. She informed that the catering for the CEO cup is ongoing. 	<p>Info only</p>

<p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to create a Media Director position. The scope of duties and responsibilities for the Media Director will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicate regularly with membership ○ Write a monthly newsletter ○ Provide material and communicate with Recreation newsletter ○ Articles for the Arabian Sun. 	<p>Info only.</p>
<p>Ladies Golf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	<p>Info only.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel suggested that the Board members should make an effort to implement suggestions from the year-end survey, at least those that are implementable in their respective areas. • Gary suggested that the plaques and trophies in the Club House should be updated. It was agreed that Mel will provide the names and Jeff will get them engraved. • Gary suggested that the Player of the Year award should be made at the Golf Ball. It was agreed that the scoring for the POY will be based on statistics till the November of that year. Mel will coordinate accordingly. • The USGA membership needs to be renewed. Sunil will renew. • The 2016 Board needs to be updated on the website (Dave) and with Recreation (Sunil). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effort to implement suggestions by the RHGC survey – all. • Plaques and trophies to be updated – Mel and Jeff. • USGA membership renewal – Sunil • 2016 Board update – website by Dave and Recreation by Sunil