



## **MPUMALANGA GOLF UNION**

### **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIDDELBURG COUNTRY CLUB**

**ON SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER , 2017 AT 08h00**

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Present :

Graeme Morrison	President	in the chair
Rob Pryde	Highveld Golf	President
Johann van Rensburg	Highveld Golf	Vice President
Robbie Haward	Delegate	Highveld Golf
Johann Bezuidenhout	Delegate	Lowveld Golf
Gerrit Buurman	Junior Golf	Vice President
Patrizia Lombard	Womens Golf	Delegate

Colin Mulligan                      Secretary                      in attendance

The Chairman warmly welcomed all present to this final meeting of the year – on behalf of the Executive he wished all Mpumalanga golfers a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

Stephan Potgieter, Lowveld Vice President , had now missed 3 Executive Meetings consecutively and constitutionally must vacate his seat on the Executive Committee – Lowveld can nominate a delegate of their choice to replace Stephan Potgieter. The motion was unanimously carried by the Executive.

**APOLOGIES :**    Coenie du Preez, Edwin Compton, Frikkie Fensham, Adriaan Rabe, Hanlie Uys

#### **1.     PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 1.1     The minutes of the Executive meeting, held at Middelburg Country Club on 7 October, 2017 which had been circulated, was confirmed by the Executive and signed as a true record by the Chairman. Proposed by Rob Pryde and seconded by Johann Bezuidenhout.
- 1.2     The Minutes of the Bosberaad held at Middelburg on Country Club on 28 October, 2017 which had been circulated, was confirmed by the Executive and signed as a true record by the Chairman. Proposed by Gerrit Buurman and seconded by Johann van Rensburg.

#### **2.     MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES :**

Nil

#### **3.     TOURNAMENTS AND MATCHES CONCLUDED :**

- 3.1     The S.A Mid Amateur IPT was played in wind and rain at Oubaai from 9/13 October – no report was tabled and the Chairman reminded the meeting that this was a prime requisite. – On day 1 the team lost to Southern Cape 8½ – 3½ but narrowly beat Limpopo 7 – 5; day 2 they also had a tight game against Northern Cape winning 7 – 5; day 3 they beat Border 8 – 4 and narrowly lost to Free State by 6½ – 5½, this match was a hard fought one with Free State edging out the MGU on the last match; day 4 the team had a day off; day 5 the team were trounced 9½ – 2½ by Eastern Province losing 7 of the 8 singles matches thus finishing in 4th position on the log on 6 points, 6 behind section winner Southern Cape who now gain promotion to the A section in 2018. Chris Zietsman was the best player in the singles and won 4 of his 6 matches. The Chairman stressed that team managers who take a team away are expected to submit a report within 10 days of their return to the Office.

- 3.2 The Sanlam/Cancer Challenge National Final was played at Sun City from 8/10 October – Johann van Rensburg tabled his report which had been circulated – De Villiers Uys from Xamarin Country Club was the overall winner on 79 points.
- 3.3 The South African Tournament of Champions hosted at Glendower proved a huge success – 9 Union's took part. Mpumalanga players did not feature but enjoyed the experience – A division winner was Bertie Steenkamp of Namibia with a fine score of 148. B division winner was Floris Brand of Wellington Golf club who scored 159 and C division winner was Tyron Rees of Bryanston on a score of 66 points – Nathan du Toit was 7th on 58 points. The other MGU players played poorly.

#### 4. **FORTHCOMING FIXTURES :**

- 4.1 The S.A Super Senior IPT will be hosted in the SCGU from 4/8 December 2017 at Pezula.
- 4.2 The Limpopo Mid Amateur Strokeplay will be hosted at Polokwane from 2/3 December 2017.
- 4.3 The S.A Strokeplay Championship will be hosted at Pecanwood from 6/9 February 2018.
- 4.4 The MGU Closed will be hosted at White River Country Club on 18 February 2018 and is a compulsory event for all MGU players. Coenie du Preez to confirm sponsor.
- 4.5 The S.A Amateur and AGM will be hosted at Durban Country Club from 25 February to 2 March 2018.
- 4.6 MGU Club Championships will be played on the weekend of 10/11 March and is a compulsory tournament for all MGU players and this date is fixed for all MGU clubs unless permission is granted by the Union to host on another day.

