

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN CAPE REGION OF THE PGA OF SOUTH AFRICA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT STELLENBOSCH GOLF CLUB
ON TUESDAY, 31 JULY 2018 AT 10.00 AM

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

Louis Destroo, the Regional Chairman, commenced proceedings at 10am and welcomed the 21 members that were attending, as well as Ivano Ficalbi, the Chief Executive of the PGA of SA, Andrew Gunn, the Education Manager of the PGA of SA and Darrin Hedley, Manager of the Partners Programme.

2. READING OF THE NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The reading of the Notice of the Meeting was conducted by the Regional Chairman, Louis Destroo.

3. ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND READING OF APOLOGIES

The attendance register was read as follows:

Louis Destroo, James Wade, Almar Creighton, Julian Shaw, Graham Webster, M Smit, Andrew Mackie, Helena Buitendag, Erich Kliem, Adrian Buchner, J Steenekamp, Abrie Swanepoel, Blyth Reid, Morne Oosthuizen, Jaco Theron, Alwyn Vorster, Pierre Van Vuuren, Alfie Payne, Werner Bernhardt, Neil Whitehorn, De Waal Botha, Ivano Ficalbi (CE of the PGA of SA), Andrew Gunn (Education Manager of the PGA of SA), Darrin Hedley (Manager of the Partners Programme) and Adrienne Thorne (MRM for the region).

Apologies were received from:

Francois Van Den Bos, Max Birkenhead, Cassie Viljoen, Wayne Bradley, Shane Rae, Ben Fouchee, Gregg Upton, Lisa McKenzie, Paul McKenzie and Arno Marais.

4. READING AND MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were sent to all members with notification of the AGM. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM were proposed by James Wade and seconded by Julian Shaw.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Louis Destroo, reported as follows:

"It has been a wonderful journey for me during the past decade as the Chairman of the Western Cape Region. I joined the committee in 2004 and became the Chairman in 2008, the same year I became a Board Member of the PGA of South Africa. I've had the pleasure of serving with a number of fellow members on our local committee as well as on board level. It is with joy in my heart and a smile that I now sit down and write my last Chairman's Report.

For the past 10 years, the Western Cape has done particularly well with tournaments, with an average of 10 Pro Ams taking place each year in our area. It has become more difficult during the last couple of years because of economic pressure on sponsors. Nevertheless, we did it, or shall I say, you did it! To every PGA member at a club who has continued to host events, I would like to thank you! The home of the 2x2 Challenge has been Stellenbosch golf club for the past 10 years and I know exactly how much time and work goes into hosting your fellow professionals. This year is no different and we have, with the initiative of Alfie Payne, introduced a brand new event called the Champion of Champions Race to De Zalze. Each pro am winner throughout the 2018 season will qualify to play in the event at the end of the year for an additional purse. Members who have already qualified are: Abrie Swanepoel, JP Viviers, Tim Steyn, Muhammad Ali Kalla, James Wade and Gregg Upton.

For those who missed it, the most consistent player last year and winner of the WC Order of Merit was James Wade. Mike Michell did show his “younger” brother how it’s done and was crowned the Regional Champion in 2017. Wonder who will take it in 2018?

Achievements by members from our region whom I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate are PGA Golf Manager, Alfie Payne, PGA Coach, James Wade and PGA Entrepreneur Paul Mackenzie.

Something special gentleman, keep up the good work and keep setting the pace! This year, the voting in our region did not go well and only one nomination throughout all categories were received. Some more effort next year ladies and gentlemen ...

Our membership in the Western Cape has been very consistent during the years. On a national level, this is monitored closely, the risk areas are identified and plans are always made to see where assistance can be given to take sure that we do not lose members. The Western Cape currently has 96 full members and 16 Apprentice members. There is always a feeling that many changes have taken place over the last couple of years and even during the last year, but I can honestly say, just as much has remained the same. Most important is for all of us to operate as a unit! One of my missions for the future is for the members to engage more with one another and more regional get-togethers to be held each year. For this to be a success, we need your support and buy in.

