



Umoja Golf Club Annual General Meeting	
Date	6 th April 2024
Time	2.30 pm – 4.50pm
Venue	Riversdale Golf Club, St John's Wood Drive, Mount Waverley
Invitees	All Umoja Members

Attendance

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Amit Gopal	Yes	Anuj Shah	No
Arun Amarsi	No	Natoo Billimoria	No
Devendra Desai	No	Navin Amarsi	Yes
Diko Vallabh	Yes	Niresh Madanpal	Yes
Jeetesh Chhibhu	Yes	Rabin Bangaar	Yes
Dilip Magan	Yes	Ramesh Kooverjee	Yes
Dipak Sanghvi	No	Sash Kalian	Yes
Harish Gopal	Yes	Satish Bhoola	Yes
Kaveer Singh	No	Siva Sooknandan	No
Kamlesh Valera	Yes	Suren Haripersad	No
Khandoo Parbhoo	No	Tony Paldano	No
Kishor Manjee	No	Umesh Dhupelia	No
Kiran Kalian	Yes	Vijay Kooblal	Yes
Madan Patel	Yes	Vinod Hargovan	Yes
Mehul Sanghvi	Yes	Kunaal Parbhoo	No
Mike Parbhoo	No	Chirag Patel	No
Sanjay Galal	No		

Total Attendance : 17



Agenda Items

Agenda Item	Minutes
Presidents Welcome Welcome and review of 2023 minutes	The Minutes the previous AGM were circulated with the Notice of AGM. Harry Gopal raised the point regarding whether the role of the President was defined. Kiran Kalia replied that it was not done. The decision was to let the incoming executive define the role of the President.
Presidents Report President's Report – Q&A	Kam Valera presented his report – acknowledging Umesh's resignation and his contribution to the club. No issues were raised.
Captains Report Captain's Report – Q&A	Kiran Kalia presented his report – no issues were raised.
Treasurers Report Treasurer's 2023 Final Accounts and 2024-2025 Budget Q&A	<p>Rabin Baangar presented the audited report as well as his budget for 2024-2025. Key items raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs across the are increasing Actual Membership deficient was less than budgeted Increasing membership fees to \$350 to cover increased costs Members continuing to be prudent with monthly meal game expenditure (\$30 per player unless approved by the Treasurer) <p>The members adopted the financial statements and 24/25 budget.</p>
Games Schedule Game Schedule for 2024 - 2025 Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amit Gopal presented the game schedule for 2024-2025, noting that there are still some courses to be confirmed. The following points were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member feedback during the year was that some courses are too far to regularly play (particularly mornington peninsula) Metropolitan course are typically very popular therefore flexibility is needed with timing Metropolitan courses don't always have onsite catering Sash Kalia raised concerns that courses such as Ringwood, whilst closer, can take longer due to number of groups / players that are on the course. Member feedback was acknowledged by Amit Gopal as outgoing Games Scheduler. The games schedule will be communicated via Whatsapp Group in the forthcoming week.
PROPOSAL Late Payment of green fees and cancellation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both Kiran Kalia and Rabin Bangaar stressed the time and effort required in administrative matters related to the monthly games including payment of green fees, groupings, etc. Both noted that late payment of fees, and late cancellations, have a downstream impact and require more executive time to resolve. Vinod Hargovan noted it is not fair to have Rabin chase for payment. <p>The members discussed the following proposal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any player who withdraws after the RSVP date will be penalised 50% of the green fees Any player who does not make payment by the payment date will attract a \$10.00 penalty. This includes monthly games and social events (e.g. awards night). Where the course refunds the green fees this will be refunded back to the member (this is separate to point (1) above).

Commented [AG1]: For each proposal we should be including who proposed the motion and the votes for / against.



