

# LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



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## Minutes of the LSWGS Committee Meeting – 26 June 2020

The following minutes are a record of the Committee Meeting (CM) of the Little Sai Wan Golfing Society held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 at the Hong Kong Golf Club

### **Present – Attending- 5**

- - Captain: Jean Paul Cuvelier (JPC)
- - Match Secretary and Handicap Secretary: Lorenz Zimmermann (LZ)
- - Honorary Treasurer: David Collins (DC)
- - Membership Secretary: Richard Castka (RC)
- - Officer: Todd Hooper (TH)

JPC opened the meeting at 3:00 pm.

### **Discussion topics and action points:**

1. AGM & GC minutes: JPC explained how the minutes were prepared for the last meeting in the absence of the Hon Secretary, and these have now been revised.
2. Prize for low gross: RC questioned whether the prize for low gross was too high when compared to other prizes and the proportion of the field competing for this prize. LZ to monitor the low gross results for the rest of the year and consider the disbursement of this prize over the past couple of years so that we can make an informed decision about whether to revise.
3. Approval of new members: Currently, applicants may get to play with only 2 or 3 committee members before approval is sought for their application, so it is difficult to get informed support from a majority of committee members. It was agreed that those who don't know or have not played with the applicants can abstain from voting and the majority will be based on those voting. The rules to be reviewed to reflect this and to allow for approval by email.
4. 2021 events – LZ is putting together the schedule. HKGC initially requested events only on Mondays, but have now relaxed this position to Monday or Tuesday. KSC cannot be booked this far in advance currently. DC looked into DBGC and Shek O as alternative venues. DBGC seems prohibitively expensive at \$1650 plus \$350 minimum F&B spend and permit Mon / Tues only. Shek O is possible (at \$500 plus \$350 on food) provided a Shek O member plays with each flight. LZ and DC to explore further the possibility of an event or match with Shek O.
5. Website: Confirmed that the fixtures and events schedule is indeed posted along with event reports.

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6. Match secretary / GolfGenius app: LZ explained some of the features and benefits of using the Golf Genius app, which would substantially cut down all the manual work required by the match secretary and help us the run events and handle administration more effectively. There is a set up cost of USD300, plus an annual cost of USD2000, which could be financed by a small increase in the membership fee. LZ to look into getting the app on a trial basis before we commit to using for the longer term. A formal committee decision will be required. It was noted that because of the significant workload, some other societies engage a person to do the match secretary work, paying about HKD15,000 per month.
7. Re-application from former members: Agreed RC's suggestion to re-admit past members in good standing who wish to re-join, without the need to go through the formal approval process for new members. To update rules to reflect this, subject to a formal committee decision.
8. Membership whatsapp and email lists: To be updated to include all current members and delete former members.
9. Cambodia tour: JPC reported interest from 7 members (plus a few spouses) to date, but many perhaps want to wait and see, so can re-visit as the travel picture becomes clearer.
10. Survey feedback: LZ explained again the background to this and how feedback was collected and considered.
11. Selection of committee members: To review the procedure for selection of committee members and ensure adequate notice given for proposals for new committee members to be put forward and considered.
12. AOB
  - DC queried whether LSWGS is registered under the Societies Ordinance and advised that the Hon Secretary is looking into this.
  - The matter of golf insurance for members was raised and consideration is to be given to tightening our rules on recommending or mandating adequate insurance cover and / or disclaiming liability for the society.
  - JPC queried whether a Society code of conduct existed or was required, and it was noted that the rules were currently drafted to incorporate conduct matters, but we should review for completeness.

There being no further business, the Captain closed the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Nick Gikas  
Honorary Secretary