



## MPUMALANGA GOLF UNION

### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT CAROLINA GOLF CLUB

ON SATURDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 08h30

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Present :

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| Graeme Morrison     | President     | in the chair        |
| Edwin Compton       | SAGDB         | Development Manager |
| Johann van Rensburg | Highveld Golf | Vice President      |
| Stephan Potgieter   | Lowveld Golf  | President           |
| Johann Bezuidenhout | Lowveld Golf  | Delegate            |
| Robbie Haward       | Highveld Golf | Delegate            |
| Colin Mulligan      | Secretary     | in attendance       |

The Chairman warmly welcomed all to this September meeting.

**APOLOGIES :** Adriaan Rabe, Rob Pryde, Coenie du Preez, Francis Themane, Hanlie Uys, Eric du Toit, Frikkie Fensham.

#### 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 1.1 The minutes of the Executive meeting, held at Middelburg Country Club on 21 July, 2018 which had been circulated, was confirmed by the Executive and signed as a true record by the Chairman. Proposed by Johann van Rensburg and seconded by Robbie Haward.
- 1.2 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Middelburg Country Club on 21st July, 2018 which had been circulated on 10/08/2018 was confirmed by the Executive and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed by Johann Bezuidenhout and seconded by Edwin Compton.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES :

Nil

#### 3. TOURNAMENTS AND MATCHES CONCLUDED :

- 3.1 The Handicap League Playoff between the winners of the Highveld and Lowveld handicap leagues was played at Middelburg Country Club on 28 July in ideal golfing conditions on a course in good shape. Bethal proved, on home turf, to be too good for White River and easily won 8-0, the game was played in a good spirit and this win brought the tally since 2002 to 9 - 7 in favour of Highveld.
- 3.2 In the Northern Provinces Scratch League Final played at Koro Creek on 28/29 July 2018 on a golf course in mint condition, Middelburg representing Mpumalanga surprised all by finishing joint 3rd on the log and with a bit of luck could have come closer. The team beat Polokwane and State Mines while halving with Potchefstroom and losing narrowly to ultimate winners Centurion. Thanks were expressed to Limpopo for the excellent arrangements.
- 3.3 The annual match between the IPT and Mid Am teams played at Middelburg ended in a surprising win for the IPT team who proved just too strong for their Mid Am rivals in the singles and ran out comfortable winners by a 7½ - 4 ½ margin winning the singles 6 - 2.

- 3.4 The IPT team flew down to George on the 15th September for the 2018 IPT tournament played at Oubaai and for most of the week faced atrocious weather They played 6 matches, lost 4 and won 2 to end up 5th on the log. Their foursomes play was poor, losing all but one match and having to rely on their singles skills which was good but not enough to catch up the deficit from the foursomes. Western Province won the B section to be promoted back to the A section next year. Ivan Mare, Andre van Heerden and Ru-Juan Lessingh played well in their singles matches.

**4. FORTHCOMING FIXTURES :**

- 4.1 The Platinum Petroleum Supplies Mpumalanga Open field scheduled for Witbank on 26/28 October can look forward to a course in very good nick. Clubs are requested to support this tournament.
- 4.2 Johann Bezuidenhout and his 2 teams were wished good luck at Sun City in the National Sanlam Cancer Challenge Final scheduled for 8/9 October.
- 4.3 Johann van Rensburg and his Mid Amateur team were wished happy hunting at the S.A Mid Amateur IPT at Kimberley from 8/12 October.

**5. SAGA MATTERS :** Graeme Morrison reported –

Graeme Morrison attended the IPT at Oubaai and gave the committee feed back on the meetings he attended, but as the final meeting minutes were not as yet available the decisions taken could not be published until then.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE :**

All correspondence, in and out, was tabled. They were made available to the Members of the Executive to peruse at their leisure after the meeting.

**7. SPONSORSHIP :**

Nothing to report

**8. FINANCE :**

- 8.1 The Budget Statement as at 31. 8. 2018 was circulated and discussed by the meeting – the Statement was approved. The Budget would be revised to accommodate the change in the increase rates set by GOLFRSA and the MGU.
- 8.2 Interest rates are good at the moment earning the Union R29055.73 over the past 3 months, the Development fund has earned R24349.12 in the same period.
- 3.3 GOLFRSA has just notified the Union that they have approved an 8% increase in affiliation fees for 2019 – an 8% increase raising the fees to R186.30. In the light of this announcement Mpumalanga would follow GOLFRSA and raise their fees by a similar margin to R175.00 per male golfer and the Junior/Senior Levy to R43.20.
- 3.4 The financial state of the game of golf is currently alarming – most Union's have lost members and the clubs are struggling. Annual fees are rocketing at club level with the result that youngsters are turning to cycling and other sports, it is time to do a thorough and in depth look at the game and see where we can lower costs. Teams going to the coast now cost R145000 where in the not too distant past the cost was R80000. Vouchers at tournaments should be cut as well as the entry fees and the price of the catering.

