

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. OF THE S.L.G.A. HELD ON TUESDAY 30th. MAY 2017 AT 5.30P.M. AT THE CLUB HOUSE.

Present: Naveen Urs, Milton McKenzie, Joan Paul, Kevin White, Debra Ross, Kerwin Jn. Baptiste, Len Leon, Tim Mangal, Cuthbert Aurillien, Andy de Verteuil, Colleen Newman, Gareth Leach, Jeremiah Jonas, Alex Blanchard, Paul Cooper, Dylan Mauricette, Diane Mauricette, Mervin Robert, Ben Gillmor, Corey Devaux, Kent Glace, Cliff Alcide, Mario Reyes, Tim Augustin, Brad Paul, Peter Charles, Joy Daniel.

Apologies: Michael Green, Glenn Sorensen, Christel Kalthoff, Heather Floissac, Michael Gordon, Marisa Groenewald.

The President opened the meeting having ascertained that the minimum of 10 Members making up a quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 31st. May 2016

The Minutes had been circulated and were taken as read. Adoption was proposed by Debra Ross and seconded by Len Leon.

Matters Arising

None.

President's Report

This is attached verbatim.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Kerwin Jn. Baptiste had handed out a Financial Statement to all present and he went through it item by item. There were no questions and the Adoption of the Report was proposed by Ben Gillmor and seconded by Alex Blanchard. The Statement is attached.

President's Report on the Youth Olympic Games 2018 (Verbatim)

St. Lucia has been lucky to be awarded 2 universality places in the YOG 2018 to be played in Argentina.

The SLOC have asked us to give names of 2 boys & 2 girls

We have to choose 2 boys & 2 girls from the 8 junior golfers participating in the programme.

The 2 boys & 2 girls will train to get their handicap index down to 6.4 .

They have approximately 15 months to train..

We have submitted a budget for 56 , 0000 for SLOC . The budget is mainly for paying the coaches, golf balls, training equipment & also for overseas training in Toronto. We have submitted them the budget on the 24th of May 2017,

We feel it may take a month or two for the SLOC to get back to us on the budget As we are starting the coaching programme on June 2nd 2017,we will have to pay the coach & procure the golf balls to start the programme.

This has to be done as quickly as possible as we are running out of time.

We cannot wait till the Olympic committee comes back to us & then start the programme. Hence , the committee passed an unanimous decision in the last meeting of allocating 12, 000 dollars to kick start the programme.

These monies will be returned once the SLOC gives us the funds.

This is to update & inform the general membership about YOG 2018.

If there are any suggestions , the floor is open for discussion.

There were numerous questions asked immediately with the responses as follows:

1. Coaches are Peter David and Tim Mangal assisted if necessary by Milton McKenzie and Naveen Urs.
2. A Maximum Handicap Index of 6.4 applies i.e. any Junior Golfer selected for the Games must have a Maximum Index of 6.4.
3. The program starts on Friday 2nd. June with 8 selected Juniors – in alphabetical order **BOYS** Dylan Mauricette, Keymanie Thomas, Quain Jones, Rayshorn Joseph, Yadhu Urs, **GIRLS** Joesha Daniel, Lisa Daniel, Tiala Scott.
4. K.C. Gill was included in the original group but although a letter was sent inviting her to join and her father, Kendell, replied asking a lot of questions about the program it appears that she decided against joining it.
5. Since the Maximum Handicap Index to be attained by July 2018 is 6.4 Tim Augustin commented that a great deal of money could actually be spent on coaching and travelling with none of the 8 Juniors attaining the required 6.4 Index.
6. It was confirmed that by July 2018 2 Juniors (one boy and one girl if their Indexes are 6.4 or less) would be selected to be put forward to the S.L.O.C. but all 8 Juniors will be coached up until that point.
7. Tim Augustin asked what the Qualification Criteria would be for the 4 Juniors to be selected for the Toronto Tour in August 2017 and Naveen said that would be left to the coaches.
8. Brad asked whether the Committee believed that any of the Juniors could achieve an Index of 6.4 by July 2018 and Debra responded that even if none of them did at least they would have a 15 month period of intensive coaching up to that time.
9. Ben asked if this Program was actually going ahead and was told by Naveen that it was.
10. Naveen advised that because of the \$12,000 Bridging Loan being taken from the Members' Funds to kick start the Coaching etc. in the event that the grant from the S.L.O.C. did not come through for several months it was felt necessary to give a report on the Program.
11. Kent asked if funding was being sought privately in the event that the S.L.O.C. did not come up with the requested amount of EC\$56,000 approximately to cover the proposed Program and Debra suggested that if Members were willing to make personal contributions or knew of Companies who might be willing to sponsor the Committee would be happy to discuss at any time.
12. Andy de Verteuil asked where the coaching was taking place and was told by Naveen that it would be at the St. Lucia Golf Course at Cap Estate or maybe sometimes at Sandals Regency at La Toc.
13. Joan recommended to the Technical Sub Committee that details of the Training Schedule should be sent out to participants immediately if the Sessions were supposed to commence on Friday 2nd. June.
14. Colleen Newman asked if this Program was being run and supervised by the St. Lucia Golf Association and was assured by Naveen that it was.

Election of Executive Committee.

Nominations for the following persons, with Proposers and Seconders, were read out by Joan.

Naveen Urs – President
 Milton McKenzie – Vice President
 Kerwin Jn, Baptiste – Treasurer
 Joan Paul – Secretary/H'Cap Secretary
 Michael Green – Captain
 Kevin White – Floor Member
 Tim Mangal – I.P.P.

All of the foregoing names were unopposed and accordingly this would be the composition of the Committee.

Any Other Business:

The rumours of **Sandals having purchased the St. Lucia Golf Club** are presumed to be true but no approach has been made by Sandals to the Members of the Club or to the Executive Committee of the S.L.G.A. and until this happens it is assumed that we carry on as usual.

Len Leon said that he would like to make a few comments. He said that a year ago he had expressed concerns and had issues with the way the then Committee had been operating. After a year sitting on

the Committee it had been a privilege working with the present committee, there was far more transparency in decisions etc. and he hoped that the new Committee would continue in this vein. He said that it was always very important for all members to have a voice, that the future of golf is with the Junior golfers and that this Universality Invitation for two of our Juniors to participate in the Youth Olympic Games 2018 is an amazing opportunity which he hopes will result in at least a boy and a girl being able to bring their indexes down to 6.4.

Debra thanked everyone for being co-operative in tournaments during her two years as Captain and asked that for the future golfers should try and be flexible in their requests for Tee Times, not put down requests where it is obvious that some of them want to play together in Medals and be prepared to play with any Junior with whom they might be drawn.

Kent thanked Debra for her wonderful work over the past two years.

Naveen declared the AGM closed after also thanking the Committee and Debra in particular.



Joan Paul
Secretary

31st. May 2017