

MINUTES OF EMIRATES GOLF SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9-NOV 2022

The AGM was held in room 19, Conference centre, Emirates Headquarters at 15:30 on November 9th, 2022.

Present were committee members Tim Collins, Tim Harford, Shorty Callow & Neil Lakhani

EGS members Dermot Bell, Iqbal Ismail, Thomas Ferguson & Srinivasa Sampath.

Tim Harford opened the meeting with an introduction and the agenda.

1. Membership Fees

- a. Fees have been constant for many years
- b. Costs have gone up (green fees, prizes etc)
- c. Lost all but 1 sponsor (Boeing, Transguard, SITA, GE and Emirates catering)
- d. Cost of subsidizing events is draining the account
- e. Member apathy to pay subs in April with no significant events until after summer

Resolution

- a. It was agreed that the subs should be increased to 300 AED per year. The extra AED 50 per member should cover the current deficit (see expenses below)
- b. It was agreed that the subscription year should change to run from 1st September to 31st August
- c. It was agreed that current subscriptions will continue until 31st August 2023
- d. It was agreed that the fee payment 'window' will be the month of September
- e. Renewals after September will be subject to a lower registration priority

2. Financial report

Shorty presented a financial overview highlighting:

- a. Bank Balance November 2020 was AED 117,198
- b. Memberships were extended for extra year through Covid
- c. No Income from subscriptions until April 2022.
- d. Expenses continued through this period;
 - Some subsidized events
 - Club championships 2021/22
 - Miscellaneous sundry expenses
 - Bank balance April 2022 was AED 80,730
 - Bank balance currently AED 88,479

INCOME

- a. Subscriptions
 - 101 total members including 5 committee members and 4 sponsors
 - 58 paid up members active (AED 250 each)
 - Approx AED 15,000 per year
- b. EK Sports Subsidy
 - Traditionally ring fenced for club championships and some for ASCA. (This was reduced since Covid so ASCA limited to providing shirts)

- AED 22,000 per year
- c. Total AED 37,000 per year**

EXPENSES

- a. Events subsidies
 - b. Prizes
 - c. Website / domain hosting
 - d. Trophies / engraving (Club championship)
 - e. Total Approx AED 40,000 per year.**
- Net loss of approx. AED 3,000 per year**

3. Social

Various ideas discussed about promoting the social side of the club including;

- a. Always attempt to organise shotgun starts to finish together
- b. Some food / beverage subsidy to encourage after game socialising. Currently this will be 2 winter events (AED 2k budget per event).
- c. Alternative unsubsidised events such as midweek 9 hole / Par 3 course / Top golf

4. Survey

Neil Lakhani presented the survey results from 30 members. Preferences were:

- a. Preferred good courses but also low cost
- b. Preferred events throughout the year – no summer break
- c. Liked idea of a couple of Premium courses with balance of standard courses
- d. Liked to have a combination of formats through the year
- e. Liked the idea of alternative and themed events to socialize.

5. Committee

- a. All current committee members were re-elected, with some small changes:
 - Club Captain: Steve Allen
 - General Secretary: Tim Harford taking over most of organizational duties from TC: Calendar of events, draws, prizes, member communication
 - Sponsor & Website Secretary: Tim Collins
 - Treasurer: Shorty Callow
- b. One replacement member was elected:
 - Social Secretary: Neil Lakhani
- c. Official ASCA captains were confirmed:
 - Men's Captain: Dominic Breach
 - Ladies Captain: Hannah Mannion

6. Other

- a. Communication via email has had problems so it was agreed to try WhatsApp.
- b. Handicaps will continue to be monitored via TheGrint or EGF, although TheGrint may become chargeable this year, at which point an alternative will be evaluated
- c. Penalties will continue for "No shows" or late pull out, but banning from the next event will be removed. Instead, the member will be the lowest priority signup.
- d. Ongoing search for new or renewing old sponsorship. Anyone who can help should get in touch with the committee

- e. Some subsidized food and beverage events following shotgun starts.
- f. The committee will look into the possibility of weekday subsidised events
- g. The concept of an annual mandatory 'society shirt' was discussed however this would make the subs AED 500 so no decision was made

There being no further business, meeting was closed at 16h45.