

MINUTES OF THE DISCOVERY BAY GOLF SOCIETY EXCO MEETING HELD AT

CLASSIFIED, EXCHANGE SQUARE ON THURSDAY 21st JUNE 2018

PRESENT: YB Rai (Hon President), Fabio Lavarone (Chairman), Nick Jackson (Treasurer), Andy McCardle, Janelle Weber, Stella Athanas (Events Committee) Rob Henderson (Hon.Sec)

1. The Chairman opened the Meeting at 6.25pm

2. **APOLOGIES** – Joe McNeil

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12 JAN 2018** – Were Accepted

3. **MATTERS ARISING** –

c) **SOCIAL TEE TIMES**- It was decided that Andy would contact the Membership by email and invite all to join the Group. **ANDY**

4. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – Nick reported that we were breaking even and not actually making any money and whilst funds were tight he felt that new members were needed to put us in a more comfortable position. He felt that there was no need to adjust fees at present but it was agreed that this will be discussed in detail at the November meeting. He continued reporting that we had HK\$92K in hand comprising HK\$43K (HSBC) and HK\$49K (PAYPAL). Our Insurance this year amounted to HK\$23,400 (78 @ 300)

To date the monthly expenses showed an average subsidy of HK\$190 pp based on an average attendance of 27, (around HK\$5K per event), although the May event subsidy was HK\$6K. Following on from that the total annual subsidy is envisaged to be circa HK\$60,000, with an end of year credit balance of HK\$48,000.

Friends of the Society – (namely SJP and Buy Association) both contributed HK\$10,000 each.

Fabio asked whether we had too many people on the Committee and the feasibility of “doubling up” some posts, which like Fees, was to be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

5. **MEMBERSHIP & HANDICAP** – Fabio did report that his new handicap system was proving a resounding success (huge applause from those present), with now 14 players playing to a consistent handicap and a vast array of winners. Fabio was thanked for his tireless effort in making this the success it obviously is.

6. **HKFC MATCH** – Scheduled for 10 September and still looking for attendees, it was decided to speak with the HKFC and try a later date in Oct or Nov. This would then give more time to canvass the whole Membership for interest on the understanding that a final selection would be made nearer the time, and that the cost would be circa HK\$1200 with no subsidy from Society funds. Andy agreed to implement this. **ANDY**

7. **PAIRINGS & FORMAT** – Andy reported that he receives requests from some members asking not to play with certain members and to play with certain members. Whilst this was not a major problem he felt that all Members should be able to play with each other regardless of personal feelings. This was generally agreed but Andy was asked to moderate in this matter as he has been doing and report back should the matter become impossible.

He had submitted his Format ideas for the year and asked that they be uploaded to the Website. Fabio agreed to do this but felt it was better to do so nearer the time as sometimes the format changes at short notice which then puts the website programme out of sync.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CUP FORMAT – The question was raised should this be a Serious or Fun event?

Fun was the unanimous reply and so Fabio asked all Committee to submit any ideas to him a.s.a.p. and he will co-ordinate with Andy prior to the event.

9. RESIGNATION OF HON. SECRETARY – Rob reported that he expected to leave Hong Kong possibly in October (but dependant on personal on-going matters) and thanked everyone and the whole Society for their friendship, sportsmanship and camaraderie over the past 5 years and hoped in the near future to host a Society overseas event. He vowed to continue to the last day and also beyond if necessary, and would be happy to assist in the preparation of AGM etc if needed.

Following on from the Chairman's comments in para 4 he felt that his role could be changed to perhaps General Secretary (encompassing Membership and Handicaps) in the future, and would propose a new job description to the Chairman in due course.

10. A.O.B.

SIGN UP AT EVENTS – Stella produced an idea currently used by the AWA (American Womens' Association) whereby in the announcement of each event a web link is included which redirects the Member to a Google document to sign up.

This seemed a good idea and so Andy would follow up with Stella and possibly carry out a blind run to assess its suitability and if found to be so, incorporate it at the next opportunity.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Rob Henderson

Hon. Secretary