Jobs, opportunities and education – now it might not feel that these are available every day, but they are – just follow the PGA job board. Opportunities are all around us and just like the saying in golf goes, it’s not the arrow, it’s the Indian. Yes, to help educate yourself, never stop learning. Our association is making it easier and easier to do so. Please make use of the electronic platform provided.

The PGA of South Africa has gone through lows and high from 2008 till now but I can honestly say the association has grown better and better. Under good leadership and hard work, I can only commend my fellow board members and applaud Ivano and his team. I look forward to and I am even excited about the next 10 years with 2022 being a special year for the PGA of South Africa as we celebrate our centenary.

To end off, I would like to say thank you for the wonderful support I have received from each and every one of you during the last decade. Wow, 10 very special years in my life – twice I won the PGA of South Africa’s Professional of the Year, because of your support and belief in me, I have been the chairman of our region for the last 10 years and Vice Chairman of the PGA of South Africa for the last 5 years.

To a wonderful committee, James, Alfie, Graham as well as Connor and Wayne, with the support of a wonderful lady in Adrienne Thorne – thank you for the time you all set aside for your fellow members. I will be stepping down as the Regional Chairman but will remain on the committee, as I look forward to serving you further as the National Chairman of the PGA of South Africa.

Thank you.

7. PRESENTATION BY THE PGA’S CHIEF EXECUTIVE

An excellent and informative presentation was conducted by Ivano Ficalbi, Chief Executive of the PGA of SA. Andrew Gunn, the Education Manager, talked about CPD. Darrin Hedley explained the new tiered system of the “Partners”. The presentation concluded (the power point presentation is available to those who wish to see it). The Chief Executive asked if there were any questions from the floor. There were none.

8. REGIONAL FINANCES

Louis Destroo confirmed the Regional Fund Account as R2 371.66 at year end but confirmed that further fundraising in the way of the current raffle being run, has resulted in an increase of funds.

9. ELECTION OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

LD mentioned that there were originally 7 nominations but due to the withdrawal of Graham Webster as a candidate, the six other nominations were automatically accepted. The six members in question are Louis Destroo, James Wade, Alfie Payne, PJ Pywell, Julian Shaw and Blyth Reid.

10. MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ten Year Service Certificates were due to be given to Max Birkenhead and Pete Jones. Max Birkenhead sent her apologies. Neither were present at the AGM.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received by the Committee or the Member Relationship Manager.

12. GENERAL

Alwyn Vorster asked Ivano Ficalbi if he could elaborate on the relationship between the PGA of America and the PGA of SA. IF commented that there was ongoing communication between the PGA of America and South Africa. Some of the topics that have been and are in discussion cover the global PGA trademark, E Commerce Platform, Protecting the Brand etc. Meetings were held annually around key topics and this included engagement with the PGA of GB&I, Australia, Europe and New Zealand.

Graham Webster asked Ivano Ficalbi if more than the R2 million could be accumulated by the PGA. GW further said that during his time as Chairman of the PGA, non-profit organisations could accumulate 10% of their annual profit. IF explained that the PGA is an NPO and has tax exemption on issues directly related to golf. The income from Partners could be liable to income tax.

Louis Destroo stated that income not derived from the PGA's core business (the 8 objectives being core business), such as "partners", would add additional income, higher profit and therefore could be subject to tax. IF said that interest on investments could also be taxable.

Graham Webster mentioned that he had previously informed the PGA that he was not receiving various PGA mailers. He asked why he was not receiving them.

Ivano Ficalbi said that it was impossible for the PGA to control the server/firewall settings of an individual Member and that Graham's query would be looked into once again. He also confirmed that the PGA were currently investigating analytical type mailers similar to the mailer's distributed by Retail Tribe.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, Louis Destroo closed the meeting at 10.45am.

JAMES WADE

DATE

WESTERN CAPE REGIONAL CHAIRMAN