

**RHGC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - RHGC Clubhouse
November 10, 2024 at 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	Club Secretary (KC)	Yes
Appointed Directors		
Jake Rosenthal (JR)	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)	Apologies
John Sinesi	Co-Membership Director (JS)	Yes
Dianne Le	Co-Membership Director (DL)	Apologies
Sam Flack	Social Director (SF)	Yes
Christoffel Steenkamp	Co-Tournament Director (CS)	Yes
Edo Syafron	Co-Tournament Director (ES)	Apologies

AGENDA ITEMS

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

2. GUESTS - Nil

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Motion by KC to approve October 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by DB 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

New Business

1. BW thanked Jim Platt (retiring from Saudi Aramco) for serving as Facilities Director for 6 years
2. 2024 RHGC Election. There was only 1 candidate for each of the VP and Treasurer positions. David for VP and Hayden for Treasure. As a result, there will be no election. Congratulations to both David and Hayden.

ACTION: KB to circulate result to Membership.

ACTION: KC to write to Jake Bury and inform Community Services.

3. Appointed Director Positions: As there is now election, we will be sending out requests for Appointed Director positions. For those that are on the Board for the first time, this is something that gets done each year. The Board needs to be transparent in its operations. As such, each year all appointed Director positions are open and the Executive Board decides on the best candidate. All to note: If interested in retaining present Directorship, please email Kevin Capstick and let him know. If you are interested in another Directorship, please reply to the email that will be sent out before the end of the month.

ACTION: BW to send out request for notices of interest.

4. The back 9 lights: BW stated the lights are operational, and that positive reviews have been expressed by SAGA, Board Members and CS/Recreation when they tested the lights last week with the contracting company, MUSCO. The Board was informed the back 9 will not be open until there is an Official SAGA & SA Company Executive official opening. No word on when that will be but it will not occur before the AIT at the end of the month.

5. New RHGC Teaching professional: BW has been informed the contract is in the last stages of company approval. RHGC hope to hear positive news later this week.
6. Vouchers: All SDG's have been informed by CS that cash and vouchers are not to be used by the SDG. The rationale behind this is that all SDG are meant to be non-profit. The RHGC Executive has requested a meeting with CS/Recreation for clarification of the rule. We are unsure how this will affect us moving forward with tournaments. **ACTION:** BW to update after meeting with CS
7. Aramco Invitational Tour (AIT) Update: BW stated the AIT is a great tournament to volunteer and to see up close how great players handle Rolling Hills. Please contact SAGA for further details. In addition, BW and DB approached SAGA to request that volunteers of the tournament get a chance to play the course the same day as the tournament ends. Further details to follow.
8. BW thanked AH (Jnr Director) for his flexibility and understanding when SAGA tournaments meant planned events had to re-organized at short notice.

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, 2023 at a meeting for the ADT. BW will update when information received.

Vice President

New Business

- 1) Interclub Championship was on Friday Nov 8. Feedback from Non-Aramco players was excellent regarding the course and the assistance given by volunteers.
- 2) Members Lounge: The space is under-utilized and there is a need for more storage. It was agreed by all that CS would be approached to place shelving and other useful amenities in the room. **ACTION:** DB to follow up with CS
- 3) Race to Georgia: Due to the ill health of the GCC organizer, there will not be a Race to Georgia event in 2025.

Prior Action Items

1. Nil

Treasurer

New Business

- 1) Budget for AGM has been drafted and circulated to Membership as per the RHGC Constitution.

Prior action items

- 1) Nil

Secretary

New Business

- 1) The AGM preparation has commenced and all activities, notices and arrangements are compliant with the CS Recreation Manual and the RHGC Constitution & Bye-Laws.

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) 2025 Membership Drive: KC relayed a message from DL stating the Membership Renewal drive will start at the beginning of December. DL will send out the 2025 forms on Dec 3. DL will send CS/Recreation an email to do the Company-Wide Membership drive at the beginning of January.
- 2) BW asked JS if he can establish the current Industrial Security Operations requirements for cart sheds. **ACTION:** JS to make enquiry.

Prior action items

- 1) Nil

Grounds & Rules

New Business

- 1) 11th Tee Box: MUSCO has moved the new light approx. five meters. The long-term plan is to extend the white tee (L shape) and remove/retire the existing blue tee.
- 2) Non-Professional (Amateur) Regional Tournament: JPS raised the issue of re-commencing an “amateur only” event at RHGC, similar to the SAIT. A Board discussion took place regarding the merits of such a tournament. BW stated that CS/Recreation has written recently to state that the SDG has the right to hold one event per year with non Aramcon’s, and our event is the Oilman’s Tournament. No further action.

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**

Facilities

New Business

JP thanked the Board for their support during his time as Director. JP wished all Board Members the best for the future

Prior Actions

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

Tournaments

New Business

- 1) The 2025 Calendar has been sent out for further consideration by Ladies and Junior Directors. This will be circulated once finalized. **ACTION:** KC will circulate for Board concurrence/vote.

Prior action items

Handicap

New Business

- 1) Nil

Prior action items

- 1) Stroke Index Allocation (SIA) project: **UPDATE:** 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 and support from Saudi Golf. To date Saudi Golf has not approached RHGC regarding this matter. RHGC to continue with GHIN until further notice.

Junior Golf

New Business

- 1) AH gave an update following his communication with CS/Recreation: All junior golf participants do not need to pay greens fees due to the policy of free course access for “student activities”. The only allowed participants are members or juniors taking lessons from the Pro, and all cart fees incurred during events by members will be reimbursed by the club with credit. BW stated the policies from CS concerning these events should be recorded. **ACTION:** KC & AH to follow up with CS/Recreation.
- 2) AIT and Junior volunteers: AH asked about the process for Jnr Members to assist as volunteers. The AIT is a SAGA event and all questions concerning this should be sent to SAGA.

Prior action items

- 1) Nil

Ladies’ Golf

New Business

1. Two further “Nine & Dine” events planned for 2024.
2. 2025 Tournament Calendar: To be reviewed and dates sent to CS.

<p>Prior action items</p> <p>1) Nil</p>
<p>Media</p> <p>New Business</p> <p>1. Nil</p> <p>Prior action items</p> <p>1) Nil</p>
<p>Social</p> <p>New Business</p> <p>1) SF proposed a Master Par 3 Tournament on the same date of the Masters weekend (April). DB stated this is the same week as Community Services Aramco Sports Championship. ACTION: SF to consider another date when Tournament Calendar is circulated.</p> <p>2) Update on December RHGC Golf Ball.</p>
<p>5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>1. Nil</p>
<p>6. Meeting Concluded. KC raised a motion to conclude business, second by JP and voted unanimously at 5.46 PM</p>