

**RHGC BOARD MEETING Minutes- RHGC Clubhouse  
March 12, 2023 4.45PM**

Name	Position	Attendance
<b>Elected Officers</b>		
Bruce Waldner	President (BW)	YES
David Bedford	Vice President (DB)	YES
Hayden Ponsford	Treasurer (HP)	YES
Kevin Capstick	Secretary (KC)	YES
<b>Appointed Directors</b>		
Jim Platt	Facilities Director (JP)	YES
John-Paul Scallon	Grounds & Rules Director (JPS)	Apologies
Stephen Vezendy	Handicap Director (SV)	Apologies
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)	Apologies
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
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>		
<b>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair (Club Secretary) – Rules for Meeting</b>		
<b>2. GUESTS</b> – Les Hertlein was presented with the 2022 Men’s Club Championship Trophy by NH. Many congratulations from the RHGC Board (Ladies Champion unable to attend this meeting for Trophy)		
<b>3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:</b> Motion to approve FEB 2023 Minutes was seconded by JM and passed in unanimous vote.		
<b>4. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES BY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS/COMMITTEES</b> * Order covered may change; Secretary will decide based on agenda or special requests		
<b>President</b>		
<b>New Business</b>		
1. BW thanked all persons involved in the organization of the 2023 Ryder Cup. Another great event held at RHGC.		
2. BW stated he had received communication from SAGA regarding the 2023 CEO Cup; a date of May 26 & 27 has been agreed. For info: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JM has been approached by SAGA and he has volunteered to run the event in addition to his RHGC Board work;</li> <li>• SAGA asked in the Pro Shop and RHGC staff could be used to collect the cash. The RHGC Exec Board had to decline as the we have not received a dispensation under SA/SDG accounting rules to hold the excess cash;</li> <li>• SAGA was asked to contact the RHGC Exec Members if additional RHGC resources are being requested for the SAGA event e.g. use of Golf Genius and ordering products via the Pro Shop.</li> </ul>		
3. Info Item - BW stated Golf Saudi intended to hire a professional golf instructor on a 6-month contract to come and teach/promote golf to women and children of Saudi Aramco. More information to follow but a date of September was put forward by Golf Saudi as a start date. This matter is not under the control of the RHGC Board.		
<b>Prior Actions</b>		
1. Nil		

<p><b>Vice President</b>  <b>New Business</b>  1. Nil  <b>Prior Action Items</b>  1. Nil</p>
<p><b>Treasurer</b>  <b>New Business</b>  1. Budget Line Item – Service Award. HP has reviewed of the line items in the budget, and it would be useful to add the “RHGC Service Awards”. The process is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget set at SAR 10,000 for gifts provided as gratitude for members, and others for support, work and volunteering;</li> <li>• Board to inform Treasurer of the names and reason are to be considered;</li> <li>• The award is discretionary and will be decided by a majority vote of the elected Board.</li> </ul> 2. 2023 Christmas Ball. HP stated that a quote of SAR 60,000 had been received from the Crowne Plaza. A discussion took place in regard to other venues, however, BW, AF and JM stated that the quote was much less than pre 2020 questions from The Gulf Hotel, as an example, which was in the region of 30% greater than Crown Plaza. JM raised a motion that the Crown Plaza quote be accepted and signed off, seconded by AF and passed with majority vote.</p> <p><b>Prior action items</b>  1. Ongoing work to finalize 2022 accounts- Accountant has signed off- <b>CLOSED</b>  2. Ongoing work to move all payables to MPS- <b>ONGOING</b></p>
<p><b>Secretary</b>  <b>New Business</b>  1. Nil  <b>Prior action items</b>  1. Amend 2023 draft of Constitution &amp; Bye Laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Draft circulated to Board Feb 1, 2023. Email to Board and associated papers provides detailed update on documents. Feedback has been received from the Board and draft updated(V3);</li> <li>• Recreation were sent email in January 2023 requesting clarity on the Rec Manual, as there are three conflicting descriptions of which persons are eligible for Membership. KC awaits clarification from Rec Policy Group - <b>OPEN</b></li> </ul> </p>
<p><b>Grounds &amp; Rules</b>  <b>New Business</b>  <b>1. Grounds update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Renovations will take place at the end of March (Back 9: 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March) beginning of April (Front 9: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April). ForeTees has been updated, however, communication needs to go out to the members at the end of this week with a reminder the following week.</li> <li>• There has been a slight change to the OB markings to the right of Hole 13, these are now defined by white OB stakes not the tree trunks. The local rule has been updated but a communication will go out to members and be included in April newsletter.</li> <li>• The process of ordering a complete replacement of Range Balls has begun with CS &amp; Recreation. We are pushing for this to happen asap.</li> <li>• Four (4) “No Carts this way”, after the failure of CS/Recreation in providing the same have been purchased and received. These will be placed at various locations throughout the course during this week.</li> <li>• The new series of meetings with CS management to tackle the list of items that RHGC want to get addressed at the club are in the process of being schedule with a hope</li> </ul> </p>

