

LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



Founded 1964

Minutes of the LSWGS Committee Meeting – April 20, 2021

The following minutes are a record of the Committee Meeting of the Little Sai Wan Golfing Society (LSWGS) held on Tuesday 20th of April 2021 at the Hong Kong Golf Club

Present – Attending- 7

- Captain: Jean Paul Cuvelier (JPC)
- Match Secretary Lorenz Zimmermann (LZ)
- Handicap Secretary: Carel Rossouw (CR)
- Honorary Treasurer: David Collins (DC)
- Honorary Secretary: Nick Gikas (NG)
- Officer: Andre Kriesel (AK)
- Officer: John Harris (JH)

JPC opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Discussion Topics and Action points:

1. CR raised the issue that current LSWGS rules requiring a HKGA handicap should no longer be required as GHIN is a worldwide system which should be used in place of the HKGA handicap requirement.
2. Current status of LSWGS registration status- JPC updated the attendees that the LSWGS society registration had been terminated by the Hong Kong Police in 2017 without a valid reason. Proof of a valid society registration has been requested by the Hong Kong Golf Club of all golf societies playing at the Club. The reason as explained by the general manager of the Club to JPC and NG is that the Hong Kong House Affairs Bureau will give “credit” to the Club for all play by societies with valid registrations in the Club’s on-going efforts to preserve the Old Course from demolition.

JPC explained that JPC, DC and NG have compiled forms and documents over the prior weeks and have submitted to the Hong Kong Police all documents required to register the Society. On April 21, the LSWGS has been given verbal approval by the Police to allow the use of the name LSWGS for the newly registered society with some minor conditions. Formal approval via written notice is expected within 25 days. The deadline requested by the Club is the end of May and the general manager of the Club has been updated on our progress.

3. Approval of new members: it was proposed by JPC and discussed by the attendees that

LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



Founded 1964

prospective new members be proposed and seconded by two members who could also be Committee members. Prospective members must then play with at least 2 different Committee members. This is consistent with current rules. Members would then be accepted based on the recommendation of the 2 Committee members who played with the prospective member plus any other Committee members who have met and know the prospective member. A majority of Committee members would no longer be required for approval or decline of a prospective member.

4. JPC advised that Dale Willets and Andre Kriesel wished to step down from the committee due to their uncertainty of future time in Hong Kong and travel plans. We thank them both for their contribution to the Society and hope to see them at all events.
5. Potential committee members were discussed
6. Membership- LZ stated that it would be beneficial for the Society to add 5 new additional members this year.
7. Covid related influence- JPC raised the issue that due to covid related travel restrictions the requirement that Committee members participate in at least 3 Society events per year in order to remain on the Committee be waived for 2020 and 2021. This rule should not be applied to Richard Castka, Antony Michell and Dallas Reid and they should be allowed to remain on the Committee.
8. JPC raised the issue that Committee members holding duties of Hon Treasurer, Captain, President and Hon Secretary should be stable and not change frequently as the administrative tasks involved in changing bank signees, Society contacts with the Police, registered address, etc. require some degree of continuity.

There being no further business, the Captain closed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Nick Gikas
Honorary Secretary