



MPUMALANGA GOLF UNION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIDDELBURG COUNTRY CLUB

ON SATURDAY 22nd JULY, 2017 AT 08h00

Present :

Graeme Morrison	President	in the chair
Coenie du Preez	Vice President	MGU
Rob Pryde	Highveld Golf	President
Johann van Rensburg	Highveld Golf	Vice President
Robbie Haward	Delegate	Highveld Delegate
Johan Bezuidenhout	Lowveld Golf	Lowveld Delegate
Adriaan Rabe	Lowveld Golf	Lowveld
Kevin Canny	Senior Golf	Secretary
Frikkie Fensham	Junior Golf	President
Edwin Compton	SAGDB	Development Manager
Keith Viviers	Webmaster	MGU
Colin Mulligan	Secretary	in attendance

The Chairman warmly welcomed all present to this final meeting of the Financial Year. Traditional badge and ties were presented to newcomers Adriaan Rabe and Frikkie Fensham. Keith Viviers who is in charge of the maintenance of the MGU website was also warmly welcomed.

APOLOGIES : Stephan Potgieter, Francis Themane

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 1.1 The minutes of the Executive meeting, held at Middelburg Country Club on 20 May, 2017 which had been circulated, was confirmed by the Executive and signed as a true record by the Chairman. Proposed by Coenie du Preez and seconded by Rob Pryde.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES :

None

3. TOURNAMENTS AND MATCHES CONCLUDED :

- 3.1 Witbank hosted the Mpumalanga Foursomes on 18 June on a course that is in a good condition – 60 took the field. Ivan Mare and Andre van Heerden won on level par 144 from JP du Toit and Zander Gous on 149. In third spot were Bank's Lucky Nyaka and Sam Sibonyane on a score of 150. John Nkambule and Jabu Masilela of Bank won the all day net on 146.
- 3.2 The S.A Country Districts Tournament at San Lameer was a disappointing one for Mpumalanga in that the team had the opportunity of winning the tournament at one stage and fell away to end up second to last in the A section – but still only 3 points adrift from winners KwaZulu-Natal. Ivan Mare won all his singles matches and 63 year old Eddie Daniel lost only one. The first 2 days play was totally washed out by heavy rain with the result that only singles matches could be played on day 3 and 4 while on day 5 play reverted back to the conventional format. In round 1 MGU beat Boland 6½ – 5½ – in round 2 they halved 6 – 6 against Free State – in round 3 they lost badly 8 – 4 to KwaZulu-Natal and in round 5 if the team beat North West they still had a chance but it was not to be and they narrowly lost 7 – 5 to end up second to last on the log.

- 3.3 The Lowveld Mid Amateur combined with the Lowveld Open Strokeplay was played at Mbombels G.C on 9 July with a field of 71 taking part on a course in immaculate condition. KwaZulu-Natal's Derek Scullard won on a score of 143 from Pretoria's Martin Kraft on level par 144. Almero Theron, Ernest Botha and Ryk Lacock were joint 3rd a score of 145. Sakkie de Lange won the Lowveld Open.

4. FORTHCOMING FIXTURES :

- 4.1 The Northern Provinces League Final will be hosted at Walker Park on 28/29 July with all 6 of the Northern Union's teams taking part. The course is currently in a good condition. Walker Park will represent the MGU at this final.
- 4.2 The annual Handicap League Playoff between the winners of the Highveld and Lowveld Betterball leagues will be hosted at Mbombela Golf Club on Saturday 29 July teeing off at 11h00. The match will be played under matchplay rules. Lydenburg would take on Highveld's Morgenzon. Coenie du Preez, MGU Vice-President would be in overall charge and would draw up the Rules of the day.
- 4.3 The Platinum Petroleum Supplies Mpumalanga Open is to be hosted at Mbombela Golf Club on September 1/3 and a quality field is expected. A meeting with the club is scheduled in due course.

5. SAGA MATTERS : Graeme Morrison reported -

- 5.1 The President informed the meeting of the results of the recent SAGA Financial Report.
- 5.2 Tubby Reddy of SASCO has been suspended pending further notice.
- 5.3 HNA would start collecting the affiliation fees in 2018 from all clubs at a 2.5% trade discount.

6. CORRESPONDENCE :

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

7. SPONSORSHIP :

The 2017 MGU Scratch League will again be sponsored by Garden Keeper of Carolina.

8. FINANCE :

- 8.2 The Budget Statement for the year ended 31.05.2017 was tabled by the Secretary and a surplus of R147 607 is reflected - Membership is 1% down on last year and most of the clubs were struggling financially - membership stands at 5747.
- 8.3 Further discussion on an outside agency collecting the annual affiliation fees will resume at the forthcoming SAGA meetings at the IPT at Bryanston in September.
- 8.4 As 2 of the current signatories of the Union are incapacitated it was approved that the President G.H. Morrison, Secretary C.M.Mulligan and R.H.Pryde an Executive Member be appointed as signatories of the Union in any agreement and in particular that of a financial nature with the Union's bank Absa.
- 8.5 The costs involved by the President in staying on to the conclusion of the IPT tournament was approved.