#### 5. **SAGA MATTERS :** Graeme Morrison reported –

- 5.1 MGU President Graeme Morrison has been nominated to serve on the Strategy & Policy Committee.
- 5.2 HNA are giving their full attention to the 9 hole scoring formula.
- 5.3 The S.A Course Rating exercise will be completed by December 2017. MGU courses have all been completed and provisionally rated.
- 5.4 SAGA are still debating the format of Senior and Super Senior IPT,S – 2 venues are needed.
- 5.5 The Boys U.17 Strokeplay will be hosted at Middeburg on 4/6 July 2018.
- 5.6 SAGA will subsidise the 2017 Champion of Champions Strokeplay with a R500,000 grant.
- 5.7 The Bosberaad held at Middelburg was a success – decisions will be ratified by MGU.
- 5.8 No final decision has as yet been taken on the collection of the annual affiliation fees. The MGU are waiting for the Women to fix their fees.

#### 6. **CORRESPONDENCE :**

All correspondence, in and out, was tabled. They were made available to the Members of the Executive to peruse at their leisure after the meeting.

## 7. SPONSORSHIP :

- 7.1 The 2018 MGU Open sponsorship has been increased and Frans Labuschagne has been appointed to open negotiations with Highland Gate. The biggest task will be the caddies.
- 7.2 The Closed Championship at White River has attracted a sponsor – Coenie du Preez is following up will report back to the Chairman.

## 8. FINANCE :

- 8.1 The Budget Statement is running to schedule and will be circulated at the end of November with all the vehicle costs included. The Insurance premium was being settled. Absa has introduced a new online cellphone banking system to the Union.
- 8.3 Affiliation fees for 2018 were set at – 1. GolfRSA R171.00 including VAT – 2. MGU R202.00 excluding VAT as the Union was currently deregistered and the MGU figure included affiliation fees of Junior, Senior and Disabled golfers. Currently Disabled Golfers are being contacted to attend a meeting with a view to establishing a Body for them.

## 9. REPORTS :

### 9.1 HIGHVELD : Rob Pryde

The Walker Park Open was won by Ian Jacobs on a 70 in a rain interrupted tournament on 8 October – there were 39 players in the field – the Kranpoort Open attracted a field of 24 players on 14 October and was won by Griffiths Mathibele on a score of 145 – the Arnot Open played on 22 October attracted 29 players and was won by Ruan Potgieter on 141 – the Graceland Open played on 5 November attracted a field of 46 players and was won by whizz kid Gerhard Pepler on a score of 131 on a course that is never easy, runner-up was Alex Pieterse on 139 – the Piet Retief Open played on 11 November attracted a field of 28 players was won by JP du Toit on a score of 150. The 3 Highveld players participating in the S.A Tournament of Champions did not end up in the prizes. Andre van Heerden was runner-up to Garrick Higgs in the Bobby Locke on a score of 272 and is now the 14th ranked player in the country. At the last meeting of Highveld Golf the Executive unanimously voted to support the current Highveld Matchplay and Champ of Champs tournaments staying as Highveld tournaments and would not support the idea of these events coming under the MGU banner. The MGU would have to devise a way to satisfy both Highveld and Lowveld in the Champ of Champs tournament winners that go forward to the National Championships. At this same meeting it was decided that all Highveld Clubs would have full reciprocity with each other – any club has the right to withdraw from this agreement. The Highveld Scratch League Final is to be played at Witbank on 26 November with the A division contestants – Bankenveld vs Walker Park vs Middelburg. Bank Golf Club has closed down.

