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**THE GOLF CAPTAINS SOCIETY OF NATAL  
MINUTES ON INAUGURAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE MARITZBURG COUNTRY CLUB  
ON  
MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1960  
AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Messrs. A.C. Liebenberg (M.C.C.) In the Chair  
M. Holdsworth (K.C.C.) -. Convenor  
and  
24 other members as per schedule attached to these Minutes-

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

Mr. Holdsworth advised that he had circulated all the golf clubs in Natal (42) and had had responses from approximately 50 ex-captains who had hoped to attend.

**CONSTITUTION OF SOCIETY:**

After Mr. Holdsworth had pointed out the reasons actuating the proposal to form the Society it was unanimously agreed that such a Society be formed and the Chairman declared the meeting duly constituted.

**NAME:**

Mr. Holdsworth suggested that the name be "The Natal Golf Captains Society" - It was felt however that this name might be construed as relating to captains of Natal golf teams only and after consideration was given to the alternative suggestion of the "The Natal Golf Club", it was agreed that the name of the Society be:-

"The Golf Captains Society of Natal"

**OBJECTS:**

On Mr. Holdsworths suggestion It was agreed that the objects of the Society be:-

"To promote good fellowship and enjoy good golf, food and drink".

**MEMBERSHIP:**

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that membership of the Society be open to:-

1. All captains and past captains of Natal golf clubs or golf sections of country clubs.
2. The president and all past presidents of the South African Golf Union.
3. The president and all past presidents of the Natal Golf Union

#### **OFFICERS:**

It was agreed that the officers of the Society shall consist of the following who would constitute the Executive Committee:-

Captain  
Vice-Captain  
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

#### **ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION:**

It was agreed that there would be no entrance fee and that the Annual Subscription be £1 (R2.00) unless and until altered by general resolution at any general meeting.

#### **MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS:**

It was agreed that members would not meet more than twice a year and that the two gatherings should comprise-

- a) An Annual Lunch and Golf Competition.
- b) The Annual Meeting followed by the Annual Dinner.

It was also agreed that the above should be held at as many different clubs as possible with due regard for the convenience of members travelling from distant clubs.

#### **SOCIETY TIE:**

After considering samples of ties, including the tie of the English Golf Captains Society, it was agreed that the Society Tie should be dark blue in colour with a small design consisting of a golf club bordered by the letters "C" and "N" with the possible addition of a thin stripe. It was further agreed that the Executive Committee be authorised to proceed accordingly but to advise members in due course as to the design finally selected.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

It was unanimously agreed that the following be elected the first officers of the Society:-

Captain	M. Holdsworth (K.C.C).
Vice-Captain	P.L. du Plessis (R.D.G.C.) (President – N.G.U.)
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer	R.C.S. Frost (R.D.G.C.)

**NEXT MEETING AND VENUE:**

In response to the invitation from the Captain of the Royal Durban Golf Club (Mr. E. Acheson) it was agreed with thanks that the next meeting should be held at the Royal Durban Golf Club and should again take the form of a Lunch and Golf Competition -

It was left to the Executive Committee to arrange a suitable date with the host Club.

It was further agreed that it would be preferable to hold the Lunches and Golf Competitions on Thursdays as far as possible in order not to interfere with the busy days of the larger clubs.

**VOTE OF THANKS:**

Mr du Plessis expressed the thanks of all those present to the Captain and members of the Maritzburg Country Club for allowing the Society the use of the Club House for its meeting and for the courtesy of the course for the afternoon. Mr du Plessis also expressed the appreciation of all to Mr. Holdsworth for his efforts and preliminary work in forming the Society which he was sure would prove a fruitful source of good fellowship and good golf for all those fortunate enough to qualify for membership.

READ AND CONFIRMED THIS 24 DAY OF OCTOBER 1961

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CHAIRMAN