Minutes of Meeting of the SMGA Annual General Meeting 2020

November 25th, 2020

Board Members present : Keith, Jan Peter, Ivan, Mark H., Marc G., Yannick , Anne Marie

Absent: Didier

Members present: Howard, Gitte, Frank, Marc van I.,

1. Call to Order (Ivan) 19.06h
2. Presentation of the Minutes of Meeting 2019 AGM
   1. 1st AGM, approved Marc van I, seconded by Marc G.
   2. 2nd AGM , approved Marc van I, seconded by Marc G.
3. President’s Report to the Members
   1. Keith thanks the board for all their efforts
   2. A very big thanks once more to the persons who play a key roll in our Association, namely Howard and Gitte
   3. All information pertaining SMGA such as events and other matters can be found on the website which is kept current
   4. Didier has tendered his resignation from the board at the end of his term
   5. Anne Marie is the latest addition to the board and has become a valued board member throughout the year
   6. St. Maarten Open had to be canceled, consequence: Loss of income missed, while expenditures were made, more on this in the Treasurer’s report
   7. From 2010 to 2020 ( 9 years – 2 yrs no Open ) SMGA has donated USD 84,900 to local charities and Junior Golf thru the SXM Open
   8. Membership has dropped from 89 in 2019 to 71 in 2020
   9. Many ideas should be discussed and will be developed to seek continuity and stability for the upcoming year 2021
4. Treasurer’s Report (Mark H.)
   1. Bank accounts:

USD 760 Current Account

USD 69 Junior Golf,

USD 7,000 SXM Open 2020

USD 10,828 ECGA reserve for 2025

* 1. Santa Scramble and the Summer Scramble were both a success, monetary wise as well
  2. Discussed and requested deferring Income and Expenses paid for SXM Open 2020 to be reflected in 2021
  3. Junior Golf didn’t receive the donation they would normally get as there was no St. Maarten Open
  4. The finances were approved by Ivan and seconded by Marc van I. this included the approval to defer the cost and income (as far as sponsors agree to the latter) to be deferred to the 2021 St. Maarten Open

1. Tournament Chairman’s Report (Jan Peter)
   1. Medal play --> 20 players, Andy Holmes won
   2. 4 Fun tournaments in February (33 players), June (59 players), July (Cariburo with French side, 62 players), Night Golf (16 players)
   3. 3 Country tournament, Anguilla won, St. Maarten was 2nd and St. Martin 3rd
   4. Concordia Cup, to be held this weekend
   5. Thomas Smith Challenge Cup. 1st round will be planned soon, scheduled to finish in March 2021 at the latest
   6. A difficult year and we hope for a better year in 2021
   7. Question is put forward whether the ECGA/Medal Play system is future proof, idea as an option is to have a playoff weekend instead of the Medal Plays, SMGA Board will decide in 2021
   8. Gitte and Howard are both thanked once more for their invaluable contribution to the organization and planning of the tournaments
   9. GHIN Handicapping Registration:
      1. it’s important that everybody puts their score in and it seems this is not the case currently
      2. Marc van I suggests that the SMGA Board could be more pro-active in getting the membership to enter their scores
      3. an e-mail will be sent out to the membership to remind them of this
      4. The Board is to come up with recommendations as to how to guarantee correct handicaps under the new system if there are no medal plays
2. Junior Golf Report (Howard)
   1. 16 total players, 5 female
   2. Parents expressed “COVID Concerns” hence groups of 5 to 8 max
   3. Junior Golf Tournament can easily attract 25 to 30 players
   4. SXM Jr. Santa Scramble will be held the 13th of December in the afternoon
   5. 4 kids added to the group, 6 kids are already on their 3rd year
   6. We have to be realistic with regards to the numbers citing the size of the population
   7. Marc van I asks what the minimum age is, Howard responds that children between the ages of 7 and 14 are welcome and that all practice takes place at Mullet Bay on Wednesday’s and Thursday’s
3. New Business
   1. Membership: we have to work on it
   2. 2021 should see continued co-operation between French and Dutch side associations
4. Open to/from the floor
   1. Marc van I. asks: if OTB is playable, then what? Howard responds by stating that the course will be fully marked again
5. Statutory Business
   1. Honorary members: no nominations
   2. Election of the board
      1. 2019-2021 Keith, Mark H, Anne Marie, Marc G will stay on for their 2nd year of their 2 year term
      2. 2020-2022 Yannick, Jan Peter, Ivan postulated for continuing on the Board
      3. Didier has resigned
      4. All the above unanimously approved by attendance
   3. Election of President
      1. No nominees apart from Keith
      2. 2020 – 2021 Keith unanimously approved by attendance to stay on as President
   4. Didier is thanked for his contribution to the SMGA, much appreciated
   5. As there is no quorum the board will prepare a 2nd AGM where another voting session will take place with respects to the before mentioned, invitation will be sent
   6. Jan Peter was thanked for arranging his house as a location for the AGM
6. Closing, Meeting adjourned at 20.07h