### 9.2 LOWVELD : Johann Bezuidenhout

Things were quiet in the Lowveld – the Handicap League was progressing well – the Skukuza Open was played on 29 July – results are not known – the Association was busy finalizing the year end functions and the final of the league. The MGU was thanked for its support – Lowveld was looking forward to next years Open days with a view to attract bigger and better fields. Kambaku had twice this year been flooded out – clubs in general were struggling financially. Lowveld wished all a merry Xmas and a prosperous 2018.

### 9.3 DEVELOPMENT : Edwin Compton

No report

#### 9.4 **MPUMALANGA JUNIOR and SCHOOLS GOLF:** Gerrit Buurman

Nicola Schoeman was overall 2nd by 1 point at the Salam/Cancer Final in the A division – The arrangements for the Junior IPT are running on schedule and thanks are expressed to all for their assistance – The Primary Schools are in need of financial help for their tournaments and are working towards a closer tie with Junior Golf – Junior Golf will host several tournaments during holidays to attract more youngsters and will adopt a new marketing strategy to attract more kids to join – kids are the future of golf in Mpumalanga. Caddies to wear a bib or cap at IPT – Junior Golf have lost 2 of their best players – in need of financial assistance – will endeavor to get last years golf bags back from the team – Schools are overcharging the kids at local tournaments – Junior Golf will follow up. A fundraiser will be held next year in both the Highveld and Lowveld to boost the Junior Golf coffers.

#### 9.5 **SENIOR AMATEUR GOLF :**

Seniors must up their program – must visit the clubs – committee to become involved and become committed – they need momentum – black golfers must be brought into the fold and the committee must step up if they want financial support from the mother body. Pensioners should be approached as there is talent in this group.

#### 9.6 **WOMENS GOLF :** Patrizia Lombard

The Bankenveld Open attracted a good field – the MGU Open will be hosted at Ermelo on 26 November and has attracted a quality field of 46 players – the MGU will assist with scoring duties. The Walker Park Open attracted 43 players on 4 November.

#### 9.7 **DISCIPLINARY REPORT :**

Nil

### 10. **GENERAL :**

- 10.1 The updated Provisional MGU Fixture List has been re-circulated and no major changes are visualized from here on. This will be finalized shortly once the final list is received from SAGA and the Women finalise their Fixtures.
- 10.2 Rinus van Niekerk will do the installation of his Ranking System at the MGU Office on Thursday 23 November.
- 10.3 The Bosberaad hosted on 28 October at Middelburg was a very successful meeting, clearing the way for Womens Golf Mpumalanga to slot in under the Mpumalanga Golf Union umbrella. The concerns of the players were cleared up with 27 points in all discussed including matters pertaining to Junior and Senior Golf. Both Associations reported on issues in their area of jurisdiction. Womens Golf were happy with the outcome of the meeting.
- 10.4 The matter of which Ranking System to support in the way forward will be finalized before the end of 2017.
- 10.5 The Players representative will serve as the 5th selector on the MGU panel would have his duties set out in writing by the time he is elected at the Closed Championship. The Executive have requested the 2 Associations to guide their players on who to nominate for this post.
- 10.6 It was approved that Francis Themane order all uniforms in future, pack and distribute same to the

teams, control the orders.

- 10.7 The matches annually played to be discussed which include the Limpopo match and also a MGU A vs a MGU B match.
- 10.8 A new office will be installed at the current site in the 2019 financial year.
- 10.9 Attendances at the meetings were poor and members must now take responsibility – Groblersdal are looking to play in the Highveld Handicap League, with permission from all concerned, The Union would look to nearby Unions to play matches against them – Lowveld must be encouraged to revitalise their Scratch League – the draws in the club Open days should be visited again where black players of note are given a better place in the current draws, this to improve their game.

**NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY 20th , JANUARY, 2018 AT MIDDELBURG COUNTRY CLUB AT 08h00**

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**Graeme Morrison**  
**Chairman**

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