9. REPORTS :

9.1 HIGHVELD : Rob Pryde

The Highveld Matchplay Championship was played at Kriel on 27/28 May 2017, the top 16 players in Highveld contesting this popular Round Robin matchplay event. Outsider Mark Ferreira won 11 of 12 matches to win overall with Marco das Neves, Niel Clifford and Ivan Mare winning 10 of 12 to finish joint second. In 5th spot with 7 wins and 2 halves was Devon Strydom. The Highveld betterball leagues are a thing of the past with Morgenzon winning the Spring Chickens, Bankenveld winning the Ou Toppies and Greenside the Coffin Dodgers leagues. Morgenzon go on to contest the playoff against Lydenburg at Mbombela at the end of July. The Sanlam/Cancer Challenge is progressing to the Regional Final at Volksrust on 19 August. All arrangements for the Northern Provinces League Final at Walker Park on 29/30 July are in hand – Rinus van Niekerk will oversee the Rules and scoring sections. Bank G.C will close at the end of the year as mine management have decided to demolish the course because of rising costs. Highveld Golf requested that the Scratch League revert back as a Highveld event as Lowveld do not actively participate in the league – if however any club in the Lowveld wanted to take part then Highveld Golf will accommodate them. The Committee agreed to this with Lowveld's blessing. The course rating programme in Highveld has been completed and clubs are waiting for SAGA to set their course ratings.

9.2 LOWVELD : Coenie du Preez

The White River Open was won by Ruan Groenewald on 139 from Jacques du Preez on 142 in a field of 41. The Malelane Open was won by Ryk Lacock on a score of 150 from Rikus Nel on 154 in a field of 37. The Lowveld Mid Amateur was won by KwaZulu-Natal's Derek Scullard on a score of 143 from Pretoria's Martin Kraft on 144. The Lowveld Open was won by local Sakkie de Lange on 151 in a field of 70. At the Lowveld AGM Coenie du Preez was re-elected President and Stephan Potgieter the Vice-President. Honorary life membership was bestowed on Sakkie de Lange for his services to the game of Golf in the Lowveld. The course rating programme in Lowveld was nearing completion.

9.3 DEVELOPMENT : Edwin Compton

SAGDB player Reghard Viljoen won the junior White River Open – contact has been made with the Nelsville Combined School in Mbombela which is very close to the Mbombela Golf Club. The Headmaster was very co-operative and a new chapter will be started soon. SAGDB player Dimpho Mhlongo and Lucia Mhlabane represented Mpumalanga in the Nomads S.A Girls Championship in Orkney – Dimpho tied 10th in the B division and Lucia came 9th in the C division. There were 21 players in the Secunda Open.

9.4 MPUMALANGA JUNIOR and SCHOOLS GOLF: Frikkie Fensham

All was well with Junior Golf in the province – a surplus was posted over the past year. A cause of concern was expressed at the commitment of the senior golfers and a meeting would be held with the parents. Schools golf was still a problem and Junior Golf were hoping to meet with Schools Golf committee to sort out matters and pave the way forward. It was approved not to fund Schools Golf until they committed themselves to co-operating with Mpumalanga Junior Golf.

9.5 SENIOR AMATEUR GOLF :

The Senior Open would take place at Middelburg on 19/20 August and a good field is expected. The AGM would be held after the Saturday's golf.

9.6 DISCIPLINARY REPORT :

Nil

10. GENERAL :

- 10.1 The constitution submitted by Womens Golf Mpumalanga was circulated to the committee for their comments – thus far no comments have been received. The Chairman requested that it be re circulated
- 10.2 A Bosberaad was suggested to finalise the integration of Womens Golf and also to identify the location of the Gert Sibande District Office. Another important issue is the finalizing of the constitution. October 28 was put forward at Middelburg. Points on the agenda to be submitted to the Secretary asap. The Chairman was hoping the get the CEO of GolfRSA Grant Hepburn to come down to Middelburg and address the Executive on matters involving the SAGA and GolfRSA as well as the way forward.
- 10.3 All the ins and outs of the Albatros scoring system was explained to the meeting by Keith Viviers who would run the system at the Mbombela Open and if successful was hoping that the MGU changed to this system and he then could operate it for and on behalf of the Union at no cost.
- 10.4 The Unions motor vehicle was delivered to Middelburg on 22/07/17 – the contract has been signed by Secretary with Absa. Tracker has still to be installed as well as the licencing of the vehicle. It is covered by insurance and a log book purchased. For audit purposes. The committee approved the transaction concluded with Secunda Toyota. Use of the vehicle for Highveld or Lowveld would be at a fixed cost set by the Union.
- 10.5 Rob Pryde would manage the IPT team and Coenie du Preez the Mid Amateur team. Johann van Rensburg would look after the Highveld/Lowveld Sanlam/Cancer finalists at Sun City.
- 10.6 The Limpopo vs Mpumalanga annual match has been confirmed as at Polokwane on 12/13 August.
- 10.7 SAGA would be requested to once again and take over the air flight bookings for all IPT'S. In the interim Coenie du Preez and Adriaan Rabe would do the booking for the Mid Amateur team to George in October.

NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY 16th , SEPTEMBER 2017 AT MIDDELBURG COUNTRY CLUB AT 08h00

Graeme Morrison
Chairman

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