



RHGC BOARD MEETING
Minutes
November 6, 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
Clinton McGrath	Youth Golf
Sunil Kokal	Secretary
Regrets	
Bev Ingram	Women’s Group Representative

TOPIC	ACTIONS NOTED
<p>Meeting called to order 4:50 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill motioned that the October meeting minutes be approved. It was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously. 	<p>Info only.</p>
<p>President (Dave)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Election Committee communicated that there were nominations for all the positions – multiple candidates for two positions. An announcement was sent to members with the candidate info, and a link will be provided for voting mid-November. A member requested that the Board discuss options for two benches that were set up in memory of Robin Fischer and Pam. Both benches have disintegrated in the heat. No decision was reached on a solution. The AGM is on December 11. An e-mail will be sent to members with the draft budget. 	<p>Info only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election/voting mid-November. Announcement of AGM to members.

<p>Report of the Treasurer (Alejandro)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash balance is approx. 350K SAR. 87K still pending/owed for the CEO Cup. • Still no details or timing for a SDG financial/banking solution. • Draft 2017 proposed operating budget was provided, discussed, and is attached. 	<p>Info only</p>  <p>RHGC 2017 Budget.pdf</p>
<p>Pro Shop (Lee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The point-of-sales system at the Pro-Shop has not been working properly. Lee motioned to purchase a new point-of-sales system for 14K SAR+270 SAR/month maintenance. Steve and Alejandro seconded the motion. Jeff tabled Lee’s motion to defer the purchase and investigate local options first. Gary seconded and all were in favor. 	<p>Info only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff to provide local point-of-sale system options before November 30.
<p>Club House (Jeff)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the sliding doors in the Club House was broken – he is investigating options with Recreation. • The Club House has a new formal Building # - 2005B. • Jeff was requested to look into a new scoop for ice and an ice-cream dispenser for the Club House. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New scoop for ice and an ice-cream dispenser (Jeff)
<p>Memberships (Mike)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active members 383. • Membership drive is on December 2-3 at the Club House. • The Board discussed the definition and eligibility criteria for a RHGC member. There was a little bit of ambiguity in the definition/eligibility. Mike was requested to discuss with Recreation and provide a clarity on the definition and eligibility of a formal member, and whether or not JHAH employees and Saudi retirees can be formal members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike to work with Recreation and provide a formal definition and eligibility for who can be a RHGC member.
<p>Tournaments (Mel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October Bi-Monthly Medal Stableford format. We had 117 participants. All Proshop credits have been issued. More importantly, we raised 4,634SR for donation to Zahra Breast Cancer Association. With last year’s donation of 4,916, this will bring our total donation to 10,550SR. We also have over 8,000SR that was raised by the Wednesday night league. All of which will be donated to Zahra. Currently arranging for Zahra to come into the Dhahran for a formal presentation of the money. Plan to have Troy create a mock-up check for us. • Club Championship - done, completed. 128 players on Day-1 and 78 on Day-2. An issue came up regarding the eventual winner 	<p>Action items:</p>  <p>2017 RHGC Calendar DRAFT V1.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with Zahra Breast cancer Association • Mel and Dave will update the Par3 set-up for the Turkey shoot

<p>being a non-Aramcon. Questions regarding eligibility came up. We need to resolve this issue in 2017. The only eligibility that we have in the conditions of play is that the participant be a RHGC Member and in good standing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POY – Oct and Club Championship was added into the total points. Standings have posted and updated twice based on Club Championship results. • Oct 27 – Night Golf. Fantastic turn-out. Everyone had a great time having the novelty to play those glow-in-the-dark golf balls. Great costumes and people are really gearing up for the event. Great husband and wife social gathering. Thank you Bruce for adding this into our Monthly Newsletter. • SAIT Nov 4-5. 67 players in total. Volunteers did a great job. Both Les and Sue did a great job organizing the volunteers. Only one issue that was addressed on Thursday registration. Bahraini team insisted on adding 3 more players. We got the VMS request approved just on time – Thursday early morning. Great participation from our RHGC members. I did not hear anything about gifts or shirts, all was happy to just have volunteer and enjoyed the food that was served. The burgers were great, the buffet lunch was great. Happy to see a new winner from Dirab Golf and Country Club – Faisal Salhab. • Turkey Shoot. Safwa was given a go to order the same number of Turkeys as last year. Dave Minchau and Mel will look at the course format. • November Bi-Monthly Medal – Stroke play November 26. Last tournament to determine POY. Steve –we need you to determine the most improved Player for 2016. Winners will be announced in the Golf Ball. • Royal Golf Club of Bahrain – December 9th. A sign-up will be delivered on Monday to the Proshop so form your 4some and sign-up. • Dec 17 – Bi-Monthly Stableford. We are making this RHGC Maintenance Crew Appreciation day. • The 2017 tentative tournament calendar was discussed. A draft of the proposal is attached. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve to determine Most Improved Player for 2016 • Mel to create a signup sheet for Dec 9th Royal Golf Club of Bahrain outing.
<p>Handicaps (Steve)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual Handicap Index Adjustments - Handicap Committee finalized guidelines for this process. See November 2016 Newsletter for more details. • Quarterly Score Recording Analysis – completed for June-Aug per Handicap Policy. As reported earlier, Handicap Director manually compiled and emailed details to each member about their potential penalty scores for missing scores and solicited feedback. Received positive feedback on process, however a number of members did not respond to the 3 email follow-ups, so penalty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize the proposed hole by hole indexes.

<p>scores were entered. Handicap Committee is continuing to find ways to improve this score recording analysis process, given the current systems used for booking tee times and entering scores, and the current policy to enter penalty scores only if 75% of scores entered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hole-by-hole indexes – The Handicap Committee, which include four temporary members for this process only, met recently to review proposed hole by hole indexes, using the process recommended by USGA. A follow-up meeting is planned for later in November to finalize the proposed hole by hole indexes 	
<p>Grounds and Rules (Gary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The course rater provided the course ratings for Blue, Whites and Reds. The Yellow rating is still missing and was requested. Gary to provide the final report and ratings that will tentatively go into effect January 1, 2017. Lights update: #9 will be back mid-November. Other light bulbs back-ordered. 	<p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide final report from the Course Rater visit.
<p>Youth Golf (Clinton)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Junior club championship is scheduled for early December. 	Info only
<p>Social (Tamara)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 166 Golf Ball tickets have been sold – well past our initial target of 125 and a breakeven of 131. 	Info only
<p>Media (Bruce)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to report. The November Newsletter was mailed earlier. 	Info only
<p>Ladies Golf (Bev) No updates as Bev not present</p>	Info only
<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A survey will be conducted to obtain feedback from the membership. Dave to run the survey and Sunil to evaluate/analyze the results. 	<p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct feedback survey (Dave/Sunil)
Meeting Adjourned 6:20 pm	Info only