

Minutes of 93rd Annual General Meeting of Durban Golf Club held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 07:25 at the Clubhouse, Papwa Sewgolom Golf Course.

**Attendance:**

As per attendance register.

**Welcome:**

The President, Sanil Rampersad, confirmed the quorum and declared the meeting open. He welcomed the membership and expressed his appreciation for their presence.

**Notice of Meeting:**

The notice was circulated to the entire membership and taken as read.

**Confirmation of minutes:**

The minutes were moved for adoption by Rajen Reddy and seconded by Bridge Singh. There were no amendments to the minutes.

**Committee Report:**

The report was circulated to the membership and posted on the website therefore, it was taken as read. The report was moved for adoption by Babs Govender and seconded by Naren Surjuprosad.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Audited Financial statement by Logie Govender and Co. was posted on our website. Kerasen Dorasamy, presented a summary of the report.

The Club is in a healthy and profitable position. Bar revenue has surpassed the 1-million-rand mark, meaning registering for VAT, which could impact subs to be vatable as well.

Proposal was to create a new company for bar which will separate the bar and club.

Committee proposed a 0% increase for the 2023 subs to which the house approved.

S Rampersad reported that MANCO is due gratitude and congratulations for the condition of the course leading to increased numbers and an increase in revenue.

Dr Raj queried as to what was the amount from account to be invested.

S Rampersad explained that it was the interest received from the TRUST.

He also stated that the Club does not keep too much cash on hand.

Committee to look at how much to transfer to the TRUST or to invest.

R Reddy queried about the membership numbers.

S Rampersad replied that there was a decrease from +\_ 200 to about +\_ 180 members in 2022 due to varying factors.

V Hurburun queried about Country membership.

S Rampersad said this was due to valid reasons like members moving outside KZN.

There were no further queries pertaining to the financials.

The acceptance of the report was moved by dr Raj and seconded by Rajen Reddy.

### **Amendments to the Constitution: Virtual Membership**

S Rampersad reported that Enver Mall proposed amendments to proposal sent out

Amendments were discussed

Rajesh Gopie questioned the financial benefit to the Club and raised the issue as to whether they will be allowed to play in Club games, he suggested they should not be allowed to play.

Enver Mall reported that the amendment covers virtual members playing tournaments and that the Club will have the right to decide.

Dr Raj stated that it should be explicit that virtual members cannot play in Club tournaments.

Bob Badahur stated that the amendment is well covered.

Rajen Reddy asked how it would benefit the Club financially? S Rampersad replied that virtual members will pay a % of club subs. It was agreed that they will pay 15% of the DGC subs together with the HNA and KZNGU Affiliation fees.

Enver Mall replied that the proposed amendment covers the Committee to regulate fees.

V Hurburun asked whether there was interest shown in virtual membership. S Rampersad replied that he was approached by 2 groups wanting to become virtual members of DGC.

Unanimous vote for amendment approved.

Proposed by Enver Mall and seconded by Bob Bahadur.

### **Election of Office Bearers:**

There was one nomination for President, Sanil Rampersad. Proposed by S Chetty and seconded by T Govender. Sanil Rampersad accepted and was declared the President for the current year.

The President, Sanil Rampersad, was requested to choose his committee, and they are:

- Sivalingum (Ronnie) Chetty – Vice President
- Zak Khan – Secretary
- Pradip Popat – Treasurer
- Kerasen Dorasamy – Assistant Treasurer
- Theegan Govender – Captain
- Themba Kaunda – Vice Captain

Committee members:

- Sathi Naicker
- Furrhadh Jamal
- Suresh Sunkur
- Naren Surjuprosad

S Rampersad expressed gratitude to the previous Presidents and Committees for keeping the Club intact and financially stable. He also stated that the new Presidents and Committees must understand the history of the Club and its financials. The funds must be taken care of and used wisely. He also said that the Club needs to attract new sponsorship.

### **Honorary Life Membership:**

There were 2 proposals.

Proposal 1 - Himat Hirjee proposed by M Moonsamy. History and services read out, Committee approved, and house approved.

Proposal 2 – Amar Ramlochan proposed by Rajen Reddy. History and services were read out. Committee approved and house approved as well.

### **Annual Subscription:**

The DGC Committee proposed a 0% increase in the annual subscription for 2023. The 0% increase was unanimously approved by the house.

### **Disciplinary Committee:**

The committee is as follows:

- Bob Bahadur
- AC Khan
- Enver Mall
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### **Election of Trustees:**

No new Trustees needed

### **Durban Golf Club Golf Development NPC:**

S Rampersad reported that MANCO receives funds from the Municipality.

He also stated that all Committee members are voluntary. Only staff gets paid from funds received from the Municipality. MANCO is financially stable.

He also explained the difficulties and hardships MANCO goes through in dealing with the Municipality. He is grateful to MANCO, Dhanashan and the staff for a job well done despite the hardships with the Municipality.

He also reported that the showers and changerooms are set to be refurbished with MANCO bearing the costs.

V Hurburun asked if the Club was concerned about the cafeteria.

Dhanashan replied that there is a problem with 2 departments at the Municipality. He reported that the new tender for course maintenance will cover the cafeteria as well.

Mr Siva Pillay was re - elected as a Director of MANCO. Proposed by S Chetty and seconded by T Govender.

### **Durban Golf Club TRUST:**

No one present to discuss funds. S Rampersad explained the hierarchy of DGC – DGC – MANCO and TRUST. He proposed that the 3 entities meet to iron out confusion regarding the structure.

Dr Raj reported that the TRUST is the custodian to look after the funds.

G Dorasamy stated that the TRUST financials should be presented at the AGM as well.

S Rampersad replied that the financials sit with Dhanashan and every member has the right to view it together with the minutes.

G Dorasamy questioned why the interest is given to the Club as a loan.

S Rampersad explained that the interest is not a loan, but that 25% is used by DGC and the 75% is invested then given back to the TRUST so that the TRUST coffers can grow.

Sanil Rampersad expressed his thanks and appreciation to all for attending as well as his gratitude to Deena, Dhanashan, Committee and the Bar and Halfway staff.

He urged the membership to provide input to the Committee on any suggestions, proposals, problems, etc and not to sit outside and complain amongst themselves.

Bob Bahadur thanked the President, Committee and all concerned for a job well done.

R Gopie requested the Club try and grow Junior and Female membership. S Rampersad reported that he foresees a problem in that regards due to the location of Papwa being close to an informal settlement.

The meeting terminated at 08:30.

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President – S Rampersad

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Date