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Minutes of Meeting SMGA

Meeting date April 18th, 2023

Present: Keith, Mark, Anne-Marie, Yannick, Jan Peter, Ivan, James, Marc

SMGA members present : Andy, Jan, Jeroen, Marie and Chris Gibbons, MaryLou and Danny Nipper and Kenny

1. Opening at 19.11h
2. Minutes of March 14th, 2023
   1. The Junior Golf competition ( Drive , Chip & Putt ) went very well, James is once more thanked for his continued efforts
   2. James requested to make a press release
   3. Appeal has been sent to R&A to still request funds for 2023
   4. Minutes are approved by Yannick and seconded by Marc
3. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Steve Mix Memorial Tournament went well. 36 instead of 42 players last year. The lunch was excellent, compliments to James
   2. Bank
      1. SMGA collected 39 membership fees to date,
      2. reminder to the members who didn’t pay yet will go out in May
      3. USD 1,200 in expenses on gift balls, does cover the rest of the year prize giving wise
   3. Finances are approved by James and seconded by Marc
4. Junior Golf
   1. March’s Drive, Chip, Putt competition went well:
      1. 4 weeks of qualifying
      2. 3 sets of medals were given, not just for scoring, but for golf rules as well
      3. 75 children participated with 18 of them reaching the finals
   2. Junior Golf Open qualifications are currently taking place
      1. Sunday May 7th a 6 hole Open will be organized (15h onwards), shortened versions of holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 will be utilized
      2. Awards ceremony will be held on May 11th
   3. James promised that he will send bills to Keith and Mark H i.c.w. cost incurred in organizing the tournaments
5. Local Rules 2023
   1. Keith will circulate these soonest
6. New Score cards
   1. Keith has ordered a shitload of them and expects them to reach soonest
   2. There is still a small difference with the French cards, as the French gave the Americans the Statute of Liberty this is not considered to be an issue
7. Future tournaments
   1. Compliments to the French for the Ecclectique tournament, May 6th the Dauphin tournament will be held, historically Dauphin is the eldest son of the French King, so nobody understands the name of this tournament as France is a Republic
   2. SMGA will hold a so-called “step away scramble” on May 21st (Marie Gibbons is thanked for the suggestion), where one cannot hit a follow up shot, other team members have to and it is decided to have a max of 9 drives with a minimum of 3 drives per team member.
   3. SMGA will organize the Night Golf in September
   4. ECGA will be in October
   5. November 11th the Concordia Cup will be played as well
   6. December the traditional Xmas scramble will take place
   7. Three country tournament (October)
      1. Anguilla offered to host it at USD 200 per round which would incl. lunch and carts, transportation isn’t included though
      2. SXM, should it be organized by SMGA/Les Tamarins on St. Maarten a minimum of 15 carts would be needed or, as per Danny Nipper’s suggestion, the group needs to be split
   8. Anguilla is hosting the Aurora Invitational on June 3rd and 4th
8. Mullet Bay
   1. NAPA and Danny Nipper are thanked for their excellent assistance in getting items on island
   2. New batteries for all carts are budgeted for
   3. 19 carts should become available in the coming months thanks to a dedicated mechanic as well
   4. An investment in lighting and cameras has been made as well for security purposes
   5. Windward Roads and Andy are thanked for their support and effort
      1. Amongst other things: 8 trucks of garbage have been removed from the premises
   6. It is suggested that carts are kept away from vulnerable greens
   7. Parking alongside the road through the Golf course remains an issue, several suggestions were discussed (American type no parking signs, more parking not on the road)
   8. Kenny suggested that a 19th hole is worth considering, this leisure area should have a bar
9. Round Robin
   1. Jan suggests taking into account the high handicappers in tournaments, suggestions for A-D teams (mix high/low handicappers) is made as an alternative suggestion
   2. Marie Gibbons suggests that a sign “cross golf course at your own risk” is put up at hole 15, Keith responds that a solution is being worked on by Mullet Bay
10. Closing: 20.30h