

SÃO BRAS GOLF SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25th September 2018 Correia Bar São Romao 1700

Members Attending

Jeff Sweet , Chris Mudd , Nik Cox, David Kerr, Iain Liddle, Stan Russell, Simon Davey,Chris Cameron Gudge,Roger Hatley, Ron Martin,Lesley Macnish, David Keeble, Keith Byrne Fraser, Ty Gardner, Syd Morris,George Savage

Apologies Received Christian Parr

Chairmans Report

The Chairman “Jeff“ advised members that it had been a very successful year both on the golf course and off with the socially arranged functions, and reinforced the message to members that the society is fundamentally a social society where members and their families can make new friends having enjoyable nights out with the occasional round of golf. The Society had contributed very well to its selected charities both in equipment and cash. There was special mention for the Captain & Secretary Chris Mudd who is retiring having carried out his duties superbly, for three years as Secretary, and as Captain & Secretary for the 2017-18 season. The Society remains very healthy with regard to membership, and whilst there has been a few resignations this year there has been a waiting list to join the society. It was felt that practically the number of anticipated members for the new season was just about right.

Treasurers Report

Angus advised that the running total in ready cash amounted to €836 however he anticipated that this would reduce to around €350 following the social end of year function weekend.

The Society’s adopted charity “The Bombeiros “received €1458.29 in equipment and cash. He reminded members that the new season commences in October and that annual subscriptions are now due at €50, the same as for the the previous year.

Election of Officers

As is the normal Society practice, all committee members resign at year end to allow for nominations from the membership . There were no new nominations received and only one volunteer for the vacant position of Secretary.

Therefore the following members will act as the Committee for the coming 2018-19 season.

Chairman	Jeff Sweet
Captain	Iain Liddle
Vice Captain	Angus Macneil
HC Secretary	David Kerr
Secretary	Simon Davey

Proposed Membership Numbers / Guests

The Committee had received 5 applications for full membership. These had all been accepted for the coming year. The Committee feel strongly however that there is a requirement for all members, as far as is reasonably possible and practical, to support the Society's social functions and activities, and that continued membership renewal will be dependent upon that support.

New Members; Barry Knightley, Richard Roden, Harry White, Brian Booth and Sean Hayes.

For the coming season anyone wishing to participate in the social functions alone could apply for Associate Membership at a cost of €25 per year.

New Format for Competition Day Draws

A notice had been sent to the membership prior to the AGM advising of the club's intention to carry out the draw on the day of the competition. This change is to allow all members to play with any other member in our friendly society and to reduce the number of repeated draws having to be made by the Captain, who receives the names of the players from the Secretary. All members will be expected to arrive at Benamor at least 15 minutes (Normally to arrive at 0745) before the first tee time at 0800 in order that the Treasurer can collect any monies due in good time. Members who intend to use a buggy will be in a second draw bag to those wishing to walk.

Members are always very welcome to bring guests to the Society golf days, however first priority must be given to full members. Members are reminded that they need to advise the Secretary as soon as is practically possible letting him know their intention to play , in order to avoid any disappointment. Requests to play received less than a week before a competition cannot always be guaranteed as the SB Captain and Benamor Club need to be informed in advance of numbers and tee times.

New Rules

Prior to the AGM the outgoing Secretary had issued a proposed update to the Society's local rules and to the official R&A golf rules. The Society had proposed adopting compulsory dropping zones for holes 5 , 10 & 14. These new rules were unanimously accepted and come into force in October. Members should make themselves aware of the new rules as soon as possible. These new rules will be sent to all members with these minutes.

Members should also be made aware that there are changes to the R&A rules which the Society are adopting from the 1st October this year. A Summary of these changes will be sent to all members with the AGM Minutes.

A discussion was held over the Society's current lost ball and oob rule and whether the penalty strokes incurred should be 2 strokes rather than 1 in line with the new R&A rule. By a majority vote it was decided to keep the Society Rule unchanged and that a player losing a ball or hitting a ball oob will lose only one penalty shot (ie If it is your 2nd shot that went oob or was lost then your next shot will be your 4th)

Sponsor Update

The Society is very pleased to announce that it has secured continued sponsorship from Blacktower Finance for the coming season and we have been donated a sum of €1000

Trophy Medal

There will be new trophies for all the major prizes awarded at the end of this season during the 2 day event. The names of winners and team winners will be engraved on the trophies. Medals will continue to be awarded next year following each medal day.

Handicap Procedure

David Kerr proposed that the cut off point for increasing / decreasing handicaps next year would be raised from 32 to 34 points.

All players failing to reach the 34 point cut off would have their handicaps raised by 0.1 point only.

All players achieving scores of more than 34 points would have their handicaps decreased by 0.2 points for every point above 34.

Handicaps will be reviewed by the HC Secretary midway during the next season and

adjusted if thought necessary by the Committee.

These new HC rules were accepted by the meeting

Chris Cameron Gudge advised that he could not agree with the new rule changes agreed to by a members vote and informed the meeting he would not be renewing his membership.

A proposal from D Keeble to impose an additional penalty point on any competition winner was, following a discussion of the new HC system, not adopted.

Competition Card Marking

It has been observed that many competition cards have been incorrectly filled in and many not signed during the past year.

It is recognised that some members do not know how to complete a card properly and do not fully understand the stableford system of scoring.

In an attempt to let members know how to complete a card properly a dummy completed card will be sent to all members via email. Any member who needs assistance in how to complete a card should contact the Secretary.

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Website

There have been issues with the Society Website which the Committee are aware of and it is hoped that it will be up and running very soon. In the interim we will endeavour to send results and updates by email as soon as possible.

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