



Minutes of Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the SMGA, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Present Board : Keith, Jan Peter, Mark H., Ivan, Didier, Yannick,, Marc G.

Guests : Anne Marie, Howard Hobgood, Sam Bashir

- 1) Opening 19:02h
- 2) Minutes of Meeting 2018 AGM
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> AGM, approved by Howard, seconded by Anne Marie
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM, approved by Howard, seconded by Jan Peter
- 3) President's Report (Keith)
  - a. Keith thanks the board for their efforts
  - b. Special thanks to Howard and Gitte for being the driving force in many matters and for many years
  - c. Rodney left the board and will be missed, he did promise to help with the SXM Open 2020
  - d. Yannick & Didier are great new additions to our board in many respects
  - e. SXM Open 2019 was great
  - f. ECGA on St. Maarten will be in 2025, financial accruals are being made
  - g. In the past years 2010-2019 a total of USD 84,100 in donations has been handed out to charity by the SMGA
  - h. 2020 focus:
    - i. To revamp tournaments and make them even more attractive
    - ii. Review ECGA participation
    - iii. R&A support will continue to need attention as they are "raising the bar"
- 4) Treasurer's report (Mark H.)
  - a. Finances are looking healthy (app. USD 1,300 SMGA, app. USD 7,600 Junior Golf, app. USD 10,800 ECGA savings)
  - b. 73 paid members (of the 85 total membership)
  - c. Mark H. explains how the finances came about by highlighting expenses and incomes as incurred/generated throughout the year
  - d. Yannick approves the finances, seconded by Jan Peter
- 5) Tournament Director's report (Jan Peter)

- a. 5 Medal Play tournaments this year with 41 participants (53 in 2017), 14 men, 6 women, 12 seniors, 9 super seniors
  - b. 3 fun tournaments, there seems to be less interest in these though, active promotion needed
  - c. SXM Open
    - i. 65 participants (79 in 2017)
    - ii. Marlin George from Antigua won
    - iii. Great thanks to Gitte and Mullet Bay Resort for their support!
  - d. ECGA
    - i. Great tournament with great results for St. Maarten
    - ii. SXM won 1<sup>st</sup> net as a team, Ladies team won 2<sup>nd</sup> net, as did the Seniors team, Oliver Hobgood won 1<sup>st</sup> net Men, JP won 1<sup>st</sup> net Seniors
    - iii. Prize giving ceremony left much to be desired, Gitte was able to help out with updating the scores/prizes to what these should be – local organization a disaster – spoiled the entire trip
    - iv. Next year St. Lucia
    - v. SMGA will continue to focus on representation based on net results
  - e. 3 country tournament was won by Anguilla, SXM 2<sup>nd</sup>, French side 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - f. Concordia Cup was won by the French side by 1 point, Howard did a fantastic job organizing the event!
  - g. Challenge Cup, almost done, the final will be between either Kenny or Rourke against Jesus who won his semi-final match already
  - h. Challenging year, but SMGA got through thanks to Gitte, Howard and Mullet Bay Resort
- 6) Junior Golf (Howard)
- a. It was a good year (2018-2019) and we're now in the 16<sup>th</sup> year of Junior Golf.
  - b. For the current season there are 9 players attending for the 4<sup>th</sup> year and 4 new members, maybe 2 or 3 more will join
  - c. Practically it seems easy for the kids to be brought to the course, but harder to being picked up/having a bus fare to get home after the 2 hours lessons/activities on Sundays.
  - d. End of May 2020 the Junior Golf Open will be held
  - e. R&A has been approached to provide a donation for the coming year as well
  - f. In general SMGA and Junior Golf will have a big drive to attract more girls/women to the Golf
  - g. Howard is thanked on this topic as well for doing a great job!
- 7) New Business
- a. Handicapping

- i. 2020 will have a new worldwide handicapping system, this will hence need to be implemented
- ii. Keith invites Yannick to provide the French side rating card in order for it to be compared with the Dutch side in order to come to a mutual handicapping solution
- iii. Jan Peter and Gitte will work on this
- iv. Jan Peter notes that:
  1. online software and apps on mobile devices are amongst the possibilities
  2. the software isn't ready yet for 2020 unfortunately
  3. Anguilla uses a solid system which we might want to adopt as well

b. Membership

- i. Currently at 85 members
- ii. SMGA board will discuss on how to do a membership drive

c. Other matters

- i. Attendance to tournaments will need the attention of and follow up by the SMGA board
- ii. X-Mas scramble: 5 teams so far (last year 16), there are a lot of gifts already to be handed out
- iii. In general a more personal approach (telephone calls for instance) by the SMGA must be implemented by the SMGA board to engage its membership

8) Open Floor

- a. Sam Bashir: Why isn't the SXM Open held earlier in the year (course less dry)? Keith responds by explaining that it's better to have the tournament outside of the high season to which Mark H. adds that it can't be held on Easter or during the Masters
- b. Jan Peter suggests that the AGM will be held at a different more sociable venue next year, everybody present agrees to this, due to the low turnover and cost

9) Statutory Business (Election boardmembers)

- a. 2018-2020 Jan Peter, Ivan, Didier and Yannick will stay on for their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their 2 year term
- b. 2019 – 2021 Keith, Mark H. and Marc G. postulated and will continue on the board
- c. 2019 – 2021 Anne Marie postulates and is accepted as new board member
- d. 2019 – 2020 President, Keith is voted in unanimously as well
- e. 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bavaria, invitations will be sent to the membership

10) Closing 19:57h