

RHGC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - RHGC Clubhouse
February 09, 2025 at 4.45PM

Name	Position	Attendance
Elected Officers		
David Bedford	President (DB)	Yes
Jonathan D'Antoni	Vice President (JD)	Yes
Hayden Ponsford	Treasurer (HP)	Yes
Kevin Capstick	Club Secretary (KC)	Yes
Appointed Directors		
Jake Rosenthal	Facilities Director (JR)	Yes
John-Paul Scallon	Grounds & Rules Director (JP)	Yes
Thomas Heinold	Handicap Director (TH)	Yes
Alex Hollander	Junior Golf Director (AH)	Apologies
Margaret Priwijayanthie	Ladies Golf Director (MP)	Apologies
Tamara Tahir	Ladies Director Assistant (TT)	Yes
Kevin Burnette	Media Director (KB)	Apologies
John Sinesi	Co-Membership Director (JS)	Yes
Dianne Le	Co-Membership Director (DL)	Yes
Vikki Bedford	Social Director (VB)	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) 4.45PM

2. GUESTS – Nil

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: January 2025 Minutes. No comments on accuracy. KC raised a motioned they are passed as true and accurate. Second by HP; voted with unanimous decision.

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. DB welcomed Thomas Heinold as the newest member of the 2025 RHGC Board. Handover of the VP duties to JD is well underway. Thanks to Kevin B for updating website.
2. Thanks to all involved with Ryder Cup and congratulations to the winning team – ROW, captained by Fahad Al-Mulaik.
3. Course Security – CS putting in place several steps:
 - o **Incident Reporting Log** – Starters will maintain a log detailing date/time/location/details of any issue communicated by the members;
 - o **Signs** – Gardening are making new signs to place strategically around the course regarding access;
 - o **Community Announcement** – CS will be releasing a companywide announcement about access to the Golf Course
 - o **Security Patrols** – This action is still pending approval from Security, CS working on it.
4. DB has taken over previous actions from Bruce Waldner:
 - o Clock by the putting green – will follow up with SAGA
 - o Fiber Optics – in process of being installed (HP to discuss)
 - o Increase in Non-Member Fees – Ongoing
 - o 2023 Amendments to RHGC Constitution & Bye Laws – finally seeing some traction, KC update
 - o Waiver for Proshop to hold additional cash – HP ongoing.
 - o Revamp/Upgrade of Driving Range – Ongoing

- New & additional range balls – complete
 - 5. Members Room Shelving- DB met with JR & Jake Bury (Community Services) regarding the installation of new shelving in back rooms. Thanks to VB for cleaning out the Ladies Locker room. Lots of those items will be shifted after new shelving installed.
 - 6. Email concerning Ramadan hours has been sent to Gardening/CS, awaiting feedback. This will affect the March MM as we will need to have tee times in the evening (when registration is open for this, need to include a check box for preferred tee time – morning or evening).
 - 7. Waiting on SAGA Director to approve letter providing access for RHGC Teaching Pro use of the Trackman shed (specific conditions will apply)
- Prior action items**
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, 2023 at a meeting for the ADT. DB will update when information received.

Vice President

New Business

1. RHGC Website- JD noticed there are sections of the website which are out of date. All RHGC Directors are responsible to update the website, working with KB for technical support. **ACTION**- All Directors to review and ensure their section is current.

Prior Action Items

1. Nil

Treasurer

New Business

1. Payment of Board Expense Claims- All Board Expense Claims will now have to be submitted to CS, and the monies paid into my account from the RHGC main account. This on average will take 2 – 3 months depending on the efficiency of CS. HP will endeavor to settle from Pro Shop takings, but CS has severely restricted our ability to carry out operations and hold cash balances to deal with operational expenditure and payment of Pro Shop staff, temporary and permanent will take precedence. Ensure all claim forms have supporting evidence (order or invoice receipts), to avoid delays in payments.
2. RHGC Annual Photo Competition - Proposal we setup a competition for best photo categories, competitions/action/wildlife/sunset/course etc. The aim would be to create a RHGC calendar, we can record the person and details of the photo on the calendar, and we can provide a small prize (pro shop) voucher, winner in each category. 12 months, so 12 photos, and have cutoff date around September to allow us to print. Would ideally like Media Director to take on but we can for committee to support. We can use photos to print on pro shop items/swag etc as well, and we can use photos for marketing the club etc. Perhaps even set up something on website to display photos/images. **ACTION** HP to discuss with KB
3. Fiber Optics – Ongoing with STC. Once the fiber has been installed as process

Prior action items

1. Recreation Services Accounting waiver **ACTION** - HP stated initial application was refused by RS
2. The independent audit of 2024 accounts **CLOSED** - HP reported the 2024 accounts have been approved.

