

## Senior Golfers Union of SA

### Meeting of the Governing Body

Held at Johannesburg on 7th , 8th and 9th July 2015

Present:

Dennis Jones	(DJ)	Border
Chris Allen	(CA)	Eastern Cape
Marius du Toit (MdT)		Free State
John Brownrigg	(JFB)	Gauteng - Mancom
Corne Kruger	(CK)	Gauteng North
Brian Richter	(BR)	Gauteng North
Alistair Forbes	(AF)	KZN
John Lankester	(JL)	Northern Cape
Machiel Cronje	(MC)	Northern Cape
Jim Begbie	(JB)	Southern Cape
John Marr	(JM)	Southern Cape
Brian McDonald	(BM)	Western Province
Allan Bulmer	(AB)	Mancom
Keith Fraser	(KF)	Mancom
Ross Grainger	(RG)	Mancom
Rob wassenaar	(RW)	Chairman Mancom
Frank Rosslee	(FR)	Mancom
By Invitation	J.D.Hare (JH)	

1. The Chairman welcomed all members of the Governing Body and noted the apology of Ds Jan De Wet who was overseas and replaced by Marius Du Toit.
2. He welcomed John Hare and asked him to chair the meeting as he had initiated the strategic planning process.

The meeting commenced with Presidents of each Society summarising the membership and activities of their Societies and a general discussion on the qualities required of a good Senior. Each Society differed with regard to the total number of Seniors' games played per annum as well as the minimum playing requirement of members. A number of Societies reported poor support by members and it was agreed that all Societies needed to place greater emphasis on ensuring that members meet the stipulated minima.

The meeting expressed a unanimous desire to maintain and enhance the prestige of the organisation, which would in turn assist in attracting and maintaining suitable members. It was felt that the general standard of individuals being admitted to the Society has not been

maintained and it was acknowledged that in general, entry criteria had been relaxed in recent years. It was agreed to revert to the stricter original criteria for admittance with more emphasis placed on the responsibility of the proposer and seconder to ensure that new entrants are suitable and will meet their playing commitments.

It was also agreed that in the event of a member failing to meet his playing requirements the proposer and seconder should, in the first instance, be the members responsible for ensuring corrective action.

JH proposed a reduction in the national SGUSA quota with the lion's share of the reduction initially to be borne by the major Societies. After discussion it was agreed to revise the quota to 972 by the end of the financial year. The quotas to Gauteng North and Northern Cape would be increased slightly. The new quotas were agreed as follows.

Border	from 76 to 70
Eastern Province	from 95 to 90
Free State	from 67 to 60
Gauteng	from 229 to 200
Gauteng North	from 78 to 90
KZN	from 196 to 160
Northern Cape	from 37 to 40
Southern Cape	to remain at 101
Western Province	from 200 to 160
Mancom Reserve	to remain at 1

It was further agreed to review the quotas annually in the light of the numbers of members of each society meeting their minimum playing commitments.

The GB acknowledged the problem of the smaller societies receiving transferee members and decided that there would be no further automatic transfers of members between societies. Intending transferees would obtain letters of good standing from their home society and would then join the processes and waiting lists of the recipient society.

A number of Societies have non-playing membership categories. Whilst it was emphasised that ongoing membership activity was desirable it was decided that management of these categories together with Honorary and other merit memberships was an individual Society matter although it was generally felt that memberships should be managed to gradually exclude non-active members.

The GB confirmed acceptance and continuation of the current SGUSA Society structure and that the Management Committee continue to be nominated by the Gauteng Society.

After an explanation of the role of the National President being an honour normally accorded to the most senior active member who had made the greatest contribution to his home society, it was agreed that whilst he was welcome to attend Mancom meetings he

would be placed in an awkward position should he have to Chair these meetings. Agreed that Mancom would bear the cost of a visit.

JH explained the structure and functioning of the Management Committee and the portfolios of each member.

KF then made a presentation on the Finances and Balance Sheet structure of SGUSA. He emphasised that the current affiliation fees paid by the members was supplemented by the investment income from the SGUSA investments. He also tabled the current GB approved investment strategy and indicated this would need to be reviewed shortly. The GB agreed to retain the current investment strategy for the time being.

AB explained the IT requirement in respect of revision of the National Tournament (NT) system and the replacement of SGUSA hardware. The final system specification could only be determined after the format of the NT was finalised and he explained the process to be followed to determine the budget requirement and final system spec. Final budgets in this regard will be submitted to the GB for approval.

JH explained that Sponsorship existed at three levels . National, Host Society and Domestic Society .

It was agreed that the Host Society sponsorship requirement should be replaced by funding from the SGUSA funds for National Tournament. This would only be instituted after the 2016 NT in Port Elizabeth as commitments have already been received from potential sponsors.

It was further agreed further that national sponsorships continue for as long as such funds are available but that they not be replaced after termination of existing arrangements.

Agreed that local domestic sponsorships, could continue on a low key basis provided they did not give rise to obligations imposed on the Society by the suppliers.

It was noted that once the current sponsorships fell away and central funding was required for the NT, there would be an increase in the affiliation fees and NT entry fees. Mancom budgets to be submitted for approval at the GB meeting in PE would make proposals in this regard.

#### National Tournaments

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the planning of the PE Tournament continue on a double course basis but that the entry be restricted to members who have met playing commitments. A reduced field size will be determined by Mancom.

A close watch would be kept on future trends of entries with a view to reducing further the field size or even potentially resorting to a single course tournament.

It was agreed that Northern Cape would also be part of the tournament circuit from 2023 on a single course basis.

It was agreed further to downgrade the ladies programme for future tournaments.

It was also agreed to attempt to substitute an electronic form brochure and entry form to substitute the current process. This may only be possible from 2017 in view of commitments already made to committed sponsors in respect of printed advertisements..

It was agreed that the timing of the NT could be more flexible to accommodate different provinces, but taking cognisance of public and school holidays as well as expected weather conditions and number of daylight hours. It was noted that the dates of tournaments and identification of courses to be played are to be presented to the GB for approval two years in advance.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the participants for their attendance and participation and the meeting was adjourned.