

# HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

## *Golf Society*

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

Held on Friday 23 October 2009  
in the Happy Valley Suite at HKFC

#### **Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 7.00 pm by the Honorary President, Mr L R Edwards, with 20 members present. 3 joined shortly afterwards, bringing the total number of registered attendees to 23, with apologies received from a further 4 members, including the previous Chairman, Mr D Ko.

#### **Confirmation of Minutes of last AGM**

No comments were raised from the floor. Proposed for adoption by Mr Y F Ku. Seconded by Mr D Connelly. Carried unanimously.

#### **Matters Arising from Minutes of last AGM**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

#### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman Mr A. Ho, presented his report for the year's activities (attached at Annex 1) which summarised another very active year for the Society. Adoption of the report was proposed by Mr D Reid and seconded by Mr M Belbin. Carried unanimously.

#### **Presentation of Accounts**

The Treasurer Mr. L. Lai presented the annual accounts for the Society (attached at Annex 2) and noted the financial position of the Society as at the end of June 2009. In general terms, the Society continues to be financially sound with the current account balance standing at \$1.055 million up from \$0.912 million 12 months earlier, even though spending had increased slightly.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr K W Li and seconded by Mr. Y F Ku. Carried unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

The Secretary announced that the following nominations to the Golf Society Committee had been received:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>	<b>Post</b>
<b>Andy Ho</b>	Lawrence Lai	Ian Petersen	Chairman
<b>Ian Petersen</b>	Andy Ho	Lawrence Lai	Secretary
<b>Ivan Yuen</b>	Andy Ho	Lawrence Lai	Treasurer
<b>Dallas Reid</b>	Andy Ho	Adie Ma	Captain
<b>Adie Ma</b>	Andy Ho	Lawrence Lai	Fixtures
<b>Desiree Wong</b>	Andy Ho	Adie Ma	Handicaps
<b>David Connolly</b>	Andy Ho	Dorothy Lam	Development
<b>Margaret Tsai</b>	Desiree Wong	Andy Ho	General
<b>Chris Meecham</b>	Desmond Ko	Andy Ho	General
<b>Dorothy Lam</b>	Andy Ho	Adie Ma	General

Mr A Ho proposed that all nominees should be elected en bloc, and this was seconded by Mr M Belbin. Carried unanimously.

### **Election of Hon. President**

The Secretary announced that the nomination of Mr L R Edwards for Honorary President had been proposed by Mr A Ho and seconded by Mr M Belbin. Carried unanimously.

### **Any Other Business**

Mr M Belbin asked about the arrangements for the Section's sponsor. The Chairman said that the three year sponsorship from the current sponsor, Swiss Privilege, would end in 2010. The committee was still looking for one or more other sponsors.

Mr M Belbin asked about the putting clinic which had been held recently. The Chairman and Secretary replied that about 40 had attended with 12 getting their putting analysed. As Members had found it popular and useful, a further clinic would be organised.

## **Close of Meeting**

The Honorary. President closed the meeting at 7.25 pm

L.R Edwards  
Hon. President  
Golf Society  
Hong Kong Football Club

I B I Petersen  
Secretary  
Golf Society  
Hong Kong Football Club

### HKFC Golf Society – Chairman’s Report to AGM

It has been another good year for the Golf Society (GS), which currently has a membership of 1,006 people as of June 2009. The GS has continued last year’s trend of organizing one to two outings per month all which have been well attended. In fact, our records indicate that excluding tours and matches in this last year we had 18 outings to courses in Hong Kong and across the border in China with over 450 golfers, that’s an average of 27 golfers playing per outing. This has also included a greater number of weekend outings to assist member participation which also meant for the first time ever playing at Kau Sai Chau (on the North Course) on a Saturday! A variety of courses were played in China such as Yan Li, Palm Island, and an Easter Weekend Tour at Junan Country Garden Golf Village and Wuyi Fountain Palm Golf Club. Whilst in Hong Kong the GS continue regular outings to Kau Sai Chau and also outings to Discovery Bay, Deep Water Bay, and Fanling. Like last year we are seeing more and more new faces at our outings, which is great. All our outings are subsidized which continue to fulfill our pledge to utilize the funds at our disposal. Me and our Treasurer, Lawrence, will go into that in more detail though later.

Regular fixtures were maintained such as Club Championship and the Summer Cup were both played at Kau Sai Chau (North Course) in January and June respectively. The Walmsley Trophy at Kau Sai Chau (South Course) were played earlier today.

