



Umoja Golf Club

AGM 2021

Date	10 th April 2021
Time	2.30pm
Venue	Riversdale Golf Club, St John's Wood Drive, Mount Waverley
Invitees	All Umoja Members
Apologies	
Dress Code	Strict Dress Code. No Thongs, Shirt Tucked in, Smart Jeans permitted, Collared shirts

Attendance

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

Agenda		Who
2:00 – 2:10	Welcome and review of 2020 minutes	Kam
2:10 – 2:20	President's Report – Q&A	Kam
2:20 – 2:25	Captain's Report – Q&A	Niresh
2:25 – 2:35	Treasurer's 2021 Report and 2022 Budget Q&A	Rabin
2:35 – 2:40	Game Schedule for 2021 - 2022	Vinod
2:45 – 3.00	Election of Officials	All
3:00 – 5:10	Member's agenda Items	All

Executive Committee Elections

Position	Current	Nomination for 2022	Elected for 2022
President	Kam	Kam V and Vijay K	Vijay K
Secretary	Harish	Term expires in March 2022	
Captain	Niresh	Term expires in March 2022	
Vice-Captain / Game Organiser	Vinod Q & A	Term expires in March 2022	
Treasurer	Rabin	Rabin B	Rabin B
Web Administrator	Ramesh		
Auditor	Naren		
2022 Weekend Organiser	Harish		

New Members: Tony Paldano was accepted to the membership during the year

Members resigned: None

1. Review of the 2019-2020 minutes. Point 9 amended to “ Umoja Cup is suspended” Minutes accepted and passed
2. President’s report tabled
3. Captains report tabled
4. Treasurer’s report tabled. The audited Financial Report was presented and accepted by the members.
5. Proposed budget tabled and approved
6. Games for 2021-2022 presented. Diko suggested Churchill Park Golf Course. Kam V to look at course and report back to Game Organiser
7. Election of new Executive members
 - President: Vijay K – nominated by Kiren K, seconded by Niresh M
Kamlesh V – nominated by Dilip M, declined by Kamlesh V
 - Treasurer: Rabin Bangaar – nominated by Kamlesh V, seconded by Madan M
 - Dilip Magan’s email tabled at meeting

8. Mi Score App

Proposer: Niresh Madhanpall

Seconder: Kam Valera

The Covid 19 pandemic saw the introduction of many temporary rules to ensure that golf was played in a safe environment. One of the changes was the introduction of the Mi Score App to maintain player’s score. A proposal has been put forward that all Umoja Members should subscribe for this App. The annual cost of this App \$16.95 and subject to the members approval at the AGM the 1st years cost will be borne by the club. The individual members shall be responsible for the annual subscriptions thereafter.

Use normal scorecard where MiScore is not used and enter comp at course. It is compulsory to use the Mi Score app and if it is not used, the member is not eligible for prizes on the day. Captain will send out a one page document on how to use Mi Score.

Decision: Motion accepted by majority and carried

9. CAPE SCHANKS WEEKEND UPDATE

Initial communications have commenced with RACV Cape Schank and a tentative request for 18th, 19th and 20th March 2022 has been made. Further updates will be provided at the AGM.

Decision: Accommodation to continue at Cape Schank and 3 golf options discussed.

Mixed courses option was preferred by members i.e. 1 game at Cape Schank and 1 at another course nearby. Executive to decide with CS organiser which works from a logistic point of view.

10. WINNERS SHIRTS

Wearing of winner's shirts to be reintroduced, with unambiguous written communication, also included in the rule book.

Decision: Winner's shirts are not to be worn at monthly games or Cape Schank was moved to keep uniformity rather than different colours at our games throughout the year. Members are welcome to wear shirts at non Umoja golf events.

11. NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Nomination and acceptance process for new members and returning members to be clarified and reconsidered at AGM.

Decision: Executive to make decision on new/returning members – as per current ruling. Application form to be drawn up and completed by new and returning members with reasons for joining or returning as applicable.

12. FATE OF UMOJA CUP

Has the comp been suspended or permanently retired? Or nature of comp changed such that it is largely individual and similar in achievement as the original.

Decision: After discussion on 3 options, it was carried that the Ryder Cup format continues in its current format. In addition, the Sunday game also have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners based on stableford points with the 1st place winner receiving the Umoja Cup.

13. MATCH PLAY

The match play competition to be reintroduced, with better communication of spirit of comp and forfeits.

Decision: The match play competition is to be reintroduced but on an 'opt in' voluntary basis. Guidelines, timeframe and courses to be address by the Executive team and sent out to members.

14. Participation of members at games. How to get those not attending reasonably regularly to do so. i.e. one is a member because he wants to participate and interact with other members at games, not just functions.

Decision: Members must play 3 games per year including Cape Schank (counts as 1 game) minimum to retain their membership. Any exceptions to this rule to be sent to the Executive for consideration. Guest can play a maximum of 2 games per year.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

- Chirag is a returning member nominated by Harry G. Harry had requested the Executive to consider a reduction of joining fees for Chiraj due to his contribution in events and at the Executive level in his last tenure at the club. The President, on behalf of the Executive emailed Harry indicating that there will be no special consideration of the joining fees under the guidelines of the club rules for all members.
Harry had requested that it be then tabled for all members to consider the matter at the AGM.

Decision: There should be no reduced joining fees for Chiraj was carried by all the members present.

- Rule book: The Absentee point to be revised.
- Nomination of 2 returning members – Reasoning why they have chosen to re-join the club was not asked as it was not previously done. The new Application Form shall cover this.
- Sash Kalia's email tabled. All members should abide by the decision made by the Executive team.
- Can an Umoja bank account be set up?. This was raised in past years and it was not a feasible option. Kamlesh D indicated it was complicated. Further investigation is to be done by Rabin B and Kamlesh D and report back to the Executive.
- Annual fees to remain at \$250 per year. For 2021-2022, the fees will be \$233 as the club will reimburse all members for the Mi Score App costs. This is due by the end of April 2021.

Meeting closed at 5.10 pm