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	<p>d) Where the course does not refund green fees the player who cancelled will be liable (this is in addition to point (1) above).</p> <p>The RSVP and Payment dates will be communicated by the Games Organiser in the message sent to members via WhatsApp.</p> <p>The members voted FOR the proposal</p>				
<p>PROPOSAL</p> <p>There will be no minimum players for a scheduled game. Scheduled games will not be cancelled for any reason.</p>	<p>Kam Valera presented his proposal that no games should be cancelled</p> <p>The members accepted that there will be no minimum number of players required for a monthly game. Schedules games will not be cancelled by the club (unless extenuating circumstances e.g. the course is closed / suffered damage making it unplayable etc)</p>				
<p>PROPOSAL</p> <p>Removal of the minimum 3 games required rule to remain a member of the club</p>	<p>Kam Valera presented the proposal that the minimum games criteria should be scrapped</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kam Valera noted that this was discussed and agreed to by the executive• Kam Valera noted that clubs typically do not enforce minimum attendance.• Niresh Madanpal noted that we are a Golf Club (not a social club) and therefore the minimum cap should remain.• Amit Gopal acknowledged that he had previously supported the executive position however, had changed his view. He supported comments made by Niresh and further added that that we are not a social club but a golf club so player should intend to play.• Ramesh Kooverjee raised that 4 members would need to resign for failure to meet the minimum games threshold if the criteria was retained.• Madan Patel noted that this (forced resignation of members) should not be considered when determining whether the 3 game criteria remains. <p>The members accepted the removal of the minimum games to be played criteria to retain membership.</p> <table><tr><td>For</td><td>15</td><td>Against</td><td>2</td></tr></table>	For	15	Against	2
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<p>PROPOSAL</p> <p>Umoja Team Competition Proposal – please see attached document</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amit Gopal presented his proposal communicated to members on 1st April 2024 in relation to establishing a formal team competition.• Amit Gopal presented that there is an opportunity to create a bit more “meaning” / “friendly rivalry” culminating in the Umoja Weekend.• Members provided feedback and commentary and responses were positive. <p>The members voted FOR the proposal, and noted the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Executive will choose the 2 teams○ We run the team for 2 seasons and then assess				
<p>PROPOSAL</p> <p>Review of points that are awarded each monthly game - – please see attached document</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amit Gopal presented his proposal communicated to members on 1st April 2024 with the following amendment that games being counted towards the leaderboard be per the following scale:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 100% of a players Top 5 Games○ 75% of a players 6th and 7th Best Games○ 50% of a players 8th and 9th Best Games				



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25% of a players 10th best game • Amit Gopal added that we should be counting all games in some way and, in his opinion, it didn't make a lot of sense to exclude 5 games a year. • Dilip Magan raised the point of members who travel. • Further discussions around whether 10 games was too much <p>The members voted AGAINST the proposal</p>
PROPOSAL Review points allocated based to finishing positions.	<p>Amit Gopal presented his proposal to modify the points awarded for finishing positions at monthly games as per shared with members on the 1st April 2024 (refer to Appendix B)</p> <p>The members voted FOR the proposal</p>
PROPOSAL Games counting towards the final leaderboard.	<p>Amit Gopal presented his proposal to increase the Games Counted towards leaderboard per the following scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of Top 5 Games • 75% of 6th and 7th Best Games • 50% of 8th and 9th Best Games • 25% of 10th best game <p>The members voted AGAINST the proposal</p>
PROPOSAL Games counting towards the final leaderboard.	<p>A vote was put to members to increase the games counted towards the leaderboard. The following options were presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 games • 7 games • 8 games <p>The members voted to increase the games to be counted to 100% of Top 7.</p>
PROPOSAL Bonus points being awarded for Nearest to Pin ("NTP")	<p>Amit Gopal it presented a proposal to award 1 bonus point for an NTP.</p> <p>The members voted FOR the proposal</p>
PROPOSAL Bonus points being awarded for low scoring	<p>Amit Gopal presented a proposal to award bonus point to players who shoot under par as per the proposal shared with members on the 1st April 2024.</p> <p>The members voted FOR the proposal</p>
PROPOSAL Bonus points for playing monthly games	<p>Amit Gopal presented a proposal to award bonus point to players who play the monthly games.</p> <p>The members voted AGAINST the proposal</p>
PROPOSAL Umoja Golf Club - Family Cup – please	<p>Amit Gopal presented a proposal to host a Family Cup as communicated on 1st April 2024.</p> <p>The members voted AGAINST the proposal</p>



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see attached document		1		16



