

**HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB**  
*Golf Society*

**Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting**

Held on Thursday 29 June 2017 at Meeting Room 2&3, HKFC

**Opening of Meeting**

1. The meeting was opened at 7.00pm by the President, Mr. I. Petersen with 35 members present.

**Confirmation of Minutes of last AGM**

2. No comments were raised from the floor.
3. Proposed for adoption by Mr. Andy Ho. Seconded by Mr. Duncan Spooner. Carried unanimously.

**Matters Arising from Minutes of last AGM**

4. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**Chairman's Report**

5. The Chairman, Mr. C. Meecham, presented his report (attached at Annex 1).
6. In response to a member's question that the Society did not have a major sponsor in the past year Mr. I. Petersen explained that, previously, a brochure had been produced and circulated to all members inviting them to refer potential sponsors to the Society but no response had been received. Mr. Petersen stressed the benefits a sponsor could enjoy, including the use of Club facilities and potential outreach to GS members by the sponsor's business. It was agreed that another invitation for sponsors would be sent to members.

7. Proposed for adoption by Mr. Richard Neish. Seconded by Ms. Angela Koo. Carried unanimously.

### **Accounts**

8. Mr. J. Suttie, Treasurer presented his report (attached at Annex 2). A member asked about the net cost of \$17,886 incurred by a golf event, 'The Petersen Texas Scramble'. Mr. J. Suttie explained that about 40 members participated in this event which had been held at the Hong Kong Golf Club in Fanling and assured members that, similar to all other golf events, the usual 30% subsidy on green fees had been applied and transport had been provided, adding that Mr. I. Petersen had donated the silver trophy. Mr. I. Petersen added that the event marked a big gain for the GS as it was the first time that the GS had been allowed to play at the Hong Kong Golf Club as a Society at a reasonable group rate. This event was open to all GS members to join. Furthermore, because of its team scramble format and evenly matched teams, all participants of all abilities had equal opportunities to compete and win. He went on to clarify that the cost of the dinner at the Golf Club on the occasion had been charged to members' individual accounts.
9. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr. Dallas Reid. Seconded by Mr. Phil Head. Carried unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

10. The President explained that nominations for positions on the committee for the coming year had been posted on the Society's notice boards. Nominations of other candidates had also been invited from all members. Prior to the deadline, two nominations were received for the posts of 'S&RSC representative' and 'General Officer'. Ballots would be conducted for these two posts as there were more candidates than positions, with two standing for the single S&RSC Representative position and four standing for the three General Officer positions. Mr. Andy Ho and Mr. Richard Neish, former GS

Chairman and President, were proposed as scrutineers to oversee counting of the ballots and this was agreed by the meeting. The Secretary then read out the list of those posts where only one member had been nominated. The meeting agreed that all of these positions could be voted up on en bloc as there was only one candidate for each:

Post For Which Nominated	Nominee Name	Nominee HKFC Number	Proposer Name	Proposer HKFC Number	Seconder Name	Seconder HKFC Number
President	Ian Petersen	P415	Chris Meecham	M995	Ivan Yuen	Y194
Chairman	Dallas Reid	R265	Ian Petersen	P415	Chris Meecham	M995
Secretary	Ivan Yuen	Y194	Dallas Reid	R265	Ian Petersen	P415
Treasurer	James Suttie	S559	Dallas Reid	R265	Ivan Yuen	Y194
Captain	Terry Wright.	W01023	Jim Suttie	S559	Chris Meecham	M995

The above positions were elected by a show of hands.

11. Mr. Chris Meecham (M995) [proposed by Ms. Mary Soo (S532), seconded by Mr. Dallas Reid (R2650)] & Ms. Allyson Ko (K376) [proposed by Ms. Peggy Chan (W540), seconded by Mr. Kevin Tse (T0476)], were the nominees for the post of ‘S&RSC representative’. They were each given two minutes to introduce themselves to the meeting.
12. Ms. Desiree Wong (W729) [proposed by Mr. Ian Petersen (P415), seconded by Mr. Ivan Yuen (Y194)], Ms. Mary Soo (S532) [proposed by Mr. Dallas Reid (R265), seconded by Mr. Ivan Yuen (Y194)] & Ms. Peggy Chan (W540) [proposed by Ms. Allyson Ko (K376), seconded by Ms. Lucia Lee (T04760)], nominees for the post of

‘General Officer’, were each given two minutes to introduce themselves to the meeting. Mr. I. Petersen spoke on behalf of Mr. Darren McEntee (M01100) [proposed by Mr. Ian Petersen (P415), seconded by Mr. Chris Meecham (M995)], who the last nominee for the post of ‘General Officer’ as Mr. McEntee was not able to attend the meeting as he was overseas.

