Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the St. Lucia Golf Association held at 5.30p.m. on Tuesday 31st. May 2016 in the Club House.


Timothy Mangal, President of the SLGA, opened the meeting at 5.40p.m. and welcomed those present. He confirmed a quorum and advised that the AGM could proceed.

Minutes of the Previous AGM. These had been posted on the Web Site for a year and had also been e-mailed to members. The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Alex Blanchard and seconded by Michael Green.

Matters Arising: None

President’s Report: President Tim Mangal thanked the outgoing Executive Committee for its work over the past year. It had been a trying year with a few challenges.

The ECGA in St. Maarten in October had been a successful one with our Men’s Team of Cliff Alcide, Ben Gillmor, Romanus Inglis and Eugene Edwin coming in third and our Super Seniors’ Team of Brad Paul and Milton McKenzie also coming in third.

It was good to see a revitalization of the Match Play Format and it was noted that the Singles had actually been completed in the year in which it commenced. Congratulations to the winner, Alex Blanchard and to the Runner-up Milton McKenzie.

The Christmas Hamper in 2015 had been very successful with a prize being awarded to each of the 42 participants. Thanks to Debra and Kerwin for their work.

The Latin American Amateur Championships, held in Casa de Campo in January 2016, had again been a worthwhile Tournament with our two representatives, Cliff Alcide and Ben Gillmor, selected for their scores in the ECGA, putting up a good showing against some much younger players. Tim said he felt that the way forward for golf in St. Lucia was more involvement in National Events.

The St. Lucia Open, held in April, had been a success with a St. Lucian Champion, Romanus Inglis, being crowned for the first time in quite a few years. It is obvious that more Corporate Partners are needed for sponsorship of this event and any others which can be run at the Club.

On the Junior Golf scene the Grow Well Group has done most in moving the young people forward and the Committee should take over Junior Golf to move the Juniors forward.

He suggested that partnerships needed to be forged between Sandals and the SLGA and golf needs to move forward on a National Level with more publicity needed.

He also suggested that the Committee needed to look at a Stand Alone Web Site and a reconfiguration of its members with renaming of the two Floor Members as a Fund Raising and a Junior Development Officer. In addition the life of the Executive Committee should be extended from one year to two years.

The St. Lucia Olympic Committee and the Ministry of Youth Development and Sports are Corporate Sponsors and should be approached for as much financial assistance as possible.

He concluded by again thanking the current Executive Committee for its assistance and constructive criticism and asked God to bless Golf in St. Lucia.

Treasurer’s Report: Kerwin advised that this would be a brief report. He had already handed out a simple sheet of Income and Expenditure to all present which was self-explanatory. He took the opportunity to thank the previous Treasurer, Gordon Cochrane, for handing over an excellent and concise set of figures to work with.

On the Income side the Membership Fees have gone up considerably, Competitions Entry Fees are up and on the Sundry Income a cheque was received from the St. Lucia Tourist Board in 2015 as payment for sponsorship for the Open in 2014. Funds were received from the St. Lucia National Lottery for ECGA funding and the Captain ran a 50/50 Raffle. The total Income for the Financial Year was $90,518.37.

On the Expenditure side the Open cost $26,079.97, participation in the ECGA was $19,063.62, LAAC costs were $1,358.45, Prizes accounted for $15,482.54, the Junior Coach Subsidy was $6,500 a Donation and sundry other expenses brought the total to $75,751.75. This gave a Net Profit of $14,766.62. A copy of the Report is attached with the Minutes.
Mike Green suggested that we should be receiving more than $5,000 from the Olympic Committee and there was considerable discussion on this which ended with the suggestion that further investigation was needed on the matter.

**Election of Executive Committee:** The positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Club Captain and Two Floor Members had each received one nomination only so these nominees were duly elected to the positions as follows – *Naveen Urs – President, Milton McKenzie – Vice President, Kerwin Jn. Baptiste – Treasurer, Joan Paul – Secretary/Handicap Secretary, Debra Ross – Club Captain, Kevin White and Len Leon – Floor Members.* The position of *Immediate Past President* is now assumed by Tim Mangal.

**Any Other Business:** A suggestion was made that perhaps the Committee Members could be rotated but it was noted that as all Committee Members step down annually as per the SLGA Constitution this allows for any persons to be nominated for any position and also allows for persons to retire if they wish. However this is a matter which the Committee can look into during the coming months.

There being no further business Tim Mangal proposed that the Meeting be closed and Joan Paul seconded the motion. This was unanimously agreed and the Meeting closed at 6.10p.m.

Joan Paul
Secretary SLGA

1st. June 2016