



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the SMGA, December 6th, 2018

Present: Marc van Iersel, Sam Bashir, Howard Hobgood, Danny Nipper, Gitte Poulsen, Frank Jespersen, Didier Kerfourn, Anne Marie Cazemajou, Yannick Cazemajou, Boardmembers Keith Graham, Mark Hanauer, Jan Peter Holtland, Ivan Havertong, Marc Groeneveld

- 1) Call to order 19:24h
- 2) Minutes of Meeting 2016
 - a. Approved by Danny Nipper
 - b. Seconded by Howard Hobgood
- 3) Finances
 - a. Challenging past two years
 - b. SXM Open for instance is usually a strong financial boost
 - c. Approved by Danny Nipper, Seconded by Sam Bashir
 - d. Membership dropped from 101 in 2017 to 73 end 2018
- 4) Donations
 - a. From 2010- 2016 more than USD 72,000 has been donated to charity
 - b. For 2017
LAB Sports received US\$ 2,500
 - For 2018
3 Country Tournament
Concordia Cup
- 5) ECGA
 - a. Cheaper than other years due to the fact that it was held on Anguilla
 - b. Great success:
 - i. Women's 1st Gross won by Manon
 - ii. Women's Team 1st Net won by Manon, Danielle Bedu and Anne-Marie!!
 - iii. Men's 1st Net won by Jan Peter
 - iv. Men's Team 2nd Net won by Yannick, Stanley, Jesus and Jan Peter

- 6) Concordia Cup
 - a. Was worth participating as the Dutch side retained the cup

7) Challenge Cup was played as well, 25 players

8) Christmas Scramble scheduled for December 8th, 16 teams

9) Junior Golf:

Howard explains

- a) 6 girls and 15 boys in the age bracket of 7 to 17 years old → 4 to 5 more expected as of January
- b) Group from St. Dominic is doing great
- c) Schedule currently:
 - a. Tuesday, Emilio Wilson Estate 14.15h to 15.15h
 - b. Thursday, Emilio Wilson Estate 14h to 16h
 - c. Saturday lessons as well, but then on the golf course
- d) Another school has shown interest as well, this would mean 10 more kids and hence organizational challenges
- e) The children are quite serious in their game
- f) R&A contribution is hence helping a great deal
- g) Danny suggests to Howard to ask Steve Oostrom to help out as the latter will be here till March, top 100 pro, manages camps of 400 kids in Canada

10) New Business

- a. Lot of members didn't pay for 2018, partially due to inactivity of the association as well
- b. Course was rated in 2017 by Cesar Rivera as per the rating program of the USGA
- c. New cards were ordered in February 2018, once paid these will be sent as well - unfortunately not with new rating
- d. Mullet Bay Golf Pro Shop, everybody hopes it will open up soon again
- e. Container looted:
 - i. Was probably an inside job (citing the use of the key and putting the lock back on), very shameless
 - ii. SMGA lost a good amount of stuff which was acquired mostly early 2017 after the horsetrailer was stolen
- f. 2019, one tournament a month, this in order to have fun of course, but to be able to replenish missing items and bolster the finances of the SMGA
- g. St. Maarten Open will be held April 6th/7th, there are some issues though:
 - i. Carts cannot do 2 rounds in one day - this limits tournament size
 - ii. Hopefully new batteries for existing carts will be ordered
 - iii. The cart situation is a crucial aspect

- h. Statutory Business
 - i. Keith is still waiting on the Notary for the Articles of Incorporation so that we can register SMGA
 - ii. Board Membership:
 - 1. Jan Peter, Ivan and Rodney → were re-elected for the 2 year term till 2020
 - 2. Mark, Marc and Keith → term finishes 2019
 - 3. Ricardo resigned
 - 4. 2 new Board Members were elected both from the French side:
 - a. Yannick Cazemajou and Didier Kerfour
 - 5. President Keith abdicated and.....was re-elected by majority rule (except one vote - himself !) .
- 11) Input members:
- a. Marc van Iersel → How will ECGA qualification work for 2019?
 - i. Gitte points out that Anguilla and St. Kitt's have multi round qualifications
 - ii. Frank adds that the qualification isn't balanced and, as a consequence, the same persons get to go, in order to attract other members to become more involved (like in the Challenge Cup) it would be good to think of a different system
 - iii. Keith points out that we should send good players, but, citing the membership, the SMGA can't compete that much on the gross prizes, but we can on the net.
 - iv. Consensus was reached to make the qualifications a net-based qualification instead for 2019
 - b. Danny Nipper asks whether the Christmas hat must be worn at all times during the Christmas Scramble, Keith explains that this will not be the case this year .

Meeting ends at 20:24h