13. Ballot forms were then handed out to all members present to allow them to vote for the candidates for the S&RSC and General Officer positions. Members then completed their voting forms and passed them to the two scrutineers.

14. The Meeting was then adjourned to allow the scrutineers to count the votes.

15. The meeting was reconvened at 7:45 pm when the scrutineers, Messrs Ho and Neish, handed the voting results to Mr. Petersen. Mr. I. Petersen then thanked all candidates for putting themselves forward to serve on the GS Committee. He then announced the results of the elections: Mr. Chris Meecham was elected to fill the post of ‘S&RSC representative’ while Ms. Desiree Wong, Ms. Mary Soo and Mr. Darren McEntee were elected to fill the three posts of ‘General Officer’.

### **Any Other Business**

16. There was no other business.

### **Close of Meeting**

17. There being no further questions or other business, the meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

Ian Petersen

Hon. President

Golf Society

Chris Meecham

Chairman

Golf Society

Margaret Man

Secretary

Golf Society

## Annex 1

### The Hong Kong Football Club Golf Society

#### Chairman's Report to AGM

- The Golf Society continues to provide the Hong Kong Football Club's members with the opportunity to take advantage of exceptional value golf throughout the year. For a membership fee of just \$750 per annum, or just \$62.50 a month, our members appreciate that this represents less than a single round of golf if they book a debenture at Macau or Lotus Hills.
- For those of a more competitive nature, the Society provides subsidized rates at any of our twice-monthly golf tournaments. These are organized to accommodate golfers of all abilities and those with restricted timetables: we arrange mid-week, Saturday or Sunday fixtures, or even full weekend getaways. The locations also vary, with the majority taking place in Hong Kong or southern China, but we are happy to look at venturing further afield. If a group of golfers are also keen to travel further afield, we are happy to see if we can help organize overseas tours.
- Finally, we now have possibly the strongest golf team(s) in Hong Kong, for which another 40 or 50 players have been called on to play for during the year. Over the last twelve months, despite not having a golf course to call our own, we managed to organize 9 matches, of which we won 7 and drawn 1.
- As well as our own events, we also encourage our members to participate in competitions organized in the region as or when they arise. Through our newly revamped and comprehensive website ( [www.hkfcgolf.com.hk](http://www.hkfcgolf.com.hk) ), we have forged a closer partnership with the Hong Kong Golf Association (HKGA), who organize their own tournaments.
- The website now contains detailed information on the large number of Hong Kong Football Club's reciprocal clubs around the world that have golfing facilities. We also include the rules of golf, so we strongly suggest that members of all abilities make use of the site as much as possible.
- We encourage all of our members to join the HKGA via the Society or directly in order to obtain handicaps and handicap cards. Such cards are very useful when visiting golf clubs, as many clubs require proof of handicaps as a condition of

being given permission to play. Only members who have valid HKGA handicaps are eligible to compete in our competitions, or to represent the Society in matches. Members can post their scores online directly using the GHIN facility on the Hong Kong Golf Association's website [www.hkga.com](http://www.hkga.com). Members without such handicaps are welcome to join our events to play socially but they are unable to compete for the main prizes, although they are still eligible to win the longest drive and nearest the pin awards.

A further benefit of being a member of our Society is that our members can enjoy 30% discounts on golf equipment purchased from TaylorMade outlets in Hong Kong.

## **Annex 2**

### **Hong Kong Football Club Golf Society**

#### **Hon. Treasurer's Report to AGM**

The attached accounts reflect the financial position of the Society as at end of March 2017.

The accounts are straightforward and to a large degree self explanatory. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to highlight some items of general interest.

For the financial year 2016/2017 the Society made a surplus of HK\$44,423 compared to a loss of HK\$53,686 in the prior year.

The income of the Society decreased from HK\$754,403, from the prior year, to HK\$716,755 for the 2016/2017 financial year.

This was due to a net reduction of 63 members as the number of 57 new members was more than offset by 120 leaving members bringing the total membership of the Society to a total of 855 at the end of March 2017.

However expenditure reduced from HK\$808,088 to HK\$672,332. This is mainly due to:

- A reduction in the cost of golf matches of HK\$72,345, as the number of matches

played reduced from 14 to 9;

- One-off setup costs for the Website of HK\$27,354 in the prior year;
- Upkeep of our rental clubs in Macau at a cost of HK\$15,000 in the prior year; and
- A reduction in the cost of team shirts and balls of HK\$22,776 as stocks of these items were acquired in the prior year.

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, the reserves carried forward amounted to HK\$737,687, although it should be noted they dropped to HK\$243,120 on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 prior to receipt of the 2017 fees which are mainly received in December and January each year.