

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB
Golf Society

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday 9 May 2019 at Happy Valley Suite, HKFC

Chairman:	Mr Dallas Reid
Committee Members Present:	Ms Allyson Ko Ms Desiree Wong Ms Rosemary Soo Mr Ivan Yuen Mr James Suttie Mr Chris Meecham
Apologies:	Mr Ian Petersen Mr Terry Wright
No. of other members present:	13

Opening of Meeting

1. The Chairman noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Presentation by members of the Club's General Committee

2. Members of the Club's General Committee made a presentation on the Club's finances.

Confirmation of Minutes of the last AGM

3. The minutes of the last AGM was tabled at the meeting, with the consent of the members present, were taken as read. No questions were raised from the floor.
4. Mr. Stephen Knight proposed, Mr. Fredric Teng seconded and the members unanimously agreed by a show of hands that the minutes of the last AGM be confirmed.

Matters Arising from Minutes of last AGM

5. In response to requests raised in last year's AGM, the Society had made the following changes to prizes in golf events:
 - i) Gave out vouchers from different outlets.
 - ii) Gave separate prizes for high handicappers.

Chairman's Report

6. The Chairman presented his report (attached in Annex 1).
7. In response to a question from the floor, the Chairman agreed to consider organising more golf events on Fridays.
8. Mr. Alastair Murray proposed, Mr. Phil Head seconded and the members unanimously agreed by a show of hands that the Chairman's report be adopted.

Accounts

9. Mr. James Suttie, the Treasurer presented his report (attached in Annex 2).
10. In response to questions from the floor, the Treasurer explained the following:
 - i) Society's members could help to boost the Society's membership number by encouraging more golf-playing Club members to join the Society.
 - ii) The turnaround time for Society new membership application was 24 hours. The approval process was mainly to ensure that the forms were correctly completed, the applicants had sufficient experience to play on the courses and to identify potential match players.
 - iii) It was a purely coincidence that the revenue for this year's Golf Club Rental was similar to last year's.
 - iv) The Society would move retired golf clubs from Macau and Lotus Hill to the Club's simulators for members' usage.
11. Mr. Stephen Knight proposed, Mr. Alastair Murray seconded and the members unanimously agreed by a show of hands that the statement of income and expenditure of the Golf Society for the year ended 31st March 2019 be adopted.

Election of Officers

12. The Secretary read out the nominations received for positions on the Committee for the coming year, having posted the nomination register on the Society's notice board and invited nominations from all members. The nomination details were as follows:

Nominated Position	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	Terry Wright	W01023	Ian Petersen	P415
Secretary	Ivan Yuen	Y194	Ian Petersen	P415	Terry Wright	W01023
Treasurer	James Suttie	S559	Ivan Yuen	Y194	Dallas Reid	R265
S&RSC Representative	Chris Meecham	M995	Ian Petersen	P415	Allyson Ko	K376
Captain	Terry Wright	W01023	Ivan Yuen	Y194	Ian Petersen	P415
Vice Captain	Andrew Michael Wood	W0449	Dallas Reid	R265	Ivan Yuen	Y194
Communications Officer	Allyson Ko	K376	Terry Wright	W01023	Desiree Wong	W729
Handicap Secretary	Desiree Wong	W729	Ivan Yuen	Y194	Allyson Ko	K376
General Officer	1.Rosemary Soo	S532	Allyson Ko	K376	Desiree Wong	W729
	2.Phil Head	H0134	Ian Petersen	P415	Rosemary Soo	S532

13. The Chairman proposed, Mr. Stephen Knight seconded and the members unanimously agreed by a show of hands that, as none of the position was contested, the nominees be elected en bloc as officers of the Committee for the coming year.

Any Other Business

14. In response to questions raised, the Chairman explained the following:

- i) The Society had submitted to the Club Management a paper detailing the need to replace the current outdated golf simulators with updated ones and that three simulators were required.
- ii) The Society had submitted to the Club's Sports and Recreation Committee a request to change the Club's bye-laws to enable members' guests to use the simulators.
- iii) The general terms of the Club's sponsorship arrangement were explained and members were encouraged to inform the Committee of potential sponsors they might know.

Close of Meeting

15. There being no further question or other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Dallas Reid
Chairman
Golf Society

Ivan Yuen
Secretary
Golf Society

Annex 1

The Hong Kong Football Club Golf Society

Chairman's Report to AGM

Thank you all for taking the time to attend our Society's 2019 AGM.

I am happy to report that the past year has been a very successful and smoothly run for our society.

Turning first to our usual activities, we have run over 20 social events during the year, both on weekdays and where possible weekends, and have competed in 12 competitive matches against other Golf Societies in Hong Kong. The social events have been efficiently run by our events organiser Ted Li, while the hard work of running such a large number of matches has continued to be carried out by Terry Wright.

