

**RHGC BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**October 9, 2016 Sunday – 4:45 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Dave Minchau	President
Alejandro Ramirez	Treasurer
Mel Rivera	Tournaments
Steve Vezendy	Handicaps
Lee Kirk	Pro Shop
Tamara Tahir	Social
Bill Ghant	Vice President
Jeff Meisner	Club House
Mike Henry	Membership
Gary Lorentz	Grounds and Rules
Bruce Waldner	Media/Communication
Sunil Kokal	Secretary
Regrets	
Clinton McGrath	Youth Golf
Bev Ingram	Women’s Group Representative

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ACTIONS NOTED</b>
<b>Meeting called to order 4:50 pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve motioned that the September meeting minutes be approved. It was seconded by Mel and passed unanimously.</li> </ul>	Info only.
<b>President (Dave)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An election committee has been set up with Blair Stuewe and Tahir Bukhari. An announcement for the vacant posts was sent to the membership.</li> <li>The AGM is on December 11.</li> </ul>	Info only.
<b>Report of the Treasurer (Alejandro)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash balance is approx. 304K SAR</li> <li>Still no details or timing for a SDG financial/banking solution.</li> <li>Alejandro to provide a draft of the budget next month.</li> </ul>	Info only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alejandro to provide a draft of the budget next month.</li> </ul>
<b>Pro Shop (Lee)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All good.</li> <li>Goods for Club Championship ok. SAIT underway.</li> </ul>	Info only

<p><b>Club House (Jeff)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everything ok.</li> <li>• Jeff was requested to look into an ice-cream dispenser for the Club House.</li> </ul>	<p>Info only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice-cream dispenser (Jeff)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Memberships (Mike)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active members 382.</li> <li>• Mike Henry may be leaving next year. Looking for a replacement. Identified a candidate.</li> <li>• Cart shed construction still on schedule.</li> </ul>	<p>Info only</p>
<p><b>Tournaments (Mel)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saudi National Day. Done, completed. Proshop credits have been issued. Everyone enjoyed the Arabic food as part of the award ceremony.</li> <li>• Golf Package from Royal Golf Club of Bahrain. Fantastic offer, the course was in great shape and the facility was top notch. There were 20 participants and we all enjoyed the fantastic buffet spread. The Sign-up for Nov 13 is available in the Proshop. We will start advertising this again.</li> <li>• Ryder Cup – USA won! 54.5 v 42.5. Again, all participants had a great time but we have some improvements to make; shirts were just laid on the table and we had some pilferage. We need to consider removing the option of take-out for food. Some players were taking more than one person’s portion home. We had some great pictures taken by the event photographer, we should replace the pictures rotated in our website. We need the plate updated.</li> <li>• Xerox Challenge – 40 teams (81 players) = 28,350 SR. With 6,000 SR budgeted for the winners, we have raised 22,350 SR towards our operational/tournament cost for 2017. It was very well received by Xerox Saudi. So much so, they want to be gold sponsors on our Oilman’s Tournament. Julian Danby helped us a lot in getting this event in the Xerox Corporate Challenge. For 2017, they want us to host this event in the 1st quarter of 2017. This will be more in-line with Xerox Saudi’s calendar in getting their services in front of their customers. All expenses; Food &amp; Beverage, Photographer and labor cost to set-up and teardown have been sent to Xerox Saudi representatives.</li> <li>• October Bi-Monthly Medal Stableford format. Please register. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and we are again partnering with JHAH. We will received pins for all players and pull up for display at registration. As for the money collected in 2015, we will consolidate both 2015 &amp; 2016 and give it to ZAHRA Breast Cancer Association. This is an approved Not-for-profit organization in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and a local organization is available in Al Hassa to take our donation – similar to previous year. Hanadi Falih - SUPVR SAMSO AFFAIRS SVCS, also</li> </ul>	<p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mel advertise Nov 13 Royal Golf Club of BAH Offer</li> <li>• Dave to update the pictures in the RHGC website. Replace with latest Ryder Cup pictures.</li> <li>• Jeff to update the plate for Ryder Cup</li> <li>• Mel to contact Zahra for the donation</li> <li>• Steve and Mel will review the number of players per flight and decide what is equitable number of winners for the Club Championship</li> <li>• Dave Minchau and Mel will look at the course format for turkey shoot.</li> <li>• Mel to create a sign-up for Dec 9 Royal Golf Club of BAH outing</li> <li>• Mel to announce Dec MM as RHGC Maintenance Crew appreciation day</li> </ul>

