

**RHGC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - RHGC Clubhouse
September 10, 2023 4.45PM**

Name	Position	Attendance
Elected Officers		
Bruce Waldner	President (BW)	Yes
David Bedford	Vice President (DB)	Yes
Hayden Ponsford	Treasurer (HP)	Yes
Kevin Capstick	Secretary (KC)	Yes
Appointed Directors		
Jim Platt	Facilities Director (JP)	Yes
John-Paul Scallon	Grounds & Rules Director (JPS)	Apologies
Stephen Vezendy	Handicap Director (SV)	Yes
Jake Rosenthal	Junior Golf Director (JR)	Yes
Angela Farley	Ladies Golf Director (AF)	Apologies
Michelle D'Antoni	Media Director (MD)	Yes
John Sinesi	Co-Membership Director (JS)	Yes
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)	Apologies

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair (Club Secretary) 4.45PM

2. GUESTS - NIL

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Motion by KC to approve August 2023 Minutes was seconded by JM, and passed with 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. 2023 Election – BW has asked Michelle D’antoni, Sam Flack, Edward Syafron and Erik Siver, to form the Elections Committee: all agreed to run the election. There is a RHGC constitutional rule for the Board is to approve the selection. KC raised the motion that the Board concur with BW selection and the four named members are selected as the 2023 RHGC Election Committee. Motion seconded by JM and passed with unanimous vote.
2. Community Services Updates - Othman Al Mulla (OAM) has been transferred to Community Services. He will be our liaison with anything to do with the golf course and CS. OAM has been given the list of unresolved items the Board has sent CS; OAM has assured BW that he will make sure that they are completed. Additional issues for info only:
 - a) Green Fees- The Board request to have non-members pay more for green fess is being seriously considered by CS. It will be part of a bigger revamping of fees that will include corporate memberships for non-Aramco employees and Saudi Aramco retirees. Maybe see an increase in fees as a whole.
 - b) Cart fees – CS is considering charging a fee (amount unknown) to all golfers with a cart, regardless of whether they have a cart shed or not. This is due to the cost of building and maintaining cart sheds. The fees collected will go to the construction of new cart sheds.
 - c) Tee Box Closure - 4-5 tee boxes will be closed in the coming days for renovation/rebuild. Golfers will have to hit off mats for approximately 3-4 weeks. Mats may be required for RHGC events e.g. the Club Championships.

- d) The Recreation Manual is being re-written to include the inclusion of retirees and non-employees onto our golf course. No date is known for publication. If Board has recommendations for CS – send email to KC to coordinate. – **ACTION - ALL**
- e) Saudi National Day Weekend Golf - CS confirmed the course will be open on Sunday September 24th as it is a long weekend. The course will be closed on the 25th until 4:00pm (normal Sunday hours).
- f) ADT – The event has been scheduled for November 27th – December 2nd (4-day tournament); 1-day practice with a pro-am, six days; it is unclear what day it will end on (Saturday or Sunday) If ends on Saturday, practice round will be the 26th which is a holiday. Course closures for ADT:
 - Nov 5-9 One of the two nines will be closed in the morning with normal tee times after 3.
 - Nov 10-11 Normal Tee times
 - Nov 12-16 Front 9 tee times only after 3
 - Nov 17 Oilmen course open
 - Nov 18-Dec 2 Course fully closed for ADT prep and event.
- g) The Oilman's, scheduled for November 17th, will be allowed to be played, but other tournaments will have to be cancelled and/or rescheduled. More information to follow.
 - i) Turkey Shoot - Turkey Shoot remains as scheduled -However, we need volunteers to go out on the course after the tournament and repair pitch marks; the Tournament Committee to organize.
- h) Golf Ball had to be changed back to December 8th. MD to send out RHGC communication.
- i) Aramco Women's Golf instruction – Details still being prepared by Golf Saudi; construction looks to be progressing well on the training facility; potential start date - October 15. RHGC requested to supply volunteers.
- j) Golf Saudi was invited to the course in August. A proposal for a major overhaul of the golf course has been submitted to upper management for approval. BW asked for Jnr Tees to be included. Back 9 lighting is on hold until overhaul is approved/rejected.

