**RHGC 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Sunday, December 10, 2017 – 5:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

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| **Name** | **Role** | **In Attendance?** |
| Dave Minchau | President | Yes |
| Les Hertlein | Vice President | Yes |
| Alejandro Ramirez | Treasurer | Yes |
| Stephen Vezendy | Handicap Director | Yes |
| Jeff Meisner | Tournament Director | Yes |
| Marc Elasmar | Secretary | No, on leave– Stephen Vezendy took minutes |
| Coby Long | Junior Golf | Yes |
| Patrick Antony | Membership | Yes |
| Bruce Waldner | Media & Communication | Yes |
| Jeff Kotanchick | Clubhouse | Yes |
| Tamara Tahir | Social | Yes |
| Lee Kirk | Pro Shop | Yes |
| Kerri Wethington | Women’s Golf | Yes |
| Robert Cox | Grounds and Rules | Yes |
| Jason Sexton | Heads Green Keeper | No |

 **Several RHGC members attended the meeting.**

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| **TOPIC** | **ACTIONS NOTED** |
| **Meeting called to order by the President** | The President called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.  |
| **Approval of previous AGM minutes** | A motion was passed by Stephen Vezendy, seconded by Tahir Bukhari, to approve the 2016 AGM minutes, and they were approved unanimously |
| **Report of the President*** The President welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a summary of some the activities and achievements of the RHGC in 2017 including:
* Lighting – some lights are working now, we need Community Services to keep working. (A question from one of the members – is a member of Community Services present at AGM like in prior years to discuss further? The President advised there is no CS rep attending this AGM).
* Cart sheds – they are almost done, hopefully in January we can start handing these out. Waiting for memo of understanding (MOU) from different organizations. As an fyi, Phase 2 will include access road for parking. Membership has started to work the approved Cart Shed list and they are assigning Cart Sheds to members.
* There has been great coordination with Gardening via the new Greens Keeper. Course is in great shape especially the greens. Back bunker #8 is still in the plan to be removed. We are trying to get rough cleaned up. The way the contract is done, they need a Contract amendment to get the required Equipment.
* New website is [www.arabiangolf.net](http://www.arabiangolf.net) is up and running. We are still transferring the old data from the old website.
* Scorecards – in theory they are coming. We are waiting on Gardening to approve these going to print. New hole by hole indexes were approved early in 2017 and these will be on the new scorecards. When rolled out we will begin using. The new scorecards will also have the updated course ratings, which are already online.
* New pace of play signs are installed on each hole – they look great.
* We now have a Company bank account for RHGC
* Tournaments – lots of them in 2017, I think I counted 43 including junior tournaments
	+ CEO Cup dates for 2018 have been set, we have good feedback for this.
	+ Xerox tournament was a success for a second straight year, good progress and we will carry on with this tourney.
	+ Turkish Airlines is interested in hosting another tourney with us

The President thanked everyone on the Board and all the volunteers for their help and support this year. RHGC is a self-directed group and it is especially gratifying to see their voluntary services. | Info only |
| **Report of the Treasurer and Proposed 2018 Budget*** Alejandro presented the proposed RHGC 2018 Operating Budget, which also emailed to members earlier today. Some of the main points highlighted:
	+ The Club has been able to self-finance all its activities during the last four years. The Club has done well financially and it is in stable condition.
	+ Our cash position is solid, with a balance of almost SAR 350 thousand riyals. In addition, we had the membership drive last weekend, where we introduced payroll deduction and this along with proceeds from the Xerox tourney still coming, we may close 2017 with a cash balance of around SAR 450 thousand riyals. RHGC’s excellent cash position provides strong evidence that the finances of the club are in good health.
	+ 2017 has been a challenging year in terms of starting to use the new company system for SDG launched by Recreation, although the new system allows us to get money from companies vie wire transfer and we can pay some bills using MPS.
	+ Company’s Conflict of interest policy has imposed some restrictions on us in terms of the types of sponsorships we can use. The main prior sponsorships impacted are oilfield service companies.
	+ New cart sheds - hopefully can rent these in 2018 which will bring some additional funds for use in upgrading clubhouse, upgrading to the premium version of new tournament software we are implementing, and upgrading the pro shop systems.
	+ The Treasurer presented the Operating Budget for 2018 for approval to this AGM, and walked through some highlights.

