



GOLF CAPTAINS SOCIETY OF KZN

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 13 OCTOBER 2014

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Beachwood Golf Club on 13th October 2014 at 17h30

WELCOME:

The Captain, acting as Chairman of the meeting, thanked and welcomed all attendees.

APOLOGIES:

Haydn Wakefield(Cotswold Downs); Jelli Jelliman, Frans Kemper (RDGC); Clive Cardina (Tanglewood);Gavin Hayhoe, Mark Perry (Bosch Hoek);Wally Latham (Eshowe Hills); Gordon Dowsett(Newcastle);Colin Moodie Scottburgh);Doug Heger, Ken Elms, Alan Murray (Kloof); Peter Toward, Eric Morsner (Umkomaas), (Athlone), (Bluff).

OBITUARIES:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Nedbank Current account as at 29.08 2014	R 1 190,22
Marriott Investment Call account 29.08.14	R 37 756,75

CAPTAINS REPORT:

The Society continues to run well, but it is of concern that it is not supported by Members from some regions. It seems the support-base is a band of stalwarts from certain clubs, some of whom travel considerable distances to do so, namely: Ladysmith, Eshowe, Kokstad and Richmond. Their support is much appreciated. The clubs inland, except for those mentioned above, particularly the big clubs in Pietermaritzburg are noticeably absent. As are the clubs further up the North coast than Umhlali and further down the South coast than Umkomaas. This "non-support" seems to affect the Spring Tournament more than the Gerry Shuttleworth, which is held in May. It was suggested that the 2015 Gerry Shuttleworth return to Kloof CC, but there was some dissent on this, as Kloof have not supported the Spring tournament for three consecutive years, including this one. Hopefully this will change in future. The Committee will make a decision on this in due course.

The clubs that did support the 2014 Spring Tournament and attended this AGM were:

DCC Beachwood; Durban Country Club; Central Durban; Eshowe Hills; Genesis Golf; Kokstad; Ladysmith; Maidstone; Mt. Edgecombe; Richmond; Umhlali; Umkomaas.

The Captain has requested all Members to endeavour to enlist new Members from their respective clubs from current and past-Captains. A membership drive and review and update of the Membership data base, will also be done prior to the next event in May 2015.

Choosing dates for fixtures is becoming increasingly difficult due to the many competing events. For example, today's field was affected by two clashing events, vis. SAGES and Senior League. To compound this there is Nomads and Southern Natal Nomads on the 14th and KZN Snrs on 15th Oct. Whilst every effort is made, especially with reference to KZNGU fixture list, it's not easy to find dates that suit everyone. Any suggestions would be welcome.

The Captain thanked his Committee for their continued excellent cooperation and assistance with the affairs of the Society. Special thanks to Turners Travel for hosting the Society website and another special thanks to Mrs Carol Randall who so ably and effectively runs the secretariat and attends to all the administration. Thank you all very much

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The current Committee of Captain; Devlyn Fraser, Vice-Captain; Pier Turconi and Secretary; Dudley Randall all stood down, but made themselves available for re-election. By unanimous vote all were re-elected in the same capacities. There were no other nominations.

GENERAL:

Mr. John Terry-Lloyd of DCC made a short, but powerful announcement about a Committee that has been formed to tackle the increasing problem of "virtual" clubs and small rural clubs offering cheap membership, seriously affecting the well-being and even survival of the mainstream clubs. Mr. Terry-Lloyd undertook to keep us informed, as Captains and past-Captains there is significant influence and connectivity that could be leveraged to try and combat this problem and find lasting solutions. There was no other business under general.

CLOSURE:

The meeting was duly closed.

PRIZE-GIVING:

THE AGM was followed by the Prize-Giving for the 2014 Spring Tournament and then the dinner.

The after-dinner speaker Mr. Don Gammon, well known for his television programme, Ultra Simple Golf, gave a very interesting presentation of his new concept of golf tuition, which commences at Durban Country Club in October 2014.