

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PGA OF SOUTH AFRICA (SOUTHERN & EASTERN CAPE) HELD AT GEORGE GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY, 20 AUGUST 2018.

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN:

Neil Walsh-Tucker welcomed all the members present and particularly the Chief Executive, Ivano Ficalbi of the PGA of SA.

2. READING OF THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING:

Neil Walsh-Tucker read the notice convening the meeting and declared the meeting open at 09:04.

3. ATTENDANCE REGISTER:

The following Members were in attendance: Brenden Pieters, Sean Farrell, Thinus Keller, Adi van der Walt, Quintin Byleveldt, Jayde Tannous, Robert Wiederkehr, Vaughn Tucker, Neil Walsh-Tucker, Carlo Kok, Roger Wessels, Cliff Barnard

4. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from the following Members: Graeme van der Nest, Philip le Roux, Peter Berman, Chris Dixon, Tyronne Farrell, Christo Rushmer, Nic Grundtvig, Adam McKinley, Val Holland, Roelof Roeloffze, Barry Broadbent, Richard Lee, Seamus McHugh, Hector Nicou, Jeff Clause, Jamie Kietzmann.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. They were adopted by Thinus Keller and seconded by Jayde Tannous.

6. REGIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

It is crazy how quick the past year has gone since we were last sitting here at the Regional AGM in 2017. There have been so many highlights within the region and our members over the past year it's almost impossible to mention them all, however I would like to mention a few accolades that really stand out:

- Rob Wiederkehr and Altus Kapp making the PGA national team to represent the PGASA in Greece at the end of last year was truly fantastic and making us all proud.
- Graham Whale finished 5th in the Sawgrass Pro Am earlier this year is a remarkable achievement in a strong field on testing golf courses.
- Peter Berman recently being nominated as the National award winner in the Grow Golf Category and a strong candidate to take the overall PGA professional of the year award in September. Best of Luck to Pete!

- Roger Wessels recently abroad as the Coach of Team RSA and achieving no less than 3 wins with his team which included, The Amateur Championship, The Amateur Strokeplay and the Irish Amateur. A really impressive resume to add to an already impressive career!

Along with this we have had a record year in the number of apprentices that attended the Residential this year! No less than 16 apprentices are currently enrolled in the PGA from Southern and Eastern Cape and this really highlights the strength of Golf in the region and extent to which the PGA adding value in the wake of our education curriculum.

There have been some interesting changes within the PGA and in particular the Affiliates program that was originally outsourced and now has been brought in-house and headed up by Darrin with some exciting developments on the horizon. The PGA has really come a long way in the past 5 years, from a really poor financial position, we have managed to resurrect a profitable situation and restore a very positive reserve fund! There have been several value adds to the members over the last year or so that I'm sure Ivano will be covering in his report, therefore I'm not going to go into too much detail there.

It is no secret anymore that the Chairman of the PGA, Paul Marks, will be stepping down later this year and there is already a very strong succession plan in place to take the PGA forward. Huge thanks must go to Paul for all his valuable time and effort that he has put into the association over the past 8 or so years, in what can often be a thankless task!

Our tournament schedule remains a strong one this year with a few new venues on the calendar! George Golf Club will once again be hosting a Pro-Am after several years along with Sardinia Bay in Port Elizabeth on board! It is fantastic to see the members and clubs putting their hands up to get a date on the calendar to host a Pro-Am! I once again encourage you all too please support the Pro-Am's, out of respect for your fellow professionals that are hosting and the sponsors that really make these events possible.

Our Regional championships this year was hosted by Wedgewood, and once again was funded by money raised by your regional committee through several initiatives, raffles and auctions at the Pro-Am's throughout the year! Thanks, must really go to your committee consisting of: Hector Nicou, Peter Berman, Thinus Keller, Cliff Barnard and Jayde Tannous, in no particular order, for all the behind the scenes efforts that entail the success of the PGA in our region. It has been a pleasure working with you all the past couple of years!

Lindy Murray has been the glue once again holding it all together in the region and I'm truly grateful to Lindy for all that she does for our region and all the reminders that I get and the admin that is required in the region.

For the first time, we have secured a sponsorship for our Regional Order of Merit. Cutter and Buck have come on board this year and the winner of the order of merit this year will not only receive a certificate, but also receive prizes in the form of Cutter and Buck jackets or apparel.

The Winner of the Order of Merit will receive a blue jacket and thus I felt it fitting to call it...'The Race for the Blue Jacket'. Prizes will include the best apprentice, best participation in events and the top 3 professionals on the Order of Merit.

In closing I would like to thank you all for the continued support over the past 2 years and that I truly believe we have a very special, tightly knit relationship almost the Pros in our area and I can only see the bond growing over the years to come! It has been an honour to serve you as Chairman of the region that, in my opinion, will certainly become the leader in golf in South Africa in the future!

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVES PRESENTATION:

The Chief Executive submitted his presentation to the members in attendance which included the below in detail:

- Board of Directors
- Financial Statements
- Membership Report and Retention
- Member Relationship Managers
- Member Engagement Review results
- PGA Brand and Trademark
- PGA Trademark
- PGA Education and the launch of PGA AMP
- CPD Education and the Course Record
- Championships
- Annual Award Winners and Dinner
- PGA Championship Raffle
- Transformation
- PGA Partners Program
- PGA Organogram
- Strategic Plan and Map
- Influencing the Industry and Advocacy

8. FINANCIALS:

The region has up to this point through tournaments raised R23 985.64 which is in the balance sheet of the region and belongs to the Southern & Eastern Cape region only.

Neil Walsh-Tucker explained that the funds raised at the various Pro-Ams through raffles and auctions is used for all members of the PGA in the SECape region.

Sean Farrell suggested bringing in a sponsor for the local Pro-Ams. SA Tourism was mentioned as a possible sponsor.

9. ELECTION OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

There were 6 nomination forms received by the Region for the following members: Thinus Keller, Jayde Tannous, Neil Walsh-Tucker, Peter Berman, Cliff Barnard and Hector Nicou.

Due to the number of 6 nominations not being exceeded, the committee for the next two-year period was confirmed as the 6 above mentioned Members.

10. YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The following members were acknowledged for the years of membership:

Adi van der Walt	–	30 years
Tyronne Farrell	–	10 years

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence received.

12. GENERAL:

Question: Roger Wessels queried why the change of rules courses to be presented was to be a two-day event?

Answer: Ivano explained that it was a GolfRSA initiative and that he presumed that with a completely new rule book that a detailed training session would be taking place. Ivano noted that he would ask Andrew Gunn to enquire further in this regard.

Question: Rob Wiederkehr asked if there were guidelines for professional courtesy extended to Pros playing at different clubs?

Answer: The club has to have a guideline if a PGA Member or professional golfer arrives to play and the applicable rate that is then charged. Ivano noted that breaches of this courtesy are common and complaints dealt with through the Head Office.

13. CLOSING OF MEETING:

The Chairman of the Region thanked the Members in attendance for their participation in the meeting and closed the meeting at 10h00.

Neil Walsh Tucker

Southern-Eastern Cape Regional Chairman