#### Club Championship

Jonathan Linstow

Runners up – Dallas Reid, Nick Allen, Duncan Spooner, Bob Crawford and PW Pong

Best Nett – Jonathan Li

#### Walmsley Trophy

Jonathan Li

Runners up – Raymond Ching, Fung Lin Chee and David Connolly

Best Gross – Dallas Reid

#### Christmas Cup

Tommy Yuen

Runners up – Kevin Tse, Lily Chan

#### Summer Cup

Marilou Ferrier

Runners up – Andrew Wood and Eric Desgouttes

Best Gross – Jeremy Wong

Congratulations to the winners who also claimed their prizes at the GS Annual Dinner in June this year.

Matches within the Club also continued with the 2 Committees Challenge (General Committee (GC) vs GS), which was won by the GC last year. However, this year, the GS managed to defeat the defending GC team and get the trophy back. We also played the

traditional Chairman vs President challenge trophy match at Lotus Hill the day after the Sevens with the President's team winning again for another year!

Externally, under the captaincy of Dallas Reid, the GS won most of its matches. The GS won in Macau in the annual friendly match with Hong Kong Cricket Club and we beat the Hong Kong Club in a friendly in February 2009. Captain Dallas will lead the HKFC team to participate in the annual Reunification Cup at Lotus Hill for a two days stroke play competition tomorrow and Sunday competing against the American Club, The Hong Kong Country Club and the Chinese Recreation Club. Our annual match against the American Club in the Ryder Bowl match in November 2008 and we won by 9-6.

The Annual Dinner and prize giving in June 2009 was also very popular culminating with the President giving out prize and award to our very deserving winner, and also lucky draw on the evening, etc.

In addition, the Club's debentures at Macau Golf and Country Club and Lotus Hill Golf Club continued to be well used though the utilization of Lotus Hill dropped a little! Macau is more popular than Lotus Hill mainly due to Macau being easier and quicker to get to, particularly if you just want to play one round and get back to HK on the same day. Though the existing debentures are not over subscribed too often the committee felt that our members would benefit from the Club having more debentures at another suitably located golf club. Over the last few months, a GS GC sub-committee has been actively looking at offers which we received from one golf club located in Zhuhai for the purchase of revolving debentures. However, the whole project is put on hold mainly due to the financial situation of the golf club is not very healthy. That in my view, I will continue working closely with the GC to bring more debentures to Club and thus offer our members more regular golfing options.

Other than providing rounds of golf and outings, the Society committee has tried to provide its members with social events that promote knowledge of the great game. Together with our sponsor Swiss Privilege, a very successful and well attended Equipment Day was held for the third time at the Club in April 2009 with clubs on offer from Callaway. In Oct 2009, we organized a Putting Clinic together with Harold Swash Putting School to give an opportunity to explore more on putting and analysis were made for some members.

Finally, on behalf of the GS, I would like to express our thanks to Maggie Ng, Carbo Chang, Karen Mulvenna and all the other behind the "scenes" Staff at the Club for all their hard work and effort throughout the year which has ensured the smooth running of the GS. A big thank you also to our Webmaster Andrew Yuen and to all my fellow committee members for their contribution and support throughout the year particularly the retiring Treasurer Lawrence Lai. Throughout his busy year, Lawrence has done a very good job maintaining our account though he kept complaining he himself not giving enough to the committee and to GS in general.

Finally a big thank you to those of you who have turned up tonight and continue to support our Society and all those others who regularly play and participate in our events.

Thank you.

Andy Ho  
Chairman

## Annex 2

### HKFC Golf Society – Hon. Treasurer’s Report to AGM

The attached accounts reflect the financial position of the Society as at the end of June 2009.

In general terms the income of the Society has improved due to the sponsorship of Swiss Privilege.

The Society is keeping the option open at securing other debentures. In the mean time, to encourage further participation in Golf Society, we have introduced new events e.g. the equipment days, putting clinics.

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.

Overall, due to the prudent cost management, the Society has achieved a surplus of \$143,205 and the net worth of the Society was \$1,055,180.

The total income this year at \$746,824 was less this year than the previous year at \$786,551. The difference was mainly due to the termination of “guest fees” at Lotus Hill and Macau.

The overall membership was stable throughout the period. The total membership was 1,004 as of 30 June 09.

The Society organized one overseas tours, the net cost was \$22,910.

Total expenditure increased slightly from \$591,139 in the previous period to \$603,619 in the current period.

Lawrence Lai  
Treasurer