<p>cautions us on taking any donations that would then be given to outside KSA. But if it is going to be given to a local approved not-for-profit, it should be okay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club Championship changes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Handicap breakdown is the same as started for the year</li> <li>○ All Championship Flight gets to play Day2</li> <li>○ Championship Tees from the Blue</li> <li>○ Prizes are the same exempt that we do not have a 4th place Low Gross for the Championship Flight. Steve and Mel will review the number of players per flight and decide what is equitable number of winners.</li> <li>○ Ladies Flight will possibly be low so we are leaving the Day 2 participation open for now.</li> <li>○ Players can still opt to play Championship Flight but not down a flight.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• POY – Oct and Club Championship will be added into the total points. Trophies are already in my possession.</li> <li>• Oct 27 – Night Golf. Sign-up thru ForeTees is now open.</li> <li>• SAIT Nov 4-5. Currently 28 registered players. Volunteers are being requested. Les has assembled a list. Paul Titley - SAIT Chairman is back. Members should be invited.</li> <li>• Turkey Shoot. Safwa has been given a go-ahead to order the same number of Turkeys as last year. Dave Minchau and Mel will look at the course format.</li> <li>• Royal Golf Club of Bahrain – Dec 9th is back in the agenda. Mel will create a sign-up.</li> <li>• Dec 17 – Bi-Monthly Stableford. We are thinking of making this RHGC Maintenance Crew Appreciation day.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Handicaps (Steve)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report.</li> </ul>	<p>Info only</p>
<p><b>Grounds and Rules (Gary)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The contractor for the course has been changed. Saudi Oger is no longer the contractor.</li> <li>• There are currently 61 burnt lights on the course. They are working on replacing the blubs that are ordered from the US.</li> <li>• Gary will provide a final report (pending) from the Course Rater.</li> </ul>	<p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide final report from the Course Rater visit.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Youth Golf (Clinton)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First junior tournament of the season was on October 8th after the Xerox challenge. There were 13 total juniors (10 boys and 3 girls), which is 8 juniors more than we had last October. Overall, the tournament went well despite the limited time frame. About half of the kids were playing in their first RHGC junior event, including a girl that finished second overall in the competitive division.</li> </ul>	<p>Info only</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next tournament is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th. That is a long Aramco weekend, so turnout might be small. Clinton invited the Udhailiyah juniors to come and play. They are interested and figuring out how many will come and play.</li> <li>• Junior club championship is scheduled for early December.</li> <li>• Junior budget has about 4600 SAR left (out of 14,000 SAR) for the final two tournaments of 2016. That should be enough, but not much will be left over after buying trophies and prizes for the Junior Club Championship in December. We are spending about 119 SAR per junior tournament round played, which covers greens fees for some, food, prizes, medals, trophies for championship tournaments, etc.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Social (Tamara)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golf Ball tickets have sold well. Currently about 134 tickets have been sold. Target is probably 150+</li> <li>• Another e-mail blast to membership in November.</li> </ul>	<p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-mail blast to membership for the Golf Ball in November.</li> <li>• Mel to organize the Riffa golf fun on December 9</li> </ul>
<p><b>Media (Bruce)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report.</li> </ul>	<p>Info only</p>
<p><b>Ladies Golf (Bev)</b> No updates as Bev not present</p>	<p>Info only</p>
<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A survey will be conducted to obtain feedback from the membership. Dave to run the survey and Sunil to evaluate/analyze the results.</li> <li>• Website hosting. Need to look into changing the website server and go to a cheaper place.</li> </ul>	<p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct feedback survey (Dave/Sunil)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned 5:50 pm</b></p>	<p>Info only</p>