We have also been involved in, or created several new events. This year saw the first Inter-Society tournament sponsored by AIA in which teams from the HKFC came 1st, 3rd (on countback) and 4th in the gross event which is a testament to the quality of our competitive players.

Last's year saw the creation of the Society's knockout match play event which was run with minimal need to chase up players to complete their matches, and was won by Terry Wright defeating Ali Murray in the final.

Last year also saw the first Inter-section Cup, held in Macau to foster closer relations between the Club's various sections. This was a great success rounded off with a highly entertaining evening in the old quarter of Macau and a late night ferry home. Tennis won the net event with Squash winning the gross event.

On the social front, the Committee is always on the lookout for suitable social events to add to our standard list of golfing events which we organise, and earlier this year we were able to offer two unusual events which were both very well supported. We ran a Rules Night in conjunction with the HK Club to try to cover the major changes in the 2019 Rules of Golf, which was attended by a capacity audience of 100, roughly half from each club, with Dr Brian Choa as the speaker. We were also able to run a Night Golf event at the Hong Kong Golf and Tennis Academy which was also at capacity and very generously hosted by that facility. We continue to keep an eye out for any other interesting social event possibilities.

On a rather sad note, the Government has stated its intention of reclaiming the part of the Old course across the road from the Fanling Club house although there will be some time before this takes effect. However as and when it does it will undoubtedly impact the ability

of all golfers in Hong Kong to have access to the game as The Hong Kong Golf Club has in recent years been very accommodating in allowing non-members access to their courses.

Another piece of bad news is that sadly Mirko Scherer, our sponsor last year, relocated to Europe and so was not able to renew his sponsorship of the Society, but despite that our finances are in a healthy condition with a modest surplus for the current year. As ever if anyone is aware of sponsorship opportunities for the Society (which can include awarding a membership to the sponsor) please contact a committee member.

Not wishing to end on a down note, I am happy to report that the Club is working to install an upgraded simulator system which will be a welcome development, and the Society has been working hard to ensure that the system they select meets our members requirements. As ever the Club's management are unwilling to share much information on progress but have confirmed they are aware of the Society's written requests regarding number of simulators (3) and optimal technology.

I am equally delighted to report there have been no issues raised by Macau (or Lotus Hill) relating to members' behaviour for which I thank everyone who uses those excellent facilities and in my experience both courses continue to be maintained in excellent condition.

As I mentioned last year, the Society also encourages all Members to join the HKGA and to obtain a valid golf handicap which is often required for access to courses throughout the world, and is needed for entry into any formal competition. All eligible scores (ie on USGA rated courses) should be immediately input to the GHIN handicap system after play. There is an excellent app which can be downloaded for free to your phone which permits this to be done in seconds. In 2020 the handicap systems of all 6 major handicapping bodies round the world will be combined into one so you can take your handicap anywhere and compete on even terms with other players.

I would like to close by thanking my fellow Committee members for their hard work during the year which has kept the Society ticking over smoothly for everyone's enjoyment, and to the staff of the HKFC who support the golf society so efficiently.

Annex 2

Hong Kong Football Club Golf Society

Treasurer's Report to AGM

The Attached accounts and notes thereon reflect the financial position of the Society as at the 31st March 2019.

The Accounts and notes are straight forward. However I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some items of interest.

For the Financial Year 2018/2019, the Society made a surplus of HK\$31,998, compared to a surplus of HK\$122,347 in the prior year.

This reduction in the Surplus of HK\$90,349 was mainly due to the receipt of the Sponsorship Fee of HK\$150,000 in 2017/2018, not being repeated in the current year as unfortunately our sponsor left Hong Kong.

This was significantly offset by a reduction of HK\$88,000 in Administrator's fees as this role was changed to a non remunerated position.

Members Subscriptions however reduced by HK\$ 31,425 to HK\$584,625, due to the reduction of 45 members to a total of 758 at the end of March 2019.

Excluding the cost of the Administrator's costs, Expenditure in 2018/2019 increased by HK\$4,109 to HK\$611,262 compared to the Prior Year, largely due to the expenditure of HK\$6,020 on upgrading the golf clubs stored in Macau and Lotus Hill.

The number of matches remained constant at 12 but we introduced an additional event which was The Intersectional Cup, which although a good event in itself, also creates awareness with golfers in the other Sports Sections in The Hong Kong Football Club, of the benefits of being a member of the Golf Society.

As at the 31st March 2019, the Reserves Carried Forward amounted to HK\$892,033, although it should be noted that the Reserves are forecast to drop to HK\$440,000 on the 30th November 2018 prior to receipt of the 2019 Fees in December 2019.

In Summary, the Finances of the Society are currently in good shape although the continued reduction in membership, a reduction in 160 in the last three years, is of concern.

Jim Suttie
Treasurer