

## Chiang Mai Social Golfers AGM Minutes 2021

The AGM was held at the Gymkhana golf club on Thursday, January 7th, 2021. The meeting opened at 12:00 hours with 19 members in attendance. A hand-out presentation that included the Agenda, and submitted motions and other related business, relevant to the meeting were available to all in attendance.

The meeting was chaired by Mark Gorham in the absence of Milton Reynolds (President) who welcomed all attendees. Under the Charter, there are no required number of members required to form a quorum and therefore the AGM was valid and could continue.

1 Apologies for absence were received from Milton Reynolds, Denise Reynolds, Ans Scholten, Tom Berger, Adam Jackson, Ric Cameron, Kenny Jones and Chris Ryan

2. Minutes from the last AGM 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the EGM held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May were to be accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. Julian Wing proposed the motion and it was seconded by Nigel Stubbs. No further business arose from the minutes.

3. Two members who passed away during the last year, David McCunnall and Ulrich Brunner were remembered. Special mention was also given to Roscoe Butler who is in poor health and according to his daughter is unlikely to recover.

4. A Financial Report was given by the Treasurer, Mark Gorham. Cash on hand is presently 52,105 baht.

5. A Charity update was given by Mark Gorham. Balance held is presently 26,610 baht.

6. Submitted Motions to amend the Charter:

No motions were received

7. Election of the new 2020 Committee

President – Haydn “H” Patterson. Nominated by Garry Walker, Seconded by Nigel Stubbs – elected unopposed.

Treasurer/Secretary – Chris Ryan. Nominated by Mark Gorham Seconded by Garry Walker –

(Please note due to his absence Chris technically cannot be elected by the AGM. However, the Committee can appoint a member to fill a vacant position. There being no further nominations, Chris’s appointment will be ratified by the Committee at their next Committee Meeting).

Technical Officer – Julian Wing – elected unopposed

Captain North Hill – no nominations were received Garry Walker has agreed to continue until a new captain is found.

Captain Lanna – Nigel Stubbs – elected unopposed

Captain Maejo – Michael Kuzmich. Nominated by Graham Adams, Seconded by Mark Gorham, elected unopposed.

Captain Gymkhana – Allan Gariano – elected unopposed

The new President now takes the Chair.

8. New Business and other announcements

HP asked the attendees if at away games only they would prefer physical prizes rather than financial. The overwhelming view was that the membership would prefer physical prizes.

A number of motions were then presented By Jack Kuzina and further motions were proposed By Graham Adams. These motions were discussed to great lengths in some cases and voted on by the attendees via a show of hands. Before minuting the outcomes of these motions, it must be stated that during the discussions JK asked, that if these motions passed, would they be binding on the Committee? GW responded that to be binding on the Committee, they must involve an amendment to the Charter, and as such needed to be passed at an EGM. However, the Committee is now aware of the general views of the membership and the motions (pending formal discussion and approval) are likely to be ratified..

1. Reinstitute the Monthly away Games. Proposed by Jack Kuzina. However, JW stated that we should not use the word “monthly” in case there are occasions when matters are out of our hands (Dates not being acceptable to courses, prices, covid etc). Passed with an overwhelming majority. The President agreed to take charge personally and will do his utmost to arrange “monthly” Away Days.
2. Schedule the Annual International Tournament at a Neutral Venue – Proposed by Jack Kuzina - passed with a large majority.
3. The Annual Tournament stableford places and trophy winners should be decided by the highest points scorers over 3 rounds and not by flights. Proposed by Jack Kuzina – Passed by a large majority.
4. The Annual Tournament places and trophy winners should be determined by the highest points from all 4 rounds rather than the best of 3. Proposed by Graham Adams - Rejected by a large majority.
5. The term “Club Champion” not to be used for the Low Gross Winner at the Annual Tournament. Proposed by Jack Kuzina. No decision made. No viable alternatives were voted on and the outcome is left for the Committee to decide.
6. Post the Annual Tournament results on the website after each leg. Proposed by Jack Kuzina – passed by an overwhelming majority.
7. Adopt the USGA maximum handicap index of 54 (rather than the course handicap limits of 36 for men and 40 for ladies which the Committee previously set following Rule 7.2 of The USGA / R & A Rules). – Proposed by Jack Kuzina – passed with a small majority.
8. Rescind the CMSG tree root free drop rule. Proposed by Jack Kuzina. After much discussion the motion was amended to allow a free drop if the tree root was on the fairway, but the ball has to be played or a penalty shot taken, if the tree root is anywhere else. The amended motion was passed overwhelmingly.
9. Slow play – the rule of keeping pace with the group in front should always be reinforced. Proposed by Jack Kuzina. A long and lively discussion took place with regards the pace of play. Points were made that slower members should increase their speed and keep up with the group in front and ways were suggested how to do this. Points were also made that it is not acceptable for faster members to criticize slower play by shouting across the fairway to hurry up or “play the ball”. JW stated that each member should respect the play and the speed that each member plays at. He suggested that old fashioned etiquette should be applied. If a group is lagging behind the group in front (irrespective of there being a legitimate reason, physical problems, higher handicap golfers,

lost balls etc) and a group is breathing down their necks behind, then at the next available opportunity (usually the next tee) wave that group through. They can then play at their faster pace and enjoy their game, and the slower group can play at a more sedate pace and enjoy their game. This was widely accepted by the meeting. GW stated that pace of play has been an issue for years and it will continue to be an issue for years to come. The consensus of all the discussions were that all players pace should be respected, members should not be criticized unduly by others, slower players should take steps to speed up if possible, slower groups should wave through faster groups, and any decision of groupings etc is left to the captain's discretion. No vote was taken.

10. Scrap the Player of the Year competition completely. Proposed by Graham Adams – Passed by 7 votes to 6!

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1.15 pm.