<p>they will commence this week. These will be attended by both myself and Bruce the majority of the outstanding items are Grounds related.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ongoing golf etiquette education that has been taken place in the Newsletter on a monthly basis will continue. We have already decided upon for April, but if you have any suggestions please provide as we need material for every month of the year. <b>ACTION:</b> All RHGC Board Members to consider a them and comminute to JPS.</li> <li>• The local rule of “Placing in closely mown areas” is now under review and will be removed accordingly when the time is right.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prior action items</b></p> <p>1. Nil</p>
<p><b>Facilities</b></p> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>1. Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member lounge furniture – waiting for order</li> <li>• Sliding door exterior handles – awaiting response from Community Services- Reported as a safety issue</li> <li>• Replace broken chairs in main clubhouse - Closed</li> <li>• Lower cart shed lights - Closed</li> <li>• Replace broken shades in pro shop - Open</li> <li>• Repair leak in starter shack and repair water damaged sheet rock - Closed</li> </ul> <p><b>Prior Actions</b></p> <p>1. CS Cart Inspection Sticker and process – CS state this will take place in June/July <b>OPEN</b></p>
<p><b>Tournaments</b></p> <p>1. NIL</p> <p><b>Prior action items</b></p>
<p><b>Handicap</b></p> <p>1. None, OOK leave. Will provide update with Handicap Report – April 2023</p> <p><b>Prior action items</b></p> <p>1. Year-end reconciliation of GHIN to GG master roster prior to annual GHIN billing 3/1. <b>CLOSED</b></p> <p>2. Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Update. Info Item.</p> <p>3. WHS GHIN Transition Project. Info Item.</p>
<p><b>Junior Golf</b></p> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>1. Junior events continue to use designated areas on course as Tee Boxes. Positive feedback on the continuation of the 2022 initiative.</p> <p><b>Prior action items</b></p> <p>1. Jnr Tee Boxes. JR to liaise with JPS, with a view to add this item to the agenda for Community Services (CS) Regular Meeting. <b>CLOSED</b></p>
<p><b>Ladies’ Golf</b></p> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>1. Info Item – Full schedule of events is published but a break during Ramadan.</p> <p><b>Prior action items</b></p> <p>1. Nil</p>
<p><b>Media</b></p> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>1. April Newsletter deadline for Board is March 29, 2023.</p> <p>2. Work to update RHGC website is ongoing. Info item.</p> <p><b>Prior action items</b></p> <p>1. Publish Cart Policy to the Membership. Waiting for Community Services to provide information - <b>OPEN</b></p>

**Membership**

**New Business**

1. Nil

**Prior action items**

1. Nil

**Social**

**New Business**

1. Info item – 2023 Christmas Ball. JM is exploring the costs of entertainment for the 2023 function

2. JM requested assistance in booking 48 Tees for the December 8, 2023 Golf Ball Tournament at Bahrain Golf Course. DB stated he had a contact and would assist in this matter. **ACTION:** JM and DB to organize the booking of BH Golf Course for event.

**Prior action items**

1. Nil

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Nil

**6. Meeting Concluded:** Motion by KC to close the meeting at 5:18PM, seconded by JP and passed with unanimous vote