

# LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



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## Minutes of the LSWGS Committee Meeting – 23 May 2019

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

### **Present – Attending- 8**

- 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)  
Officer: Lorenz Zimmermann (LZ)- newly elected to the Committee

### **Apologies for Absence- 4**

- Officer: Chris Satterfield (CS)
- Officer: Carel Rossouw (CR)
- Vice-Captain: Andre Kriesel (AK)
- Handicap Secretary: Craig Chapman (CC)

RC opened the CM at 3:15 pm.

### **Discussion Topics:**

1. Voting of LZ to the Committee- Proposed by AM and seconded by DW. The vote was unanimous in favor. RC then welcomed LZ to the Committee.

2. Committee Positions – Current Society rule 7.0 e states the term of each position should be a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 3 years, but a term could be extended subject to the approval of the Committee. It was agreed to follow rule 7.0 e and after some healthy and lively discussion it was determined the Committee positions would be as follows for 2019/2020:

President	:	Antony Michel (AM)
Captain	:	Jean-Paul Cuvelier (JPC)
Vice-Captain	:	not filled at the Committee Meeting. AM will open the position to all Committee members at a later time.
Honorary Treasurer	:	Dale Willets (DW)
Honorary Secretary	:	Nick Gikas (NG)
Communications Secretary	:	Dallas Reid (DR)
Match Secretary	:	JPC and Lorenz Zimmermann (LZ)-position to be shared for six months after which time the role will be fulfilled solely by LZ
Membership Secretary	:	LZ up to six months after which time the roll will be fill by Richard Castka (RC)
Officer	:	Chris Satterfield (CS)
Officer	:	Carel Rossouw (CR)
Officer	:	Andre Kriesel (AK)- stepped down from Vice-Captain position
Officer	:	Rick Siemens (RS)
Officer	:	Craig Chapman (CC)

3. DW proposed in recognition of RC's outstanding service to the Society as both a past Captain and President that RC be given a Life Membership. The motion was seconded by AM and unanimously approved by the Committee members.
4. New Potential Members- DR raised the issue regarding current Society rules that a member can only propose AND second one new member each calendar year. In order to boost membership and to eliminate the need to recall whether a member had been a proposer or seconder during the year it was decided by Committee vote that a member can propose AND second new up to 3 new members.
5. Matches, Prizes and Potential Sponsorships- The floor was opened by AM for suggestions on alternative matches, formats and prizes than currently executed by the Society. Some of the highlights discussed were DR requesting the bogie competition be replaced, AM suggesting the Hidden Hole prize be dropped, discussion by several Committee members regarding replacing the pro-shop vouchers with alternative prizes, more team formats to be included in the monthly events, playing one or two matches per year at alternative courses such as Clearwater Bay, the need for an October event and the desire to attract proper sponsors for the Society and for monthly events. Regarding sponsorship AM advised that St James has committed to match any donation we as a Society make ourselves or raise by others for a charity they sponsor. It was also discussed that potential sponsors be given recognition on hats and shirts if so desired.

After some discussion it was decided a subcommittee would be informed to address these issues and to develop suggestions for Committee review in the near future. The initial subcommittee members are AM, DW and LZ.

In addition, it was decided by majority vote that the Hidden Hole prize is to be dropped and will be replaced by an alternative to be determined after the Committee meeting. (Subsequently it was decided the Shot of the Day will replace the Hidden Hole prize).

6. Posting of Scores- DW and JPC raised the issue that Society Members were still not diligent in posting their own scores after matches. JPC reminded the Committee that all scores must be posted in the HKGA system no matter where the game was played. Some discussion suggested that the Handicap Secretary be responsible to post all scores after Society matches as in past practice. After discussion it was decided that Members be responsible to post their own scores. LZ raised the issue as to whether the recording, checking and calculating of match scores and monthly match winners could be automated. After some discussion pro and con regarding automation LZ volunteered to research match scoring applications and programs already in the market and to present findings to the Committee for further discussion.
7. Ryder Cup Thailand November 2019- JPC reminded Committee members that interested players make their deposit by end of June to be considered. JPC gave the Committee an update on efforts of Big Sai Wan Golf Society to form at least a 12-man team and that he would keep us updated.
8. Communications- AM raised the issue that he was impressed by the monthly on-line newsletter issued by Big Sai Wan Golf Society and that LSWGS should formulate a similar on-line newsletter for the membership to use an effective communication tool. It was agreed by DR that he would submit a proposal within a few months with the goal of establishing the on-line newsletter or link within six months.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 4:32 pm.

Nick Gikas  
Honourable Secretary