



Umoja Golf Club

AGM 2022

Date	9 th April 2022
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

Attendance

Anuj Shah	A	Kamlesh Devchand	A
Arun Amarsi	A	Natoo Billimoria	P
Devendra Desai	A	Navin Amarsi	A
Diko Vallabh	P	Naylin Bissessor	A
Dilip Kotecha	A	Niresh Madanpall	P
Dilip Magan	A	Rabin Bangaar	P
Dipak Sanghvi	A	Ramesh Kooverjee	P
Harish Gopal	P	Sash Kalian	A
Kamlesh Devchand	A	Satish Bhoola	P
Kamlesh Valera	A	Siva Sooknandan	A
Khandoo Parbhoo	A	Suren Haripersadh	P
Kishor Manjee	A	Tony Paldano	P
Kiran Kalian	A	Umesh Dhupelia	A
Madan Patel	P	Vijay Kooblal	P
Mehul Sanghvi	P	Vinod Hargovan	P
Mike Parbhoo	P		

P Present

A Apologies

Agenda		Who
2:00 – 2:10	Welcome and review of 2021 minutes	Vijay
2:10 – 2:20	President's Report – Q&A	Vijay
2:20 – 2:25	Captain's Report – Q&A	Niresh
2:25 – 2:40	Treasurer's 2021 Report and 2022 Budget Q&A	Rabin
2:35 – 2:40	Game Schedule for 2022 - 2023 Q&A	Vinod
2:45 – 3:00	Election of Officials	All
3:00 – 3:45	Member's agenda Items	All

Executive Committee Elections

Position	Current	Nomination for 2022	Elected for 2022
President	Vijay Kooblal		
Secretary	Harish Gopal	Harish Gopal	Harish Gopal
Captain	Niresh Madhanpall	Kiran Kalian	Kiran Kalian
Vice-Captain / Game Organiser	Vinod Hargovan	Kamlesh Valera	Kamlesh Valera
Treasurer	Rabin Bangaar		
Web Administrator	Ramesh Kooverjee		Ramesh Kooverjee
Auditor	Naren Popat		Naren Popat Apex Accounting
2023 Weekend Organiser	Harish Gopal		Harish Gopal

New Members: No new member nominations were received

Members resigned: No resignations were received (see below)

Minutes of Meeting

1. The following reports were presented to those in attendance and are attached

- **Presidents Report**
- **Captains Report**
- **Treasurers Report**

2021 – 2022 Audited Financial Statements were presented and accepted
2022 – 2023 budget was presented and approved

- **Vice Captains Report**

The Vice informed the house that the game scheduled for 19th June 2022 clashes with our 20th year celebration weekend and has been moved to 26th June 2022 to Heritage Golf Course (Henley Course)

2. The current rules requires a member to play a minimum of 3 games in a year to retain their membership, unless the member is out of state or in the view of the executive there are mitigating circumstances to excuse the member.

It was decided that the Secretary review the years games attendance list and write to all members who did not meet the above criteria.

Note that the default member can reapply for membership provided he follows due process regarding nomination and financial obligations.

3. Nominations for Executive Position

Captain

Nominee: Kiran Kalian

Nominator: Madan Patel

Second: Satish Bhoola

Vice Captain

Nominee: Kamlesh Valera

Nominator: Kiran Kalian

Second: Niresh Madhanpall

Secretary: Harish Gopal

Nominator: Madan Patel

Second: Niresh Madhanpall

All of the above nominations were accepted without any objections

4. Vijay Kooblal had raised a question as to whether Proxy Votes will be accepted at the AGM.

Due to the complexities involved the members decided that proxy votes will not be accepted. Only those present at the AGM will be allowed to exercise their vote.

5. The draft rule book was circulated to members prior to the AGM and subject to some changes / additions (see below) it was adopted in its current format. Once finalised the Rule Book to be posted on the website.
6. There was some debate as to whether the club should continue offering cash prizes to the monthly winners including NTP's or revert back to awarding golf balls. The motion put forward by Madan Patel (seconded by Diko Vallabh) that cash prizes be replaced with golf balls was carried.

The number of balls to the winners and its value to be determined by the executive.

The above change has necessitated a change in the rule book. The clause "**Winners will receive cash prize**" to be deleted and replaced with "**Winners will receive a prize as determined by a majority vote of the members at the AGM**".

7. The members were advised that the club will continue with the use of the **MI Score App** and were reminded that the annual subscription which will be the members responsibility is due.

8. **UMOJA WEEKEND AWAY**

Members present were informed that a provisional booking has been made for both accommodation and golf at the RACV Cape Schanck Resort. The proposed dates are 17th, 18th and 19th March 2023.

Golf Villas have also been constructed at the Dunes Golf Course. Based on preliminary investigations the facilities offered were not suitable for our requirements.

9. **Best and Fairest**

The question was raised as to whether the current basis of selecting the Clubs Best and Fairest is appropriate and the consensus was that it was not and needed to change. There was agreement that the Best and Fairest be decided upon by the Executive. The Executive, in consultation with Siva Sooknandan, to draw up a list of criteria to determine the best and fairest.

10. Madan initiated the discussion on the Umoja Cup and argued that the Umoja Cup was set up as a weekend event to test one's consistency over 2 days. This was subsequently replaced by a team event the "Ryder Cup" and whilst both formats has its merits the dynamics of the weekend event has changed and with this change it is not suited to incorporate the Umoja Cup with the Ryder Cup and moved a motion (Seconded by Harish Gopal) that the Umoja Cup be retired. The motion was passed with a majority vote.

11. Nomination forms for executive positions and new members were circulated to members prior to the AGM. Satish Bhoola expressed the view that whilst there was no issues with the contents of the forms the process was tedious and recommended that nominations via email be accepted. This was agreed upon provided that all criteria and information as required on the form were included in the email.

The nomination forms to be provided to Ramesh Kooverjee (Web Administrator) to be posted on the website.

12. Any other business

- Currently there is no requirement for a minimum number of members to be present for a meeting to proceed and the question was raised as to whether a minimum be set to form a quorum be set. There was agreement that the status quo be maintained.
- If there is more than one nomination for a vacant position a secret ballot be carried to determine the nominee to fill the vacant position. (Rule book)
- Diko Vallabh (Seconded by Mike Parbhoo) moved that the annual social event with partners be reintroduced. The motion was carried. There was also some discussion on the cost, appropriateness and justification of the 20th year celebration. Madan, as representative of the organising committee advised those present that this milestone event was always in the pipeline and whilst cost being incurred may seem substantial it is comparatively reasonable.
- Satish Bhoola (seconded By Niresh Madhanpall) moved a motion that when playing a provisional ball a “**different colour**” ball must be used and both the original ball and the provisional ball must be identified by the player prior to play. The motion was passed (Rule Book)
- The members were informed that due to the complexities involved the executive is not going to pursue with opening a separate bank account in the name of the Club. Rabin Bangaar (Treasurer) to add 2 more signatories and obtain an additional debit card.

The meeting commenced at 2.04pm and concluded at 4.23pm