

LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



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Minutes of the LSWGS Committee Meeting – July 19, 2021

The following minutes are a record of the Committee Meeting of the Little Sai Wan Golfing Society (LSWGS) held on Monday the 19th of July 2021 at Kodak House II, Unit 2206, North Point, Hong Kong and via Zoom video conference.

Present – Attending- 8

- Antony Michell (AM)- video
- Jean Paul Cuvelier (JPC)
- Nick Gikas (NG)
- Dale Willetts (DW)- video
- Todd Hooper (TH)- video
- Will Glover (WG)
- David Collins (DC)
- Carel Rossouw (CR)- video

Committee Apologies for Absence- 3

- Dallas Reid (DR)
- John Harris (JH)
- Nick Allen (NA)

JPC opened the meeting at 1:15 pm.

1. The first order of business was the determination of Committee positions for the newly elected Committee for 2021/2022.
2. The allocation of each position was discussed amongst the Committee members attending the meeting and a show of hands vote was taken with the following results:
 - Captain- JPC
 - Vice-Captain- TH
 - President- decision made to maintain position as vacant until further notice
 - Hon Treasurer- DC
 - Hon Secretary- NG
 - Match Secretary- JH
 - Handicap Secretary- decision to combine with Membership Secretary position
 - Membership Secretary- WG
 - Communications - DR
 - Officer: AM
 - Officer- DW
 - Officer- NA
 - Officer- CR

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3. Richard Castka- It was agreed that valuable contributions to the Society by our longest serving member and long-serving past Committee member be recognized. Since Richard is already a Life Member it was suggested that one of the competitions for example, Order of Merit or Match Play be named after Richard. AM designated to contact Richard to confirm his agreement to the Committee's proposal.
4. Noel Prentice- Noel's last event in the Society will be in August 2021. Due to his dedicated play in most events during the prior several years and his competitiveness and sportsmanship it was decided by the Committee a Life Membership be bestowed to Noel.
5. Match Secretary Transition- Prior Match Secretary Lorenz Zimmerman resigned from the Committee and as Match Secretary in May 2021. However, Lorenz subsequently continued to organize the May, June and July events and act as Match Secretary. The Committee appreciates the efforts and contributions of Lorenz but, has determined the transition of Match Secretary duties to JH be promptly completed. In order to ensure a smooth transition, it was agreed that Lorenz be the lead Match Secretary for the July 30th event at KSC East since this is already in progress but, for the following event at HKGC Fanling August 9th the lead Match Secretary to be JH with support from Lorenz Zimmerman if required. The Match Secretary for subsequent events will be JH.
6. Golf Genius- As the Society has paid for Golf Genius for 2021 and due to the positive response from the membership it was agreed by the Committee that Golf Genius be used for Society events until further notice. In addition to JH, Committee members TH, JPC and DW will train and become competent in operating Golf Genius.
7. August 9th Event- JPC advised this will be a combined event – The Eddie Lopes Trophy and a 12 vs 12 match play event versus the Hong Kong Football Club Golf Society. In order to simplify scoring for both events, the Eddie Lopez Trophy will be changed from a stableford to a stroke play event. DW reminded the Committee that the HKGC should be notified as a courtesy.
8. 2022 Events Schedule- JPC informed the Committee that the 2022 schedule has not yet been issued by the HKGC. JPC said he had received an update from Lorenz as to the same and has spoken to HKGC General Manager Ian Gardner who confirmed to JPC it is in progress. JPC stated he would follow up with the Club.
9. Low Gross Winner- Some members have questioned whether the Low Gross prize of \$400 Hong Kong Dollars should continue in the future as many players do not have the ability to compete for the prize. After some minor discussion, the Committee unanimously decided there should be no change to the Low Gross prize.
10. Match Play- Some members have questioned whether the current rule, requiring in event of a tie a match be decided by count back should be amended. It is the Committee's position this rule should be reviewed in the future but, no changes can be made in the current year as the current year competition is in progress and any rule changes cannot be made retroactively. The Committee will address this issue in its next meeting.

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11. Update on Working Group – NG, WG, TH and CR comprise 4 of the 7 members of the working group. The Committee was updated on the progress of the working group including:
 - a. the working group's intent and objective to complete its review and recommendations by the end of August 2021.
 - b. the working group intends to submit its proposals to the Committee for comment before such proposals are submitted to the members.

The Committee will consider the recommendations of the working group, and discuss with the working group any concerns, proposed amendments or other suggestions, with the intent that the Committee and the working group can agree on recommendations and proposals before they are sent to the membership.

In the event the Committee and the working group cannot agree on any issues or recommendations, the working group's proposals will be presented to the membership, alongside the Committee's amended proposals.

12. Advisory Group- The Committee determined a formal advisory group to the Committee was not required but, agreed that certain members can be called on for advice and opinion if deemed potentially beneficially to the Committee.
13. The next Committee meeting was set for September 7, 2021, at 2 pm in the same premises.

There being no further business, JPC closed the meeting at 3: 45 pm.

Nick Gikas
Honorary Secretary