Secretary

New Business

1. Recreation Services Policy Group for concurrence in April 18, 2023. -Update provided- **ACTION** – KC to consider changes and circulate asap.

Prior action items

1. The 2023 Draft of RHGC Constitution and Bye Laws (C&BL) 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. Updated 2024 C&BL sent to CS- No feedback from Rec Services – **CLOSED** and refer to New Business – Update provided by KC re action of policy group in January 2025.
2. 2025 passwords. **ACTION** for ALL – 2025 passwords to be sent to KC for archiving.

Membership

New Business

1. 2025 Membership drive has resulted in 657 Members, of which, 57 are new since Dec. 1, 2024. Additional Members in the pipeline. DB praised DL of her efforts in this work.

Prior action items

1. Security Operations requirements for cart sheds. **ACTION:** KC to make enquiry – ongoing
2. ISA position has moved to Recreation Services. **CLOSED** – DL has updated 2025 list.

Grounds & Rules

New Business

1. VB asked if JP can raise the condition of the Ladies Tees with Gardening. **ACTION** – JP
2. JD asked if JP can take an action concerning the quality of drinking water on the course- **ACTION** JP

Prior action items

1. Review of course markings (Red and White) - JPS identified the requirement for additional marker stakes, and made a request to CS. **ONGOING**
2. Driving Range Ball Inventory **ACTION** – JP and HP to consider CS payment and vending machines.
3. DB to petition SAGA regarding the release of the golf balls. **CLOSED** – balls released.
4. Rope fence - putting green **ACTION** – JP to liaise with Recreation Services
5. Re-rating of the course. **ACTION** – JP to discuss with TH re rating process.

Facilities

New Business

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. JR stated CSD has purchased a replacement Air Compressor but is OOK st this time. To follow up and report. **ONGOING**
2. Furniture/Shelving in Members Lounge – CS is discussing proposals- **ONGOING**
3. 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. **CLOSED**
4. Saudi Golf equipment stored in Ladies Locker Room (April Minutes). **CLOSED**

Tournaments

New Business

1. Amazon Firestick – **ACTION** CS to purchase a new stick for tournaments results.
2. For information: CS has established a Ladies section in MM- Process outlined.

Prior action items

1. Nil

Handicap

New Business

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Stroke Index Allocation (SIA) project: **Decision to CLOSE this matter** (no active support from Saudi Gold to progress this matter. 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, 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. Nil

Prior action items

1. Nil

Ladies' Golf**New Business**

1. TT stated that several Ladies, who had not previously played in the Ryder Cup, had very much enjoyed this weekend event. It was noted that some comments had been made regarding the pace of play of some of the Ladies teams. DB stated this would not be tolerated, and asked for the Board's support in this matter. BD asked TT if some of the higher handicaps Ladies would have preferred to play in a 9 hole event. TT stated this would be supported for the 2026 event.
2. This is TT's last Board meeting prior to leaving KSA. The Board thanked her for her years of service to the club.

Prior action items

1. Nil

Media**New Business**

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Collect member/event pictures. **ACTION** – KB to examine the potential use of Google Photo as a solution. Update: KB has established a Google folder; however, access needs to be established and once enabled KB will implement process.

Social**New Business**

1. VB reported that the club is in a busy period e.g. Valentines Day, St Patrick's (Ryder Cup just gone). Stated there was an issue with gaining access to Gmail address and there needs to be co-ordination with previous Director – **ACTION-** DB to work with VB to resolve access.
2. VB stated a program of volunteers is being established to help with serving and monitoring of food. This process is to ensure all members benefit from the items purchased.

Prior action items

1. Social Calendar **ACTION** – VB to liaise with CS, ES, JR and KB regarding the 2025 event calendar, media and booking of facilities. Ongoing

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. DB reminded all Board Members that we have two signs at the club that may be utilized for any program. The signs simply need to be designed and printed – costs raised as Board expense. All to note.

- 6. Meeting Concluded** 1731hrs . KC raised a motion to close the meeting. Seconded by JR and passed with unanimous vote.