Minutes of Meeting SMGA

Meeting date September 7th, 2021

Present: Keith, Mark, Anne-Marie, Yannick, Jan Peter, Marc

Absent: Ivan

1. Opening: 18.25h
2. Minutes of January 26th, 2021
   1. Read by Keith
   2. Minutes were approved by Yannick and seconded by Jan Peter
3. Finance
   1. We got balls (sufficient amount of balls for prizes)
   2. R&A paid USD 4,000 from which Howard was paid for his work in the period of January up to and including June of 2021
   3. USD 18,024.50 in checking account + USD 10,828.34 in reserve for ECGA
   4. 83 members have paid this year
   5. The three tournaments held during 2021 netted a USD 1,429 profit for SMGA
   6. Finances were approved by Jan Peter and seconded by Yannick
4. Chamber of Commerce
   1. Mark H. will obtain a Chamber of Commerce extract for 2021
5. Howard
   1. Left/is leaving St. Maarten to live in Denmark with his family
   2. Junior Golf will stay pending until a final solution can be developed
   3. Maybe in cooperation with the French side we can continue Junior Golf, pro’s and con’s were discussed
   4. Keith will ask Howard for a report of the past half year
6. Tournaments
   1. ***September 25th:*** 3 man scramble
      1. USD 100 fee
      2. Prize giving of the Thomas Smith Challenge Cup 2020 will be handled after this tournament
   2. ***Thomas Smith Challenge Cup*** **2021** will be organized soonest
   3. ***Medal Plays*  and ECGA qualification** not many players participate, alternative might be a play off, next ECGA is Oct 2022, i.e. we have time to further work this out in order to come to a decision
   4. ***St. Maarten Open****,* maybe in November, depending on whether Anguilla players can participate and other local developments with regards to Covid-19.
   5. ***Concordia Cup*** will be organized, planning is for November 13th+14th
   6. ***XMAS Scramble*** halfway December
   7. ***Night Golf*** October 20th is full moon, Saturday Oct. 23rd would be an option as long as sufficient persons will show up, Mark H. will check the supplies
7. GHIN
   1. New members are entered, members who left need are deleted deleted
   2. GHIN needs to charge SMGA for 2021 members and update their database
8. Press releases
   1. Keith points out that press releases have not gone out following two past tournaments.
   2. Marc G. apologizes, it totally slipped the bastard’s mind
9. Windward Roads has offered to donate in-kind by:
   1. removing golfcart wrecks and wrecked golfcarts from under the tree next to the container – so an area after a tournament can be established
   2. putting up yellow, white and red sticks to mark the boundaries of out-of-bounds- penalty areas - etc so that all players can know what to do and not go back and hit again or drop or jump up and down, or go fish and/or be merry, contented and pleased that one found the damn ball, paradoxically, as it concerns the same ball one felt moments earlier to smack as hard as one can to make it go as far away as possible.
10. Round Robin
    1. Jan Peter: Board members are requested to assist as much as possible with setting up and help before a tournament, especially when it comes to handing out the carts and making sure that persons would actually take that cart which has his/her OWN name on it
    2. Jan Peter/Keith: we need more (plastic) post tournament chairs
11. Closing

Meeting adjourned at ??? No-one can remember – just delighted to leave !