Prior Actions

1. Community Services (CS) outstanding Issues -Update – All matters related to RHGC and CS were presented to the Supervisor of the Self-Directed groups on June 14th at a meeting for the ADT. BW will update when information received.

Vice President

New Business

1. Nil

Prior Action Items

1. Oilman Tournament – Work is ongoing. Tremendous response and many teams are registered. DB will speak to NH regarding numbers of volunteers required. DB will speak to OAM re the use of the Chili Restaurant building
2. Tuesday Night League – Dates to be re-examined in light of ADT event.
3. Matchplay (2023) – All events are on track for completion within timescales.

Treasurer

New Business

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Nil

Secretary

New Business

1. In light of the change in ADT dates; we need to consider if the AGM has to be changed. This is on hold until RHGC is informed the end date for ADT is the Dec 2nd or Dec 3rd.

Prior action items

1. The 2023 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 several times in email and telephone calls. No feedback from Rec Services – **OPEN**

Grounds & Rules**New Business - Update from JPOS given by KC**

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Fairways (new/ repaired sections). The temporary local rule to help protect these areas remains in place until further notice; there may be amendments for tournaments to be communicated.
2. RHGC has sufficient scorecards for 2023. Required updates, such as local rules, hole indexes or design is on hold until the Saudi Golf Project paper (see President section (j) above)-**ON HOLD**
3. Range Ball Process - proposals to Board- **ON HOLD**

Facilities**New Business**

1. Email from CS re list of outstanding issues for facility:

- Shades in Pro Shop – CS state they have been changed. JP to verify
- Dead Bolt – CS waiting for material
- Door Handle (sliding door) – Vendor cannot supply handle- Jake Bury to follow up
- Broken tiles on steps leading to starter office has been expedited
- Furniture in Members Lounge – CS is discussing proposals
- BW asked JP is lighting and fans on rear patio can be considered for upgrade. JP to add to the list.

Prior Actions

1. CS Cart Inspection Sticker process – Recreation to inform RHGC date of implementation and process **OPEN**

Tournaments**New Business**

1. CS asked for clarification of Rec Manual Page 52 - 4.3.18 “*No practicing (of shots) is allowed on the golf course*”. KC provided background to question, and that CS had provided clarification today via email – the interpretation of REC Manual confirms, the playing of multiple balls is prohibited. Info only.

Prior action items

1. Nil

Handicap**New Business**

1. The September Handicap Report has been circulated and SV is available for questions or queries.

Prior action items

1. Stroke Index Allocation (SIA) project. **On HOLD**. The team met to review hole indexes, but due to potential planned course changes for ADT, etc. in 2023 and potential course rating in 2024 (see Grounds & Rules above), this action is on hold.
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 renewal decision. **OPEN** Same status. Will meet with Exec Board.

Junior Golf**New Business**

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Nil

Ladies' Golf**New Business**

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Nil

Media

New Business

1. All articles for newsletter by September 27. **ACTION - ALL**

Prior action items

1. Publish Community Cart Policy to the membership when Recreation Services conclude project.

OPEN

Membership

New Business

1. 30 members have been added to the Cart Shed list since the last report.

Prior action items

1. Nil

Social

New Business

1. Items for information:

- Hotel and Bahrain Golf Course has agreed to move Ball to December 8 at no additional cost.
- JM to speak to HP re the band for Ball; same cost as DJ.
- The Ball communication and tickets being prepared with assistance of MD.
- Saudi National Day tournament budget agreed with HP.

Prior action items

1. Nil

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

6. Meeting Concluded -Motion to close the meeting by KC at 5: 34 PM, seconded by HP and passed with unanimous vote. Next meeting scheduled for Oct 8, 2023