



Umoja Golf Club

MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 22.04.2023

Date	22nd April 2023
Time	2.00 pm
Venue	Riversdale Golf Club, St John's Wood Drive, Mount Waverley
Invitees	All Umoja Members
Dress Code	Strict Dress Code. No Thongs, Smart Jeans permitted, Collared shirts

Attendees

Amit Gopal	A	Anuj Shah	P
Arun Amarsi	A	Natoo Billimoria	P
Devendra Desai	A	Navin Amarsi	P
Diko Vallabh	A	Naylin Bissessor	A
Jeetesh Chhibhu	P	Niresh Madanpal	P
Dilip Magan	P	Rabin Bangaar	P
Dipak Sanghvi	A	Ramesh Kooverjee	P
Harish Gopal	P	Sash Kalian	P
Kaveer Singh	P	Satish Bhoola	P
Kamlesh Valera	P	Siva Sooknandan	P
Khandoo Parbhoo	A	Suren Haripersad	P
Kishor Manjee	P	Tony Paldano	A
Kiran Kalian	P	Umesh Dhupelia	A
Madan Patel	A	Vijay Kooblal	P
Mehul Sanghvi	A	Vinod Hargovan	A
Mike Parbhoo	A	Kunaal Parbhoo	
Sanjay Galal	P	Chirag Patel	A

A: Apologies P: Present

Agenda		Who
2:00 – 2:10	Welcome and review of 2022 minutes	Harish : The Minutes the previous AGM were circulated with the Notice of AGM.It was taken as read and there were outstanding issues
2:10 – 2:20	President's Report – Q&A	The presidents report was presented by Vijay (see attached). No issues were raised
2:20 –2:25	Captain's Report – Q&A	The reports was presented by Kiran. See attached . No Issues were raised.
2:25 –2:40	Treasurer's 2022 Final Accounts and 20232 Budget Q&A	Presented by Rabin. See attached. Correction to joining fee Calculation required. Audited accounts were adopted and 2023 – 2024 budget approved
2:35 – 2:40	Game Schedule for 2022 - 2023 Q&A	Presented by Kam Valera. 12 Games have been booked for the year. 24 Players per game. To be monitored over the early rounds and increased if necessary. 2 Games booked at Sandhurst. Depending on availability will play both courses.
2:40 – 2.45	Role of the President	<p>Kiran informed the members that whilst the position of President should remain , the role of the president should be clearly defined. Both Dilip and Siva supported the view that it should remain an integral position on the executive albeit the diminished activities over the past few years. It was agreed that the role should include , amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty to promote the club • Involved in Resolution dispute • Should reinforce conduct and behaviour • Fund raising

		Kiran was empowered with the task of outlining the role of the President and present to the Executive
2.45 – 2.55	Election of Officials	All

Executive Committee Elections

Position	Current	Nomination for 2023	Elected for 2023
President	Vijay Kooblal	Kam Valera N: Vijay Kooblal S: Dilip Magan	No additional nominations were received. Kamlesh Valera was elected President for the next 2 (two) years
Secretary	Harish Gopal	Ramesh Koovrjee N: Natoo Billimoria S: Diko Vallabh	No fadditional nominatios were received. Ramesh Koverjee was elected Secretary for the next 2 (two) years
Captain	Kiran Kalian	No Election	
Vice-Captain / Game Organiser	Kamlesh Valera	Amit Gopal N: Kam Valera S: Dilip Magan	No additional nominations were received. Amit Gopal was elected Vice Captain for the next 1 (one) year
Treasurer	Rabin Bangaar	No Election	
Web Administrator	Ramesh Kooverjee		No Nominations were received. Ramesh Kooverjee retains the position as Web Administrator / Master
Auditor	Naren Popat		Naren Popat was retained as Auditor
Weekend Organiser	Harish Gopal		No nominations were received, Harish Gopal retains the position of Cape Schanck organiser

New Members: Amit Gopal, Kunaal Parbhoo, Kaveer Singh, Jeetesh Chhibu and Sanjay Galal

Nominations accepted and ratified at Exec meeting

The president introduced the new members and welcomed them to club

Members resigned: None

Members Agenda Items

1. 2024 Umoja “Ryder Cup” Annual weekend update Harish

Dates Booked:
Golf: 22nd, 23rd and 24th March 2024
Accommodation: 22nd and 23rd March 2024
RACV Golf Villas

Issues:

- Availability subject to Completion of renovation works

Options:

- Wait for Confirmation and risks involved
- Accommodation at the RACV hotel. Quote requested. Issues associated
- Combination of Villa and Hotel
- Seek alternative accommodation

Harish informed those present that the accommodation and golf for the above dates has been booked at RACV Cape Schanks Resort. Members were also made aware of the some of the issues that we may be faced with. It was resolved that Harish is to liase with RACV Cape Schancks over the next few months to monitor the situation and report back to the exec and / or members if there are any major hurdles.

2. Members GA vs Playing Handicap Arun

See attached proposal. It was agreed in principal that the maximum handicap of 36 be scrapped and the members be allowed to play as per their playing handicap as calculated.

Should Umoja choose to play the Host Club/ Course comp then members must abide the rules of the Host Club / Course and play of the handicap set by them

3. Awards Night All

Nomination of Awards Night organiser

Siva Sooknandan has volunteered to organise the Awards / Presentation night. This will be scheduled in late March 2024 / Early April 2024.

4. Proposal to include Web Administrator on the Executive (Non Executive Role with no voting rights).

Ramesh

See attached proposal. There was some debate as to whether the position of Web Administrator / Master warrants a place on the executive. Dilip, whilst conceding that Ramesh has played a significant role in designing the web site and improving it over the years, argued that it does not warrant a position on the executive. It is contributory role, similar to that of the Auditor and Cape Schanck organiser. They can work independently of each other and report as when necessary.

The proposal was withdrawn prior to a vote being taken

5. Cape Schanck Weekend – Alternate between Ryder Cup and Umoja Cup

Madan

In the absence of Madan Patel (The Proposer) Dilip Magan provided a brief history of the Umoja Cup. It was an individual competition to test the members ability to play consistently over two consecutive days. As there were members who were still in favour of this format and the unavailability of a second weekend consideration should be given to alternate between the Ryder Cup Format and Umoja Cup Format.

Satish Bhoola argued that members are playing monthly games which gives them the opportunity to test their ability to play consistently and was in favour of the Ryder Cup Format to be retained annually

The proposal by Madan Patel was put to vote and was defeated 12 votes against and 8 in favour.

6. Any other Business

- Communication between members and Executive

Niresh

Niresh Madhanpal addressed the members with regard to communication with the executive or a member of the executive. Open communication between the members and the executive should be encouraged, however matters of a contentious nature should not be addressed in public. Attempts should be made to bring this to the attention of the executive (via the Secretary) and resolve the issues privately. Both Siva and Kam Supported the views expressed by Niresh.

Kiran (Club Captain) raised the manner in which the Games Organisers sheet is used. Game organisers should at all times use the master (which can be obtained from Secretary or Web Administrator) and should refrain from using / copy and pasting previous organisers sheet. From past experience it was found that organisers were deleting email addresses of those that were not playing thus causing issues with non - delivery of emails when subsequently used.

Natoo Billimoria requested the captains to consider allowing members to select a tee of their choice when playing the monthly games. Kam advised that in the majority of the games the captain will select the average distance tees and in some cases the tees are dictated by the host club. Tee selection will not favour or disadvantage any group of players.