## RHGC BOARD MEETING Minutes- RHGC Clubhouse June 11, 2023 4.45PM

| Name | Position | Attendance |  |
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| Elected Officers |  |  |  |
| Bruce Waldner | President (BW) | YES |  |
| David Bedford | Vice President (DB) | YES |  |
| Hayden Ponsford | Treasurer (HP) | YES |  |
| Kevin Capstick | Secretary (KC) |  |  |
| Appointed Directors |  | YES |  |
| Jim Platt | Facilities Director (JP) | YES |  |
| John-Paul Scallon | Grounds \& Rules Director (JPS) | YES |  |
| Stephen Vezendy | Handicap Director (SV) | YES |  |
| Jake Rosenthal | Junior Golf Director (JR) | Apologies |  |
| 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) | YES |  |
| Jeff Meisner | Social Director (JM) | YES |  |
| Christoffel Steenkamp | Co-Tournament Director (CS) | YES |  |
| Nabeel Haq | Co-Tournament Director (NH) |  |  |
| AGENDA ITEMS |  |  |  |
| 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair (Club Secretary) - Rules for Meeting |  |  |  |
| 2. GUESTS -Nil |  |  |  |
| 3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Motion by JM to approve May 2023 |  |  |  | Minutes was seconded by JP and passed in 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. Six-month review by BW. Half way through the 2023 season and BW wanted to extend his thanks to all Board Members and Volunteers who have worked to deliver so many tournaments and projects around RHGC. All the efforts are greatly appreciated.
2. Community Services. BW stated there are a number of matters pending, and awaiting a response from Recreation Services. BW intends to hold a meeting with Rec Services, and discuss a way forward on each item. ACTION: BW to email the Board and request details of outstanding matters.
3.BW reminded the Board that whilst safety the priority for the company, and RHGC, we have no authority to remove non-golfers from the course. All the Board and Members can do is advise pedestrians on the course, and ask them to leave at the safest exit point. If in doubt report the matter to the Marshall.

## Prior Actions

1. Nil

## Vice President <br> New Business

1. Oilman Tournament update: DB stated it was advisable to move the date of the tournament to November 17 as the IADC Conference is in Khabar that week. See Social Director Section.
Prior Action Items
2. Nil

Treasurer
New Business

1. Pro Shop. Replacement for AF has been identified, and will commence September.

Prior action items

1. Nil

Secretary
New Business

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. 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 is ongoing with Rec Services- OPEN

## Grounds \& Rules

New Business

1. Grounds update:

- G\&R Committee have agreed to change local rule re Out of Bounds to right of fairway on \#12. JPS will work with MD to send out email. ACTION: JPS Circulate email.


## Prior action items

1. Range and replacement balls: JPS to chair a meeting with BW, HP and JP to bring proposals to RHGC Board. Update: RHGC Meeting will propose to Rec Services that a dispensing machine is purchased and maintained by Rec Services. Proposal for charges of 1 SAR (Member) and 2 SAR (Non-Member), which will allow RHGC to purchase new range balls on yearly basis. JPS to provide further update.

## Facilities

## New Business

## 1.

Prior Actions

1. CS Cart Inspection Sticker process - Recreation state this will take place in June or July OPEN
2. Updates:

- Ice machine leak - Fixed


## Tournaments

1. CS stated the Tournament Committee was informed of two incidents at June Medal. BW asked email and info to be sent to RHGC Disciplinary Committee for consideration. ACTION: CS to email Disciplinary Committee
2. Eclectic for July Eid will be created by CS.
3. NH stated vouchers will be provided to all Members at Anniversary Tournament.
4. NH stated Volunteers for Anniversary Tournament in hand.
5. CS stated all players in Anniversary Tournament requested morning tee time. This is not possible, and therefore some Members will be given afternoon tee time.

## Prior action items

1. Nil

## Handicap

1. Handicap Report - June 2023 provided to Board
2. Stroke Index Allocation (SIA) project. SIA is the order of holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received on scorecard and is part of WHS Rules of Handicapping. The last SIA update was done in 2017. In 2023, a small Committee is being formed ( 3 max including SV) and we will pull together a proposal to update the hole-indexes to be used for 2024 season. More information at later meetings.
3. Golf Saudi. Golf Saudi asked for high level golfer stats for RHGC to support some benchmarking they are doing on the number of active players in Saudi Arabia. SV provided this information after getting approval from Recreation. Information was pulled from GHIN, Golf Genius and ForeTees for 2022. INFO ITEM

## Prior action items

1. Tournament agenda item \#2 from last board meeting: 1. SV was not in attendance in last board meeting. SV asked to attend an in-person TC meeting, which was held May 31st 4:45pm at Clubhouse. This topic was discussed, and SV covered the process already done for the CEO Cup worked with tournament administrator for that event. Handicaps and scoring records for all participants were reviewed, and where adjustments warranted, the tournament administrator adjusted player's playing handicap in GG event (as authorized under standard Tournament Conditions of Play clause). Process and results were reviewed and accepted by TC; requested to follow the same process for the next MM (June 10), which was completed. CLOSED
2. WHS/GHIN Transition Project: RHGC GHIN/WHS contract with TGA expires at the end of 2023, and deadline is November 30, 2023 to inform TGA of intent to not renew. OPEN
Junior Golf
New Business
3. Nil

Prior action items

1. Nil

Ladies' Golf
New Business
1.Nil

Prior action items
1.Nil

## Media

## New Business

1. July/August Newsletter deadline for Board of July 15, 2023. ACTION: All to note

Prior action items

1. Publish Cart Policy to the Membership. Waiting for Community Services- OPEN

Membership
New Business

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Nil

## Social

## New Business

1. JM is OOK for most of July. Cover arranged.
2. Social Budget (half year) circulated to Board for information.

Prior action items

1. Nil

## 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Tournament/Event Calendar. JM stated the dates for international events are now known and therefore the RHGC should re-examine the Q4 diary of events.

- JM stated the Aramco Team Series at Riyadh is on Oct 25-29. This does not affect RHGC Halloween Night Golf, arrangements to be put in place by JM.
- The Turkey Shoot moved to Nov11-Agreed
- JM stated LIV Golf is at Jeddah on Nov 3-5. Aramco will not be asked to provide volunteers. Information item.
- DB stated the IADC Conference in Khobar is scheduled for November, and therefore, to create greater opportunities for sponsorship, it was proposed to change The Oilman Tournament to November 17, 2023 - Agreed
- November LL Monthly Medal and Junior Golf events planned for Nov 11 moved to November 18 - Agreed
- The Aramco Invitational is set for Dec 5-9. We can predict the course will be closed from the last week in November. The December Medal event planned for Dec 2 will be moved to Dec 16 - Agreed
- The Aramco Invitational clashes with the planned RHGC Christmas Ball.

ACTION: JM to establish if Crowne Plaza will allow RHGC to change event to Dec1., and detail any costs to RHGC. Provide feedback to Board asap.
ACTION: DB speak to Royal Greens to ascertain if event can change to Dec 1. Provide feedback to Board asap.
ACTION: JM to update the annual calendar as above.
6. Meeting Concluded: Motion to close the meeting by JR at 5: 46 PM, seconded by JPS and passed with unanimous vote. Next meeting scheduled for August 6, 2023