Questions* (Mike Haas): SAIT lost money, Oilmans made money, correct?
	+ Response: Yes
* (Patrick Antony): Miscellaneous equipment, can this be used for membership card and card lamination?
	+ Response: Yes, we have new printers from Xerox
* (Tahir Bukhari): Can we get a good sound system?
	+ Response: We have a good system inside, for the outside portion we have a problem since the 2016 wind storm, when it was damaged. After the clubhouse roof is fixed we can fix the cabling for the sound system
* (Mike Haas): We like the snack bar. I see we are not putting too much money in budget, why?
	+ Response: We can’t have a full kitchen so not much opportunity to spend here
	+ A motion to approve the RHGC 2018 Operating Budget was presented by Minhaj Khan seconded by Tahir Bukhari and approved unanimously.
 | A motion was raised to approve the RHGC 2018 Operating Budget and seconded. The budget was passed unanimously. |
| **Notification of elected Executive Board Members**Dave Minchau announced the RHGC Board members newly elected* Ed Devin President (2 years)
* Frank Besseat Treasurer (2 years)
* Kurt Janssen Handicap Director (2 years)

Dave thanked the newly elected Board members for stepping up to serve the RHGC.**Recognition of Departing Board Members**Dave recognized the departing elected Executive Board members and thanked them for their efforts and dedication. * Alejandro Ramirez – Treasurer
* Stephen Vezendy - Handicap Director

Les Hertlein also recognized and thanked the departing President for everything Dave has done. * Dave Minchau – President
 | Info only |
| **Recognition of 2017 Directors**Dave recognized and thanked other members on the Board for their efforts and dedication. Other Elected Board members on board with 1 year term remaining* Les Hertlein Vice President
* Jeff Meisner Tournament Director
* Marc Elasmar Secretary

**Appointed Directors**These are appointed Directors, the new Executive Board in January 2018 will appoint new Directors.* Coby Long- Junior Golf
* Patrick Antony- Membership
* Bruce Waldner- Media & Communication
* Jeff Kotanchick- Clubhouse
* Tamara Tahir- Social
* Lee Kirk- Pro Shop
* Kerri Wethington- Women’s Golf
* Robert Cox- Grounds and Rules

Dave reminded the membership that an email was sent recently asking members if they are interested in any of these appointed positions, or in volunteering in general, to let the Board know. These appointed positions are usually run by Committees, so they all the volunteer help they can get.  |  |
| **2017 Player of the Year Awards, Most Improved Player, and Match Play Champions*** Jeff Meisner announced and awarded the following winners the meeting
* Player of the Year Awards
	+ Ladies Gross – Rodziah Daud (102 points)
	+ Ladies Net – Rodziah Daud (68 points)
	+ Mens Gross – Yong Song Kim (83 points)
	+ Mens Net – not decided yet, race is too close to call with December Monthly Medal on Dec 16th. Several have 30+ points
	+ See website for more information.
* Most improved player for 2017
	+ Men – Chris McLean;
	+ Ladies – Kang Young Mi
* Match Play
	+ Team: Patrick Antony & Marjoe Siongco
	+ Singles: Bill Ghant
	+ Flighted
		- A: Dave McLeary
		- B: Dhanraj Kunhiveetil
		- C: Tamara Tahir

Jeff also handed out awards for previously announced 2017 Club Champion winners:* Men Overall Club Champion: John-Paul Scallon
* Ladies Overall Club Champion: Rodziah Daud
* Flight Gross Winners:
	+ Men A Flight: Edward Devlin III
	+ Men B Flight: Mel Knotts
	+ Men C Flight: Mohdraji Matyaacob
	+ Men D Flight: Olusegun Akinyose
	+ Ladies A Flight: Tamara Tahir
 | Info only |
| **General Business: Open Questions and Answers*** (Troy Thompson): 5 or 6 years ago Recreation put in a big clock down by the driving range. What happened to that big clock purchased? We should get one.
	+ Response: Not sure, but agree we should get one.
* (Mike Haas): How is the PRO doing? Is the Club keeping him happy?
	+ The PRO is doing well and is happy. The response from membership for the PRO have been overwhelmingly positive and the RHGC is doing everything within its capability to keep him positively engaged.
* (Paul Titley): What does Gardening do with the Green Fees proceeds? Do we have open book access to this?
	+ Response: Not sue but the amount is a drop in the bucket compared to their expenses. Open book, no we don’t have access.
* (Rod Kraynyk): Can we extend tee time, for example to 8:00pm?
	+ Response: This is governed by contract and workers times, and would need approval of contract of starter shed. We need to first continue to make a concerted effort with speeding up play before we can request this. We will continue to watch this.
	+ (Paul Titley): If we show tee times are full, will that help to get more lights, for example for back nine?
		- Response: Watering of back nine is done at night, due to water pressure issues. The other issue is watering is currently a scheduled contract event. G&R and Greens Keeper can keep revisiting this.

Bruce Waldner asked the departing Board members and newly elected Board members to stick around after the meeting for pictures.  | Info only |
| **The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.** | Info only. |