Other Matters Raised

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Cape Schanck weekend dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harry Gopal noted that two dates had been provisionally booked for the Cape Schank Weekend:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 15th and 16th March 2025○ 22nd and 23rd March 2025• Sash Kalian raised the Labour Day long weekend was on the 10th March 2025 which could prove challenging for those working (i.e. to take Monday and Friday off) <p>The members in attendance agreed the date of the 22nd and 23rd March 2025 for the Cape Schank Weekend.</p>				
Individual Prizes being awarded at Cape Schank	<p>Niresh Madanpal raised the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Umoja Cup, which was previously awarded to the best player across both days at the Cape Schank weekend was retired (by member vote at a previous AGM) in favour of a team event.• Despite the above, the executive awarded individuals prizes at the Cape Schank weekend to the best individual score for Saturday and Sunday and the top 2 across the weekend.• Niresh objected to this taking place given the members had previously voted to abolish the individual prizes/formats.• The Executive acknowledged the points raised by Niresh. Kiran Kalian spoke to the reasoning for this occurring this year. <p>A vote was taken to abolish all individual prizes, except for NTP, at the Cape Schank Weekend.</p> <p>The members voted FOR the proposal.</p>				
Reimbursement for Fiji Café pots	<p>Harry Gopal raised the incident which occurred at Cape Schank where cooking pots, which Fiji Café had supplied the food in, were stolen from the Carpark at Cape Schank Resort. It was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cape Schank reception reviewed CCTV and identified that someone had picked up the pots from the area where they were left (between two members cars).• The stolen pots were reported to the police. The police are conducting an investigation assistance from Cape Schanck (if required).• The restaurant advised Harry that they only cook halal food and they will not take the pots back even if it was found due to the us not knowing what the pots could have been used for.• The replacement cost of these pots is \$400.00. <p>Harry Gopal raised, as it was an official Umoja Club event, whether the club would be accepting the \$400 replacements costs or did the club want the member responsible to pay the \$400.</p> <p>A vote was taken and the members agreed that the \$400 replacement cost should be paid by the club.</p> <table><tr><td>For</td><td>17</td><td>Against</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	For	17	Against	0
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	<p>Rabin Baangar, as treasurer, advised he will make payment and review the funds towards the end of the year and if required, the members will contribute a special levy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satish Bhoola acknowledge that we should pay the \$400 but club should be more careful/prudent in future years to avoid the same situation. • Sash Kalian raised that the food provided by Fiji Café was not up to standard. Kam Valera noted the feedback. No further actions required.
Resignations	<p>Umesh Dhuplia had notified the club of his intention to resign as member of the Umoja Golf Club as he would be relocated to Singapore.</p> <p>The resignation was noted.</p>
New Members	<p>Two new members had been proposed to the Executive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitin Mistry (<i>Proposed by Satish Bhoola, Seconded by Sanjay Galal</i>) • Harry Nagendran (<i>Proposed by Satish Bhoola, Seconded by Navin Amarsi</i>) <p>In accordance with the duties of Executive, the membership applications were reviewed and accepted.</p> <p>The acceptance of the new members was noted.</p>
Cap of 36 members	<p>Kiran Kalian raised the question of whether the maximum cap should remain (noting the increased membership in recent years).</p> <p>It was decided that we will keep the cap and the executive will decide the suitability of each new member (as per existing process).</p>



Election of Committee Members

Position	Current	Year Election	Term Length	Year Position Becomes Vacant
President	Kamlesh Valera	2023	2 Years	2025
Secretary	Ramesh Kooverjee	2023	2 Years	2025
Captain	Kiran Kalian	2022	2 Years	2024
Vice-Captain / Game Organiser	Amit Gopal	2023	1 Year	2024
Treasurer	Raabin Bangaar	2023	2 Years	2025
Web Administrator	Ramesh Kooverjee	2023	2 Years	2025
Cape Schank Weekend Organiser	Harry Gopal	2023	1 Year	2024
Auditor	Naren Popat	2023	1 Years	2024

The following position were vacant

Position	Member Nominated	Proposer	Secunder	Nomination Accepted	Term Length
Captain	Amit Gopal	Madan Patel	Kam Valera	Yes	2 Years
Vice Captain/Games Organiser	Sanjay Galal	Kaveen Singh	Satish Bhoola	Yes	1 Year
Cape Schank Weekend Organiser	Harry Gopal	Madan Patel	All	Yes	1 Year
Auditor	Naren Popat				1 Year



Appendices:

Captain's Report

CAPTAIN REPORT AT AGM 6/4/2024

Mr President, Honourable secretary, Members of the Exec and AGM attendees

Having assumed the Captaincy in March 2022 I didn't realise the day would arrive so quick to write my final captain report.

First and foremost, it's been an honour to have served as captain for our club over the past 2 years.

In the past year, organising monthly games, match plays, and our annual Cape Shank has been accomplished with a real sense of UMOJA spirit. I would like to thank everyone involved for giving up their time and hard work during this past year as organisers I'm confident that this ethos will continue into 2024 with the 'can do' culture that has undoubtedly grown.

The website improvements have played a significant role in match organising process however I believe better options can be explored for example using what's app polling / match organising etc

This last season we played a total of 10 out of the 12 scheduled monthly Umoja games. We loss 2 games due to inclement weather in the months of April (Mornington) and July (Gardiners run) 2023. On average we had 53 %-member participation in our games. This equates to 17/32 players with a range of (12-24 players attending).

We had 19/ 29(65 %) players that took part in match play with all players completing their matches

Three important polls were conducted during this last season through the what up app. There is reason to believe from these polls that members are indicating a sense to change current game formats:

- The first was that 72 % (22/31) voted for a change to current match play arrangements – a proposal I made on 14/7/2023
- The second was 53% (15/28) were in favour of continuing with match play (20/10/2023)
- The third was that tee off times: 66 % (20/30) were happy with Tee off between 9 – 12pm (27/2/2024)
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With these findings I am sure the incoming captain will be happy to orchestrate changes.

The vice and I have deliberated on a new format change which will be tabled at the current AGM and I look forward to positive change.

