

**RHGC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - RHGC Clubhouse  
September 8, 2024 at 4.45PM**

Name	Position	Attendance
<b>Elected Officers</b>		
Bruce Waldner	President (BW)	Yes
David Bedford	Vice President (DB)	Apologies
Hayden Ponsford	Treasurer (HP)	Yes
Kevin Capstick	Club Secretary (KC)	Yes
<b>Appointed Directors</b>		
Jake Rosenthal (JR) Acting Director	Facilities Director (JR)	Yes
John-Paul Scallon	Grounds & Rules Director (JPS)	Yes
Jonathan D'Antoni	Handicap Director (JD)	Yes
Alex Hollander	Junior Director (AH)	Yes
Tamara Tahir	Ladies Director (TT)	Yes
Margaret Priwijayanthie (Peggy)	Ladies Director Assistant (MP)	Yes
Kevin Burnette	Media Director (TW)	Yes
John Sinesi	Co-Membership Director (JS)	Yes
Dianne Le	Co-Membership Director (DL)	Yes
Sam Flack	Social Director (SF)	Yes
Christoffel Steenkamp	Co-Tournament Director (CS)	Yes
Edo Syafron	Co-Tournament Director (ES)	Yes

**AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**2. GUESTS** – HP introduced Alyson Myers, RHGC Pro Shop Manager since April 2021. HP informed the Board that AM was leaving, having been successful in joining Saudi Aramco Law Department. HP thanked AM for her dedication and professionalism, and on behalf of the Board wished her every success in the future. A small gift of appreciation was presented. AM thanked the Board and club members and stated he would remain supportive and assist when available.

**3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:** Motion by KC to approve May 5, 2024 Board Minutes and the May 28, 2024 (Special Meeting Minutes); seconded by JPS and passed with a 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**

- 0) BW welcomed Kevin Burnette as the new Media Director of RHGC. Introductions made.
- 1) Monthly Green Fees (November). Due to Pro Tournament (AIT) the course is closed to members for half of November, BW has requested with Community Services Dept (CSD) that any member paying October fees, will obtain November free of charge. CSD to review and update.
- 2) 2024 Election: Vice President and Treasurer positions. BW has asked Tim Billa to lead the Election Committee with Eric Siver, Michelle D'Antoni, and Kevin Burnette. The RHGC Constitution requires approval of committee from the Board, therefore a motion was raised by BW to confirm the aforementioned Members as the Election Committee, seconded by JPS and passed with unanimous vote.
- 3) BW is OOK Sept. 16th though Oct. 10th. DB and KC will cover.

- 4) CSD confirm course is open Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> (4-day long weekend due to the Saudi National Day). RHGC will host the annual Saudi National Day Tournament (23<sup>rd</sup>). The course would be closed on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> until 4:00 pm – a normal Sunday schedule.
- 5) Cybersecurity, when making documents for RHGC, please make them Non-Business use. Do not forward any documents labeled General Company Use to a personal email address.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at a meeting for the ADT. BW will update when information received.

**Vice President**

**New Business**

- 1) Oilman Tournament Update by KC- Record revenue th (382,500 SAR from sponsorships alone). HP stated 92% of revenue collected thus far.
- 2) Match Play Series –closing out the season before course closed mid-November.
- 3) TNL – Registration is open.

**Prior Action Items**

1. Nil

**Treasurer**

**New Business**

- 1) Nil

**Prior action items**

- 1) Nil

**Secretary**

**New Business**

- 1) The AGM preparation will commence in September. A report on the Board activities is required and each Board member will receive a request for information. **KC to ACTION**

**Prior action items**

- 1) The 2023 Draft of RHGC Constitution and Bye Laws was submitted to Recreation Services Policy Group for concurrence (20223 & 2024). KC has followed up with policy group-work several times in email and telephone calls. No feedback from Rec Services – **OPEN**

**Membership**

**New Business**

- 1) Nil.

**Prior action items**

- 1) Nil

**Grounds & Rules**

**New Business**

- 1) JPS to make a request with CSD to build a path between 6 & 7.
- 2) Red states; Moved out on hole 12 and 13.
- 3) Plans to close course on part of the day on Oct 13 and 14 due to aeration work, Communication to follow.
- 4) The light planned for hole 11 will be moved as it blocks the Blue tee. Board discussed the ongoing work to install lights and the need to ensure the Contracting Company returns all of the course back to its previous state. SF asked in JPS can be involved in that handover process. JPS stated he would make a request to CSD to be involved.

**Prior action items**

- 1) Review of course markings (Red and White) – Committee has completed review. JPS identify the requirement for additional marker stakes. **ONGOING**

**Facilities****New Business**

- 1) JR stated CSD has purchased a replacement Air Compressor but is OOK st this time. To follow up and report.

**Prior Actions**

- 1) Furniture in Members Lounge – CS is discussing proposals- **ONGOING**
- 2) The RHGC Clubhouse and Pro Shop Internet accounts (currently under JM) need to be in the name of a Saudi Member – Fahad Al Mulaik will take over the account. **ONGOING**
- 3) Saudi Golf equipment stored in Ladies Locker Room (April Minutes). **ONGOING**

**Tournaments****New Business**

- 1) Two tournaments in September and Jeff Meisner is organizing CEO Cup on behalf of SAGA. CS will be OOK but will ensure Golf Genius is set up for the events.
- 2) ES stated he wanted to discuss gifts and prizes with committee. BW reminded the Tournament Committee they need to plan well in advance to ensure any gifts, meals and swag bags are ordered and delivered on time.

**Prior action items**

1. The Amazon account on the RHGC Firestick is now under remit of Tournament Directors (CS/ES). **ONGOING:** Transfer concluded; CS to establish the Firestick works when TV repaired.

**Handicap****New Business**

- 1) JD reported the USPGA has established a review process for Tournament handicaps. The USPGA process is more complex and time consuming than the RHGC established process. After a discussion, the Board agreed that the RHGC process will be sued for RHGC events.

**Prior action items**

- 1) Stroke Index Allocation (SIA) project: **On HOLD.** The team previously 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 in September 2023 until later in 2024. It will be re-considered based on the state of the course.

**Junior Golf****New Business**

- 1) AH stated the normal process for Juniors (Non-Members) who wish to participate in RHGC, qualify if they are taking lessons from the Teaching Pro. Until a replacement is IK it is proposed that Nonmembers can play if they pay the Green Fees and contribute 50 SAR for food and prizes. All the Board agreed with the proposal: **ACTION** HP to establish a code in the Pro Shop Register.

**Prior action items**

- 1) Nil

**Ladies' Golf****New Business**

1. TT & MP stated a Ladies evening was planned for September 9, 2024

**2. Prior action items**

- 1) Nil

**Media****New Business**

- 1) KB introduced himself and was welcomed by the Board.
- 2) KB requested that Members use the Canva Program when sending material for publication.

**Prior action items**

- 1) Nil

**Social****New Business**

- 1) Saudi National Day Tournament: Ladies from the Saudi Gold initiative (2023/2024) had requested to help with event and support with cultural activities. The Board supported the offer and HP would allocate part funds for decorations.
- 2) RHGC Annual Ball: SF stated that the Golf Tournament in Bahrain had been fully negotiated and with a cost saving to the Club. All efforts to advertise the event should be pushed from this point in time.
- 3) Turkey Shoot. To save on costs and to avoid waste, this year vouchers from Lulu will be the prize.

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Nil

**6. Meeting Concluded.** KC raised a motion to conclude business, second by SF and voted unanimously at 5.41 PM