

Minutes of Meeting SMGA

Meeting date June 19th, 2024

Present: Keith, Mark, Jan Peter, Ivan, Marc

Absent: Anne-Marie, Yannick, James

1. Opening: 19.12h
2. Minutes of 2nd AGM
	1. Minutes were approved unanimously
3. Finance
	1. Looks sound with USD 29k in the bank and USD 13k in ECGA reserves
	2. Finances approved by Jan Peter and seconded by Marc
4. St. Maarten Open Finances
	1. USD 7,500 surplus
	2. Donations: LAB Sports Academy USD 2,500, Special Olympics USD 2,500, No Kidding with our Kids USD 1,500, Junior Golf USD 2,500
	3. difference from Sxm Open will be financed by SMGA operating account
	4. Foundations will receive the funds and will be asked to pass by at the X-Mas Scramble
	5. Based on this we donated more than USD 100,000 in the past years
5. St. Maarten Open Critique
	1. Antigua and Curacao players reached late missing the practice round and/or opening party, this was unfortunate
	2. Only 45 people at the splendid Opening Party at Casino Royale
	3. Range balls, will be reassessed, system we used isn't bad (putting balls out there), but can be improved.
	4. Closing Party went well, food/service good, bar in the middle is awkward when handing out prizes (distance too big to the other side of the venue where people are sitting as well
	5. How much players do we want next year? This is shelved for future discussion, it went well with 60 players
	6. Excess beverages will be sold at the Golf Pro Shop, proceeds largely to SMGA
	7. One box of balls cost approximately USD 40, SMGA Board recommends soft balls
	8. Abundance of Polo shirts from various years – Ist option to try to sell off 2024 Polos through the Pro Shop. USD 25 a piece, sellers at the shop will be rewarded for their efforts. Staff shirts will be donated to Lez Brown and White & Yellow Cross. Older years to charity
	9. Thank you ad Sxm Open pending, Marc to handle
	10. Thank you letter for sponsors pending as well, Keith to handle after ad is produced
6. Round Robin
	1. Jan Peter notes that Mark H will resign from the board, and we should start looking for a replacement.
	2. Jan Peter remarks that he was approached by Fred from Les Tamarins about the Concordia Cup. The idea is not to have the tournament based on handicaps for the Matchplay or make the strokes the higher handicapper is entitled to count for 75% instead of 100%. As a suggestion to this the effect can be mitigated by not pairing players blindly, but actively match handicap to a similar handicap for pairing purposes. To be developed.
	3. 3 Country Tournament, we're awaiting Scott's response on whether it can be held in August in Anguilla. Contact will be made with others as well to see what's what. Possible to be held in St Maarten ?
7. Closing at 21:15h