

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PGA OF SOUTH AFRICA (SOUTHERN & EASTERN CAPE) HELD AT GEORGE GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY, 21 AUGUST 2017.

**1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN**

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

**2. ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Wynand Myburgh, Morten Bredahl, Barry Broadbent, Tyrone Farrell, Robert Wiederkehr, Quintin Byleveldt, Sean Farrell, Roelof Roeloffze, Nic Grundtvig, Cliff Barnard, Jayde Tannous, Neil Walsh-Tucker

**3. APOLOGIES**

Jeff Clause, Jamie Kietzmann, Thinus Keller, Peter Berman, Hector Nicou, Gary Packer, Roger Wessels, Chris Dixon, Adam McKinley, Francois de Lange, Carlo Kok, Ryan Reid, Richard Lee

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. They were adopted by Barry Broadbent and seconded by Nic Grundtvig

**5. REGIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

It has been a very successful year for the PGA both regionally and nationally, and we find ourselves in a good space as an organization. Thanks to the efforts of Ivano and his team at Head Office, the board of directors and the influence of the affiliation program, the PGA body find ourselves in a financially stable and positive position with structurally sound processes in place!

This position then gives us the base in which to work off to expand our horizons and broaden the value that the PGA can offer the members who obviously make up the backbone of the organization! In summary, I feel we are going into exiting times for the PGA and the golf industry in South Africa and contrary to negative belief, I strongly believe that golf is in a positive position in SA despite the growing political uncertainty.

With the ongoing fantastic work of Peter Berman, Thinus Keller and all on of the Regional committee, the state of our regional tournament schedule remains healthy, with no less than 13 tournaments that play in the 7 months of "off" season. Included in these is the ever popular "Road Trip" that Jeff has hosted for many years and I would like to thank Jeff and his team for all the efforts that go into this event every year! All I can say is watch this space for a little twist to that event to come!

The regional committee all agreed that we wanted to make the S&E Cape Regional Championships something special to attract the biggest field ever, and boy were we successful!! Through several charity initiatives, raffles and auctions over the first few Pro-Ams of the year, we were able to raise enough money to: Create a prize purse, pay for all costs for the pros and amateurs and find ourselves with a record number of participants on 68! This is strategically our main objective as the regional committee, to do everything we can to give back to the PGA members in the region and assist you to “change lives through the game of golf”. Congratulations to Altus Kapp who played some great golf on a tough George Golf Course and lifted the trophy!

The tournament schedule this year, due to several unforeseen reasons, had to be adjusted on several occasions and tournament dates were altered. The new and exciting addition to the calendar this year was to be the inaugural “Tucker/Clause Cup”. This has been moved to 2018 and will be our first tournament to kick off the year. The finalisations of the details for this tournament have yet to be completed and you will be informed in due course! This has been replaced by a great concept that Peter Berman has put together called the PGA ‘Pairs’, which will consist of foursomes and betterball at Simola for 36 holes of golf. The details will follow shortly.

The Regional and national awards criteria was changed this year to accommodate more specific categories in which many of us find ourselves in. The categories are as follows: PGA club Pro, PGA Manager, PGA Coach, PGA Entrepreneur and PGA Grow Golf. Congratulations to the deserved winner of each category voted for by your peers:

PGA Grow golf and PGA Entrepreneur - Roelof Roeloffze

PGA Club Manger - Barry Broadbent

PGA Club Pro - Wynand Myburgh

PGA Coach - Adam McKinlay

I would like to end off with thanks to Lindy Murray for handling the Administration for the region and also to the Regional committee that really demonstrate a huge amount of passion in bettering the area for the PGA and the members.

## **6. CHIEF EXECUTIVES PRESENTATION**

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

- Board of Directors
- Financial
- Reserve Fund
- Education – Registered Apprentice Fund
- CPD Education
- Valuing the PGA Professional
- Membership Report
- Membership
- Member Retention
- Member Engagement Review

- Membership Pack
- Insurance
- PGA Brand Booklet
- PGA Items for Sale
- Championships
- Annual Award Process
- Annual Awards Dinner
- PGA Partner Program
- Affiliates
- PGA Organogram
- Member Relationship Managers
- Performance Review Process
- Influencing the Industry
- Strategic Plan
- Website

## **7. FINANCIALS**

The region has up to this point through tournaments raised R16, 624.03 which is in the balance sheet of the region and belongs to the Southern & Eastern Cape region only.

## **8. YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The following received their 10 year membership certificate:

- Nic Grundtvig
- Wesley Stanley
- Wellington Sonanze
- Jeff Clause
- Ben du Toit
- Jayde Tannous
- Roelof Roeloffze
- Valerie Holland
- Neil Walsh-Tucker
- Graeme Whale
- Mark Wiltshire
- Peter Berman

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received.

## **10. GENERAL**

Robert Wiederkehr asked that in an alliance competition what should the Pro's be playing off, presently in Pro-Am tournaments pros without an official handicap play off

a scratch and this should be revised. This matter will be discussed at the next committee. Ivano Ficalbi mentioned that in the 'Tournament Regulations and Procedures' it mentions handicaps allowances. Neil Walsh-Tucker would get back in writing after the committee meeting. Hector Nicou has suggested he could arrange for a discounted membership that would allow all Pro's to have an official handicap.

## **11. CLOSING OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 10h30.