

Minutes of Meeting of the SMGA, April 17th, 2019

Present: Keith, Jan Peter, Ivan, Didier, Marc G.

Absent with notice: Mark H., Yannick

Guest: Mark Lawrie (R&A)

1. Opening 19.12h
2. R&A Mark Lawrie
   1. Introduction, represents R&A in Latin America and the Caribbean
   2. Keen to find common ground based on which we can expand exposure of R&A in the surrounding islands as well while continuing to support youth golf programs
3. St. Maarten Open review
   1. **Friday**
      1. Start of setup on Friday was good, will be continued (as opp. to starting on Thursday)
      2. If tents can be delivered earlier (to match the timing of other things to do) that would be great
      3. Ivan: make more effort on where banners need to be placed, especially banners at holes, when planned, setting up and taking down the banners can be much more efficient
      4. Mark Lawrie: don’t ask, tell sponsors where banners should go
      5. Keith: we have sponsors and suppliers which are actually sponsors as well
      6. Marc G.: start earlier in the year
      7. Keith: on the Friday : split up in two groups for timing so one group does not have to spend all day
   2. **Friday evening**
      1. PA system needed
      2. Sunset as a location is good, F&B was good as well
      3. Bar issue 🡪 it will need to be a full bar
      4. Invitations to be sent earlier next year
   3. **Saturday morning**
      1. 65 players
      2. Breakfast was good and sufficient
      3. Fruit would be nice to have again
      4. Pace of play was okay
   4. **Saturday lunch**
      1. Food came too late (needs to be set up and ready by 11am
      2. Make sure there is enough food
      3. Make sure there is food for people who come in late/after completing their round (as of 15.30pm)
      4. Domino’s came, to be added to the list for the coming year
      5. Arrange Diet Coke as well next year
   5. **Sunday**
      1. Bacchus again much appreciated (Nespresso + Croissants)
      2. Not enough range balls
      3. Volunteers did a good job
      4. Pace of Play was good
   6. **Sunday evening**
      1. Tortuga is a great venue
      2. Presentation should start at 19h
      3. App. 100 persons attended (Even though half of them came somewhat late)
   7. **Monday morning**
      1. Organize taking down the flags/banners, which should be labeled some how
      2. Need designated person to manage putting flags/banners together
      3. Make sure all banner storage bags are labeled
      4. If anything taken down Sunday night – must be under our supervision
   8. **In General**
      1. Pictures should be distributed by means of a link sent to e-mail addresses of all players/organizers
      2. i.c.w. Press Release a general overview picture should be made available/asked for as well – press releases done very badly – not our input
      3. Hole in One Insurance: Marc G. would like to see someone else as “official observer” next year
   9. **Finance**
      1. Good result financially
      2. Left over auction items will be gifted/auctioned later this year at Santa Scramble
   10. Things to do
       1. Decide on division of funds to organization
       2. Thank You add when organizations are clear
       3. Keith: replace/add stuff to container and secure container/water proof container needs to be done, everybody agrees
4. Round Robin
   1. Keith thanked the Board for their tremendous efforts in making yet another really successful Sxm Open
5. Closing