## 9. REPORTS :

### 9.1 HIGHVELD : Johann van Rensburg

Bethal beat White River 8 – 0 at the end of July in the Handicap League Playoff at Middelburg to bring the overall score to 9 – 7 in favour of Highveld. On the same weekend Middelburg contested the Northern Province's League Final at Koro Creek and did exceptionally well to finish joint third. All their games were close and with a little luck could have ended up in second spot. In the Executive Golf Day played at Wingate Park on 9 August our team came stone last – the weather was cold and miserable was the excuse. The arrangements by Gauteng North were excellent. Our Seniors had a very successful Open Day at Middelburg on 18/19 August with 102 players in the field. A handy surplus was recorded. The Highveld Country Cup played at Witbank on 23 September attracted 72 players – 24 teams – in a very successful day. Springs Country Club sent one team and were runners-up in the Country Cup won by Bankenveld on a score of 265, one better than Springs. Ermelo won the Scratch Trophy on 266 from Witbank on 274. The Garden Keeper Scratch League gets underway this weekend with 15 teams taking part. Witbank are busy preparing their course for the MGU Open there at the end of October and currently the course is in a good condition.

### 9.2 LOWVELD : Stephan Potgieter

Things were quiet in the Lowveld at the moment – White River lost the playoff in the Handicap League to Bethal played at Middelburg, well done to Bethal – The Mbombela Open was won by young Drikus Joubert on a score of 140 from Eddie Wilken on 143, 35 players participated. The Lowveld Senior Classic was hosted at Mbombela on 15/16 September with a field of 65 taking part. Pieter Cooper of Wingate Park ran out winner with a score of 141 from Craig Kamps on 142. The Barberton Open was won by Rikus Nel on 148 in a field of 37.

### 9.3 DEVELOPMENT : Edwin Compton

SAGDB player Reghard Viljoen won the Highveld Junior Open played at Middelburg on 5 August on a score of level par 72.

Thami Ngobeni, Dino Thobela and Austin Mashego were selected to represent Mpumalanga at the Northern Gauteng Quads at Waterkloof Golf Club. Dino and Thami recently turned 15 and even though they lost their games in the U.17 team showed great promise for what is to come.

Dino Thobela was joint second in the Kambaku Junior Open losing by one shot to Drikus Joubert.

The team to represent MGU SAGDB at Nomads Imperial Auto MFC Challenge this year is :

Reghard Viljoen – Austin Mashego – Thami Ngomeni – Dino Thobela – Iwann le Roux – Thabo Dube

### 9.4 MPUMALANGA JUNIOR and SCHOOLS GOLF: Frikkie Fensham

The High School IPT will be played from 1 October until 2 October 2018 at Middelburg Country Club. The MPU Junior Foundation wishes the Mpumalanga Schools IPT Team and all the players well for the tournament.

The 0/13 Mpumalanga Boys are travelling to Koro Creek to participate in the Nomads SA U13. Good luck to all to the young players. JC van Heerden has been selected as team manager and will accompany the young golfers – All the Best JC.

The matter regarding the letter received demanding the resignation of the entire committee to stand down has been resolved. An E-mail was draughted and addressing the questions and a final opportunity was given to resolve the matters.

On the Finance side – the Foundation is in a healthy state. The Foundation has shown a net profit of R 7 993 as on 31 August 2018. This is thanks to hard word of the committee at the Junior Opens generating a profit of R 32 037.

At the end of the year the following positions will be available:

- President – Frikkie stepping down due to Frikkie Jnr not being eligible to participate in Junior Golf;
- Vice Lowveld – Francois moving on to greener pastures – same as Frikkie;
- Vice Highveld – Gerrit’s two year term coming to an end; and

A new committee will be selected at the first tournament in 2019.

On a sad note – Petricia Buurman was resigned and will no longer be available for any position on the committee in the future. We as the Junior Foundation of Mpumalanga say thank to one of our fellow committee members for all the effort, dedication and hard work. Thank you Petricia we salute you.

#### 9.5 **SENIOR AMATEUR GOLF** : Eric du Toit

The MGU Senior Open was hosted at Middelburg on 18/19 August on a course in good condition. The tournament attracted 102 players with some really good players taking part. Ex Protea golfer Graeme Watson of Ekurhuleni won on a score of 142 from Adrian Kriel on 146 and Steve Smit on 147. Craig Kamps and Sarel van Heerden were joint 4th on 148. The Seniors AGM was held after play had finished on Saturday and Francis Themane was re-elected President unopposed. Robbie Haward was appointed Secretary. A motion was put forth to approach the MGU to enter a Super Senior team in the S.A IPT for 2019. A request from Sakkie de Lange to consider a proposal to make the MGU Senior Open and the Lowveld Senior Classic compulsory events was put forward. It was agreed that the Seniors would submit a written proposal to the Executive outlining their request and what was required from the MGU.

