

RHGC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - RHGC Clubhouse
August 10, 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 C. Rosenthal	Facilities Director (JCR)	Apologies
John-Paul Scallon	Grounds & Rules Director (JP)	Yes
Thomas Heinold	Handicap Director (TH)	Apologies
Alex Hollander	Junior Golf Director (AH)	Apologies
Margaret Priwijayanthie	Ladies Golf Director (MP)	Yes
James M. Ridgway	Media Director (JMR)	Yes
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)	Apologies
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: The July 2025 minutes were put forward without any request for amendments. KC moved that the minutes be accepted as correct and approved for publication. The motion was seconded by JMR. The Board voted and approved the motion unanimously.

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 reported that he had a meeting with Al-Qadsiah Sports Club (a 100% owned subsidiary of Saudi Aramco) regarding the recruitment of a new Teaching Professional. The sports club had been tasked with hiring a new teaching professional for Rolling Hills Golf Club, who will work with ladies, juniors, and other specialist groups. This work is ongoing, and an update will follow.
2. DB reported that the fuel station located in the camp will be permanently closed in late August. This closure will create a challenge for golf cart owners, as the only remaining fuel station within the camp will be located in the industrial area. DB stated that Community Services Division (CSD) will address the situation by establishing a fuel station at the Golf Club. Further updates on this matter will be provided in due course.
3. DB stated that the shelving required for the club will be supplied by SAGA and will be in place in time for the Asian Invitational Tournament (AIT). Info item
4. DB reported he has been appointed as the acting co-chair of SAGA. Info item.

Prior action items

1. Recreation Services (RS) outstanding Issues - Fiber Optics – Work has finished. Waiting for info from RS regarding connectivity **ONGOING**
2. Increase in Non-Member Fees – No feedback from (RS) - **ONGOING**

Vice President**New Business****Prior Action Items**

1. RHGC Website- JD working with JMR for technical support. **ONGOING**
2. Oilman Update- JD was pleased to announce that sponsorship commitments to date are in the range of SAR 400,000 to 500,000. He congratulated everyone who has contributed to the efforts so far and indicated that further updates will be shared at a later stage. Info item.
3. The Autumn Tuesday Winter League is open on Golf Genius – **CLOSED**
4. JD stated the RHGC will host three-day event for World Firefighters Championship. **ACTION** – ALL to consider if there are improvements, equipment or other area that would benefit from funding. to make list and contact JD

Treasurer**New Business**

1. HP requested the Pro Shop telephone line be added to the AIT action list for update and improvement as the quality of the line was very poor. **ACTION** - DB

Prior action items

1. RHGC Teaching Pro Contract – Update on CS and Al Moallam Contracting Company. The documents required for full analysis has not been supplied by CS/Al Moallam despite numerous follow ups. **CLOSED** item as this is now with Al-Qadsiah Sports Club (see item 1 in DB section)

Secretary**New Business**

1. 2025 Election process must commence in September. All details are in the Recreation Manual (Page 141 onwards). DB to identify/select 2-5 members in good standing to establish the Election Committee. This must be brought for the concurrence of the majority of the Board in September. **ACTION**- DB to select the Election Committee and bring forward to September meeting.

Prior action items

1. Nil

Membership**New Business**

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Disciplinary Policy Update- **ACTION** KC has reviewed and amended the policy. JP has sent further amendments. KC to update and circulate to the Board for approval.

Grounds & Rules**New Business**

1. JP stated the ongoing work with the stakes had prompted discussions with the Grounds and Rules Committee, during which a proposal was made to re-introduce white stakes located right of the cart path on hole 12. Additionally, there was consideration being given to introducing a penalty area on hole number 11. **ACTION:** JP to provide an email to the Board outlining the proposals (including maps) for a formal vote.

Prior action items

1. Lights outage on the front 9 and driving range -Close item as this is now with Golf & Sports Management Unit under CSD. **CLOSED**
2. Course markings (Red and White) –JP is approaching woodshop to finish task- Workshop agreed to support project- JP to purchase material. **ONGOING**

3. Re-rating of the course. – JP to discuss with TH (OOK until late August) rating process. Detailed course measurements and layout has been obtained. JP & TH will now engage with GHIN/USGA to discuss next steps. **ONGOING**
4. Red Tee boxes. Work in progress to improve quality. **CLOSED**
5. The golf ball dispensing machine remains with Gardening; JP to test machine and arrange with HP the costs and process required to bring this process back to RHGC. **ONGOING JP**
6. On numerous occasions, as many as 60 balls have been left on the chipping green by Members. A tool is required to collect and reuse the area. **ONGOING** - JP to purchase suitable tool to clear and collect balls.

Facilities

New Business

Prior action items

1. JCR stated RS has purchased a replacement Air Compressor; ongoing process with authorizations for installment. No update from RS re time frame- **ONGOING**
2. Furniture/Shelving in Members Lounge – RS has conducted survey and approved work. No update from RS re time frame- **ONGOING JCR**
3. DB requested that JCR provide him with a list of issues for the clubhouse (include lock on fridge) so that he can send them to the RS Golf Unit Supervisor (see RHGC Presidents opening statement). **ACTION JCR**

Tournaments

New Business

1. ES provided update on the trophies for the 2025 season. Info item

Prior action items

1. Volunteer WhatsApp group under RHGC Golf Community. **ACTION** DB to support ES with moving WhatsApp Group to community group.

Handicap

New Business

1. Nil

Prior action items

1. Nil

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. JMR stated analytics had shown approximately 75% of the WhatsApp community had engaged with the new podcast, compared to a very small percentage accessing content via the club website. There was widespread positive feedback regarding the podcast initiative. JMR stated he had drafted a plan to widen the scope of the podcast moving forward, and that others would be involved in its production to enhance content diversity and engagement. Info item

Prior action items

1. JMR stated that he was researching programs and/or applications that may assist the Board with project management. Update - JMR reported that he had identified existing RHGC software tracking system. A discussion followed regarding its practical application, and it was agreed that further communication would take place with JD and JMR to assess the potential use of this software. **ONGOING**
2. JP requested the Race to the Hills table is made available to Members. After discussion the easiest solution is for JMR to publish the pdf document that is sent to him by CS on the monthly newsletter - **ACTION** JMR to implement.

Social**New Business**

1. November Gala (Bahrain): Early bird ticket sales have been a great success, with over 40 tickets sold to date. In September, a new initiative will be launched to extend the opportunity to non-members. **ACTION**- VB to progress.
2. Par Three (3) Birdie Shoot: VB confirmed that December 6 has been set for the Par Three Birdie Shoot. It was necessary to rename the tournament from its previously name, the "Turkey Shoot," as all self-directed groups are no longer permitted to offer gifts in accordance with the 2025 CSD policy.

Prior action items

1. VB advertising the Annual Ball via Bob Hawkens circulation. **CLOSED**
2. The Quiz Night will be organized for September. September 19 – Trivia Night- VB reported that good progress has been made in organizing the event. Tickets will be made available via Golf Genius- Update provided- **CLOSED**

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Nil

- 5. Meeting Concluded:** KC made a motion the meeting was closed. Second by JMR. Unanimous vote to approve. 5.27PM.