

Minutes of Meeting of the SMGA, October 22nd, 2019

Present: Keith, Jan Peter, Mark H., Ivan, Didier, Yannick, Marc G. + 1 cat

Absent: none

1. Opening 19:10h
2. Minutes of Meeting August 6th, 2019
   1. Work on the container still pending 🡪 action Didier please
   2. Ivan approved minutes, Yannick seconded
3. ECGA
   1. Trip to Barbados - travel 11 hours door to door, 4 hours coming back
   2. Course, hotel, etc was nice
   3. SXM won 1st net as a team, Ladies team won 2nd net, as did the Seniors team, Oliver Hobgood won 1st net Men, JP won 1st net Seniors
   4. Price 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
   5. Next year St. Lucia
   6. Cost amounted to USD 1,150 p.p., app. USD 13,715 in total
4. Finance
   1. Updated with the donations handed out and most of the ECGA expenses.
   2. Junior Golf has app. USD 7,600,
   3. SMGA has app. USD 2,900
   4. ECGA reserve fund has $ for 2025 scheduled Sxm
   5. JP approved the Finances, Ivan seconded
5. Concordia Cup
   1. Will be held November 9th/10th, 2019
   2. Howard will send invite and organizes the event, we assist
   3. French team will consist of 12 men and 2 women
   4. USD 800.- contribution towards the cost was approved by the board unanimously
6. AGM
   1. Will be held on November 21st, 2019
   2. JP was asked to send a “save the date” e-mail in two weeks
   3. Location t/b/a/ - hopefully Carl’s & Sons, Keith will make the reservation
   4. JP, Ivan, Rodney, Yannick and Didier remain on the Board until 2020
   5. Keith, Mark H. and Mark G. are up for re-election and have indicated their willingness to continue.
   6. President to be elected as this is a one year term.
   7. Rodney will be asked by Keith to resign.
   8. Names to replace Rodney are floated and greeted with a mix of enthusiasm, wailing and gnashing of teeth !
7. Christmas Scramble
   1. Will be held on the 7th of December 2019
   2. JPH will send out a “save the date” e-mail to members during November
   3. Raffle items and other gifts are wanted, restaurant vouchers are suggested as a possibility, **ACTION ALL BOARD MEMBERS!!!!!!!!!!!!**
   4. Currently available as gift/prize: two watches from Zhaveri Jewelers, 2 rounds of golf at Cuisinart.
   5. Barcode is preferred as the venue after the Christmas Scramble to hand out prizes, hold the raffle/auction and elevate the levels of inebreation even further.
8. Thomas Smith Challenge Cup
   1. Handicapping is based on tournaments held on the Dutch side and the course rating done in 2016
   2. French side have their own handicapping and their own course rating
   3. Where the Dutch side use match/stroke play, the French normally use the Stableford system
   4. PGA will dictate new rules for handicapping – which is accepted worldwide – and will come into effect 2020
   5. In order to arrive at a level playing field Yannick will supply Keith with the French side’s course rating, Keith will consult with Gitte to come to one course rating for Mullet Bay Course
   6. Yannick would like to have more stroke play events on the French side in order to update the handicapping in a more consistent manner as compared to the Dutch system based on which governs the Thomas Smith Challenge Cup
   7. For the implementation of the PGA Handicapping Rules in 2020 a cross country committee will be set up.
   8. Thursday November 14th, at 19h the Dutch and French board will meet to kick off the discussion on the implementation.
9. Closing 21:05h