#### 9.6 **WOMENS GOLF :**

##### **SA GIRLS 24–26 June 2018**

Results for Team Division

The teams consisted of 2 players with handicaps of 18 and under, with the lowest combined gross score for 2 rounds. Here Nicola Schoeman and Petrone Rudolf made Mpumalanga proud with their second place overall with scores of 75, 75 for Nicola and 83, 83 for Petrone.

Individual Results:

A Division – Nett

Nicola Schoeman ended with a tied second place with nett scores of 68, 68 and 75 (211).

A Division – Gross

Nicola Schoeman ended tied 14th out of a pool of 47 girls.

B Division – Nett

Lelanie Weber tied 4th with scores of 73, 71 and 75 (219).

Lucia Mhlabane shared the 4th place with scores of 70, 79 and 70 (219).

B Division – Gross

Lucia Mhlabane finished 3rd with 83, 92 and 83 (258).

##### **IPT – 1–5 OCTOBER 2018 – DEVONVALE GOLF AND WINE ESTATE, STELLENBOSCH**

Team selection;

Patrizia Lombard (Captain) – Chante Boonstra, Nicola Schoeman, Petrone Rudolph,

Alida Schoeman (Manager) – Dimpho Mohlongo (Reserve 1), Thandeka Hlatswayo (Reserve 2)

All the necessary arrangements for accommodation and flight tickets etc. were made.

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Nicola Schoeman participated in the Malaysian Kids Golf World Championship in December 2017.

She won the tournament out of 10 countries that participated. This win qualified her to participate in the US Kids Golf World Championship that was held in July 2018 at Pinehurst. The jet lag and travelling to the US played a role but she still managed to finish tied 38th out of 74 players.

### 9.7 DISCIPLINARY REPORT :

Nothing to report

### 10. GENERAL :

- 10.1 **GOLFRSA** sent out a revised Tournament schedule which Unions must abide by – the MGU Open will fall under this category. The qualified referee will be Rinus van Niekerk who will set the course up to the required standards and his system will be used for scoring which incorporates live scoring. Printing of the scorecards – cards are printed by Elpress Printers of Bethal – will be done daily as well as the pin positions and lunch vouchers. Booking the Executive into accommodation will be done once the executives on duty are identified and each will have a daily duty to perform. The live scoring will still have to be spelt out. The TV on the verandah will be used for the draw, the recording of the players scores on the screen as they play and finish.
- 10.2 The Executive queried the current status of the ranking system – a discussion ensued resulting in the Secretary tasked with the follow-up. It was stated that a system needed to be in place by the playing of the Closed Championship in 2019.
- 10.3 The Fixture List for 2019 was circulated, discussed and approved by the committee. It would now go to the printers.
- 10.4 Once the MGU Open had received the required field – at present the closing date would have to be extended – the President would set up the committee to do duty at the Open. It would mainly be the Highveld Executives who are appointed to the committee, this to keep the costs down. Live scoring would be available and the Witbank Golf Club would be tasked with supplying the personnel.
- 10.5 For the IPT at Nelspruit in 2019 – The President would chair all meetings with the Secretary in charge of all background work. Committee appointed – Graeme Morrison, Coenie du Preez, Rob Pryde, Stephan Potgieter and Adriaan Rabe. The TOC Secretary is Colin Mulligan. First meeting was set for Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 10h30 at Mbombels Golf Club. The Lowveld President would discuss the matter with the Mbombela Committee who would then appoint 3 delegates to attend all the TOC meetings.
- 10.6 The 2019 Rule Books have arrived, Stephan Potgieter would endeavor to fetch the Lowveld books while Highveld clubs would fetch their quota of books from the Secretary.
- 10.7 Uniforms and airtickets need to be looked at – all the provinces could purchase both airtickets and uniforms from the same supplier/retailer simply by approaching the outlets concerned and via a numbers push for better prices. It could be centralized perhaps by GOLFRSA. Graeme Morrison will make an approach at the next GOLFRSA meeting.
- 10.8 The MGU Country Districts team needed an injection and it was agreed on that the Executive give thought to the matter on how to improve this team as currently the same faces were in the country districts and Mid Amateur teams. Perhaps more players of colour should be introduced as Edwin Compton had pointed out that he had a number of talented players he was currently coaching. The cost of the Country Districts team was an issue that needed overhauling.

NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 2018 AT CAROLINA GOLF CLUB AT 08h30

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**Graeme Morrison**  
**Chairman**

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