Finally I would like to congratulate all the winners for season 23-24.



We can look forward to a great 2024-2025 season of Umoja games set up by our current Vice captain.

My sincerest thanks go to the members of the executive who have worked tirelessly, without complaint and focussed on the clubs' best interests.

I extend my best wishes to the incoming Captain, safe in the knowledge that the future of our club rests in his safe golfing hands.

Kiran Kalia Captain 2022 – 2024
AGM 6/4/2024 Riversdale



President's Report

Welcome all to the Umoja Golf Club AGM for the 2023-2024 season.

Thank you all for making the time to attend this meeting. It is great to see you all here.

Umoja- means Unity. The spirit of togetherness. The fact that our club has been active and growing since 2002, is a true reflection of its members and those who participate in keeping the club going.

Firstly, I would like to thank the members of the Exec for this past season, some have been there for 2 seasons. I appreciate all your personal time and dedication given to administer the processes and running of the club. Your input, ideas and suggestions are what keeps our club going and gaining in strength and structure every year. On behalf of all the members, a big thank you.

Thank you to Harry Gopal for all his hard work and dedication in organizing our Ryder Cup weekend at Cape Schanck. It is a challenging task to organize the accommodation, course bookings, meals, room allocation and supplies. Harry, you do it very well and the weekends are getting better with each passing year. On behalf of all of us members, a big thank you for your tireless work.

I would like to thank Kiran for his leadership as Captain for the past 2 seasons. He has done a great job in making sure game day duties are all done and completed. Game format, groupings and score updates are all part of a Captains task and they have been done very well. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

A big thank you to all the members, present here and those who are unable to attend this meeting. Without your support and participation, our club would not be in the position it is in. Your input and ideas keeps interest in our club at a high level. New members bring new ideas and ways to keep the interest high. The sense of community, camaraderie and long term friendships are all a part of our club. Our common interest in Golf brought us together and has created and strengthened the bond amongst our members from various corners of the world.

This season was a challenging one from the point of cancelled games and planning replacement games due to adverse weather and course conditions. A big thank you to Amit for juggling the bookings and making it all happen. He has already made bookings for the upcoming season with backup plans for some of our games. It is always a challenge to ensure we try to accommodate all our members regarding the course location, tee times and food choices. We have had a few occasions where we have ventured outside of the playing course for lunch and the feedback from members has been positive. The exec will continue to provide good courses and lunch venues where possible.

This season we welcomed 3 new members, Sanjay, Kaveen and Jeetesh. We hope that your first year has been enjoyable. We look forward to enjoying your friendship, company, and camaraderie for many years to come.

In 2024 we also bid farewell to one of our original members, Umesh Dhupelia. Umesh is moving to Singapore to be with his family. Umesh has given us members memorable moments, on and off the course. Lots of fun and laughter, be it some at his expense. Thank you Umesh for all your years of playing golf with us and participating in our events. I am sure we will miss you, but not as much as you will miss us!! We wish you and Dipika safe travels and look forward to seeing you when you visit Australia in the future.

I will now call on our retiring Captain, Kiran to present his report.



Finances

Umoja Golf Club							
	Budget FY2024	Actual Results FY2024	Variance to Budget	Actual Results FY2023	Variance FY2024 vs FY2023	Comments on FY2024	Proposed Budget FY2025
Revenue							
Club Fees - Full Member	9,000	9,900	900	8,700	1,200	33 players X \$300	11,550
Club Fees - Joining Fee	294	750	456	0	750		150
Guest Contribution to Meals	0	65	65	205	(140)		
Total Income	9,294	10,715	1,421	8,905	1,810		11,700
Expenses							
Annual General Meeting	200	249	(49)	67	182		250
Executive Meeting Meals	500	488	12	480	8		500
Meals at games	7,800	5,495	2,305	4,665	830	Avg. 16 players @ \$31.50 at 11 games	6,600
Match Day Cash Prizes	420	414	6	613	(199)		420
Web Costs	100	375	(275)	231	144		200
Members uniforms	0	392	(392)	0	392		0
Members other expenses	400	185	215	129	56		300
Cape Schank weekend	2,456	2,751	(295)	2,236	515		2,800
Annual Award Night	1,324	1,566	(242)	10,618	(9,052)		1,650
						33 players X \$50	
Total Expenses	13,200	11,915	1,285	19,639	(7,124)		12,720
Surplus/ Deficit	(3,906)	(1,200)	2,706	(10,134)	8,934		(1,020)
Cash Balance from Prior Year	2,596	2,596		7,759	(5,163)		1,517
Movement in Provision		120		4,971	(4,851)		0
Cash balance at end of year	(1,310)	1,517	2,828	2,596	(1,080)		487
Equity per member at end of year	\$45.96						
Minimum for new members	\$150.00						



Final Statement See Website