

# LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 23 May 2019

The following minutes are a record of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Little Sai Wan Golfing Society held on Thursday 23 May 2019 at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

### **Society Members Attending- 10**

### **Committee Members – Attending- 7**

- President: Richard Castka (RC).
- Captain: Antony Michell (AM).
- Match Secretary: Jean-Paul Cuvelier (JPC).
- Honorary Treasurer: Dale Willetts (DW).
- Honorary Secretary: Nick Gikas (NG)
- Officer: Richard Siemens (RS).
- Communications Officer: Dallas Reid (DR)

### **Committee Apologies for Absence- 5**

- Vice-Captain: Andre Kriesel (AK).
- Membership Secretary: Roger Best (RB).
- Handicap Secretary: Craig Chapmen (CC).
- Officer: Carel Rossouw (CR).
- Officer: Chris Satterfield (CS).

RC opened the AGM at 2:10 pm.

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Approval of the minutes from the 2018 AGM:**

RC stated that the minutes had been on the website for review for the past year and called for comments. None were received.

## 2. **Matters arising:**

None were raised, and the minutes were signed by RC as a true record.

## 3. **Presentation of the Committee Reports**

As required by the Society by-laws, the following five reports were presented by the relevant committee members in the following order:

- Match Secretary's Report- presented by JPC.
- Handicap Secretary's Report- presented by DW on behalf of CC.
- Treasurer's Report - presented by DW.
- Membership Secretary's Report - presented by AM on behalf of RB.
- Captain's Report- presented by AM

JPC stated an average of 22.5 players per event in the prior 12 months representing a decrease of 3.5% from the previous year. JPC also reminded members of the necessity for timely completion of match play matches. JPC stated the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ryder Cup will be held over 5 days the last week of November in Thailand and that interested members should submit their deposit by the end of June. The competition will be a minimum of 12 players per side up to a maximum of 20 players. Lastly JPC asked society members to thank Dallas Reid for his dedicated upkeep of the LSWGS web site.

DW on behalf of CC reminded the membership that all adjusted qualifying scores played in the universe must be posted to the HKGA and that it is each member's responsibility to ensure they maintain a valid and accurate handicap. DW also introduced the New World Handicap System which will be initiated next year and for membership to be aware of this upcoming system.

DW stated that overall finances were in generally good shape with a small surplus and recommended the annual subscription fee remain at HK\$1,000 per year and green fees for members and guests remained unchanged. DW emphasized members must pay for the monthly events several days in advance of the event and send DW, cc: the match secretary proof of payment via email.

AM on behalf of RB stated our overall numbers have declined to 69 Full Members and we should recruit an additional 12 members all of whom should be good golfers playing to an official handicap of 18 or less and be members of the HKGA handicapping system. RB's report also emphasized that prospective members be well-introduced to committee members and play in two monthly competitions with committee members before being proposed for Society membership.

AM began his report by thanking all Society members as well as members of the Committee. A special thank you was given to Roger Best for his service to the Committee over the years most recently as Membership Secretary. AM emphasized the need for continued support from the membership of the Society and encouraged members to be proactive in presenting new ideas to the Committee. AM stated in the past year the Society has been active in opposing redevelopment of the Hong Kong Golf Club and the recommendations of the Task Force on Land Supply and our efforts were appreciated by the Hong Kong Golf Club. AM reported on the results of the Society winning the 2018 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ryder Cup against Big Sai Wan and thanked JPC for his captaincy of the team. AM concluded by asking the attendees to stand and raise a toast to the Society.

The minutes of the AGM and Committee reports will be uploaded to the Society website [www.lwsgs.com](http://www.lwsgs.com) for the benefit of members who wish to read them.

#### **4. Election of the Committee**

RC announced the resignation of Committee Member, Roger Best. To fill the vacancy Lorenz Zimmerman was nominated. RC asked for a vote and Lorenz was approved by the members present.

RC announced the remaining 11 Committee Members had agreed to remain on the committee for another year. RC asked for an "en bloc" vote, which the members present unanimously approved.

The Committee members for 2019-2020 are:

- Antony Michell (AM).
- Jean-Paul Cuvelier (JPC).
- Andre Kriesel (AK).
- Craig Chapman (CC).
- Nick Gikas (NG).
- Dale Willets (DW).
- Richard Siemens (RS).
- Carel Rossouw (CR).
- Chris Satterfield (CS).
- Dallas Reid (DR)
- Richard Castka
- Lorenz Zimmerman

#### **5. Any Other Business**

RC opened the floor for any other business.

RC proposed that existing members with handicaps over 18 be allowed to eligible to play in Society monthly matches as well as match play matches with their actual handicap up to a maximum of 24. There was much discussion for and against this proposed change. Currently this would be applicable to only two current members, RC and RS. After debate the proposal was put to a show of hands vote of the attending members. By a majority vote the proposal was approved by the membership. It was emphasized by several members that any new prospective member must hold a valid HKGA handicap of 18 or less to be considered for Society membership.

There being no other business the President closed the AGM at 2.55 pm.

Nick Gikas  
LSWGS Honorary Secretary