# SÃO BRÁS GOLF SOCIETY AGM MINUTES 12th SEPTEMBER 2019 CORREIA BAR SÃO ROMÃO

# Members attending

Ty Gardner, Christian Parn, Simon Davey, David Keeble, Ron Martin, John Kurau, Stan Russell, GeorgeSavage, Roger Hatley, Dave King, Jonathan Winfield, Jeff Sweet.

Membership pending Chris Cameron Gudge, Mel Sadd, Eric Coulson

#### **CHAIRMAN ADDRESS**

The Chairman Ty opened the meeting by welcoming all those who were in attendance. He thanked the previous Chairman Jeff Sweet for his long and excellent work over many years. He advised that in the short time that he had held the position it had been quite hectic. Some members had sadly decided to leave the Society but that it would move onwards and upwards, and that new membership applications had already been received. He told the meeting that the September Medal had been very well attended in fact it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest attendance of the year and that a very good time had been experienced afterwards. He was looking forward to our final event of the season the 2 day challenge and social.

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Chairman advised that the following would act as Committee members for the coming year.

**Christian Parn would be Captain of the Society** 

Simon Davey was nominated and will continue as Secretary.

(Any member interested in becoming Secretary during the forthcoming year should let him know as it does need a lengthy lead in period.)

David Keeble will act as Treasurer

Roger Hatley was nominated and would be Honorary Handicap Secretary not as a Committee Member

The position of Vice Captain is yet to be filled.

## TREASURERS REPORT

As funds had only very recently been transferred from the previous Treasurer a report would be drawn up in due course.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

It was decided after discussion that Associate Membership status was no longer appropriate and that only full membership would be considered for the coming season. The Secretary advised that 7 new applications for membership had been received there were no objections.

The following new members are therefore welcomed to the Society

Ray Diamond, Eric Coulson, Mel Sadd, Chris Cameron Gudge, Adrian Jones,
Sandra Stronhill, Allan Stronhill. and Iain Baguley

## **SPONSORS**

The Chairman advised that a major new sponsor for the new season had been secured. The Society would be revamping its website and will provide new quality Society shirts to each member in the near future. Members will be able to purchase additional shirts should they wish to do so. Further sponsors were being looked at.

#### **HANDICAP SYSTEM**

Roger Hately explained to the meeting the new handicap system to be in place from October and this was, after general discussion, agreed by members. Full details would be published in the near future, but in principal the standard for adjustment would be 36 and the Society would allow all members to have handicaps up to 36. Adjustments would be -0.4 for each point scored above 36 and an uplift of +0.1 for all scores at or below 36.

## **CHARITIES**

The Society would continue to support charities and various options were raised from the floor. It was agreed that for the coming year the Society would look at supporting local children's Charities as well as the Bombeiros.

A charity cheque would be donated to the Bombeiros for €2050 on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at 1100 all members are welcome to attend.

#### **SOCIETY RULES**

One additional rule was proposed by the Committee and accepted by the members concerning the correct procedure when a member needed to raise a matter of concern. The rule is appended to these minutes.

A discussion was held over the Society adopted dropping areas for holes 5, 10 & 14. It was decided to remove the compulsory dropping zone for hole 5, however when there is a need to play a substitute ball players should drop a ball on the line of entry into the hazard. Whenever there is any doubt about that line the member should confirm this with the other players.

## **FORMAT OF GAMES**

The Monthly Medal will in future be called the Monthly Stableford, as the term "medal" normally refers to stroke play. Medals will still be issued to the winners.

It was proposed from the Chair that for the coming season the format of games would remain unchanged. The Chairman impressed upon members that it was their Society and should there be a desire to alter the format in any way, then the Committee wanted to hear suggestions.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Nearest the Pin in 3 prize on a par 5 hole would be substituted for a nearest the pin in 3 on one of the par 4s.

Members voted in favour of a mystery hole prize.

There being no AOB the meeting was closed.

## **ANNEX 1 RULE CHANGES**

## **NEW RULE 8 CONCERNING MATTERS OF CONCERN**

Any member who has a matter of concern should in the first instance contact the Secretary where it will be recorded and investigated. Should the matter not be able to be resolved within 4 weeks to the satisfaction of the member it will then be raised to full committee level whereupon the Chairman will endeavour to resolve the issue at a Committee meeting. Finally following these steps any member will have the right to ask that the matter be raised at the A.G.M. should a satisfactory resolution not have already been found.

# AMENDED RULE 4 RE OUT OF BOUND HOLES 5, 10 & 15

Rule 4 has been amended with the compulsory dropping zone removed on hole 5. Players should confirm the line of entry to the hazard with fellow players and drop not more than two clubs lengths from the point of entry

## **AMENDED RULE 5**

Confirmation with other fellow players the position of a lost ball. (In accordance with rule 4)

**General Tidying of Rules 1-7**