

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE SOUTHERN & EASTERN CAPE REGION OF THE PGA OF SOUTH AFRICA
HELD AT PLETTENBERG BAY GOLF CLUB ON SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST 2019.

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: Seamus McHugh, Shaun Farrell, Cliff Barnard, Roelof Roeloffze, Peter Berman, Neil Walsh-Tucker

4. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from the following Members: Thinus Keller, Stanley Wesley, Nic Grundtvig, Hector Nicou, Francois de Lange, Algy Kietzmann, Richard Lee, Wynand Myburgh, Roger Wessels, Barry Broadbent, Morten Bredahl, Quintin Byleveldt, Andrew Jamieson, Thinus Rosslee, Jayde Tannous, Carlo Kok, Rob Wiederkehr, Tyrone Farrell.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. They were adopted by Peter Berman and seconded by Sean Farrell

6. REGIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Another year has dashed by as it felt like yesterday that I was writing the 2018 report!

Let me start by congratulating the members that have been recognised and voted for by their peers in their respective categories for 2019. A massive well done to the following gents for being recognised as the best in the region at what they do:

Grow Golf - Roelof Roeloffze

Coach - Adam McKinley

Manager - Hector Nicou

Club Professional - Thinus Keller

Entrepreneur - Peter Berman

We continue to pay strong emphasis on the Pro-Am series throughout the year and, with a couple of new additions, are sporting a total of 14 regional Pro-Am's / Professional events in 2019! This boasts a strong showing for the Southern and Eastern Cape in relation to the other regions in SA.

The Pro-Pairs event with its ever-popular attendance was combined with the inauguration of the Tucker/Clause Cup and took place at St Francis Links with massive success and I can only imagine that will only get stronger in the years to come with possible expansion in the pipeline! Thanks to the St Francis Links team for the great hospitality as always!

The Regional 2x2 Championship took place at Kingswood with Great Success and on a course that was presented in magnificent condition! Defending his title on his home track was Rob Wiederkehr with 2 rounds under par to retain the trophy! Well done to Rob and to Kingswood for being great Hosts! Rob also was in the UK to Qualify for the Senior Open which took place at Royal Lytham and St Anne's. Qualify for the tournament he did, something really special for one of our members to play in a major!

The Schedule for the rest of 2019 looks inviting and I really encourage the members to support the Pro-Am series as we continue to strive for camaraderie amongst the members and to raise funds for our region through the raffle fee for the 'ultimate golf trip'!

Our education through the Apprentice program remains very strong in our region with 9 apprentices from the SE Cape attending residentials in May. Four of our apprentices recently qualified namely: Sigmund Human, Daniel Gouws, Monique Smit and Thinus Rosslee. Congrats to those members and also to Sig and Daniel for finishing in the Top 5 apprentices in the country!

The communications from Head Office has really been fantastic and I don't feel that I need to echo on the CE's report and can only thank Ivano and the team for the hard work that happens behind the scenes together with Lindy who is obviously based in the area!

All in all, golf remains extremely strong in the area with the Members flying the PGA flag high and doing great work to promote our great game! I look forward to another successful year for the PGA in the SE Cape!

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVES PRESENTATION:

Ivano Ficalbi, the Chief Executive of the PGA of SA, presented a comprehensive PowerPoint Presentation covering a large range of subjects pertaining to the running of the PGA. (The power point presentation is available to those members who wish to see it). On conclusion, the Chief Executive asked if there were any questions from the floor and none were forthcoming.

8. PRESENTATION OF THE REGIONAL ACCOUNTS:

The region has up to this point through tournaments raised R785.25 which is in the balance sheet of the region and belongs to the Southern and 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 SE Cape region. The funds were spent on partial funding for the Tucker-Clause and the Regionals. Open for suggestions to raise money for the SE Cape fund.

9. YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The following members were acknowledged for the years of membership:

Algy Kietzmann	–	40 years
Wesley Stanley	–	20 years

Nic Grundtvig	–	20 years
Wynand Myburgh	–	10 years
Cliff Barnard	–	10 years
Francois de Lange	–	10 years
Hector Nicou	–	10 years

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence received.

11. GENERAL:

Sean Farrell asked regarding growing numbers at the Pro-Ams, and finding a sponsor or subsidizing the Pro's

Suggestion that fewer tournaments may attract more people. The committee needs to address the schedule. Suggestion that the Pro hosting on the day to supply the amateurs for the Pro-Ams. Cliff mentioned that it is the same people that support the Pro-Ams. Neil to draft a document regarding addressing support for Pro-Ams.

12. CLOSING OF MEETING:

The Chairman of the Region thanked the Members in attendance for their participation in the meeting and closed the meeting at 10h03

Neil Walsh Tucker

Southern-Eastern Cape Regional Chairman