

# **Las Ramblas Golf Society**

**Annual General Meeting 10-30 am 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

## **Agenda:**

### **1) Attendance:**

- 1. Apologies for absence**

### **2) Minutes of AGM 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Season 2017):**

- 1. Matters Arising**
- 2. Sign off Minutes**

### **3) Reports from Committee Officers:**

- 1. President – Dave Pulling**
- 2. Treasurer – Joyce McClusky**
- 3. Social – Dee Biggerstaff**
- 4. Competitions – Lindsay Forbes**
- 5. Handicap – Bryan Neal**

### **4) Membership:**

#### **1. New Membership Approvals:**

- 1. Nora Betts**
- 2. Nigel Price**
- 3. Ron Luffman**
- 4. Andy McDonald**
- 5. Mike Chapman (Renewal)**

#### **2. Applications for membership received – Probation:**

- 1. Trevor Pulleyblank**

#### **3. Memberships removed:**

- 1. Ross Adcock**
- 2. Dean Rawlins**

### **5) Resolutions:**

#### **1. From the Committee:**

- 1. That the Society only allows MANDATORY proxy votes to be submitted by members who cannot attend an EGM or AGM. A mandatory vote means that the non attending member must specify his/her vote by voting for or against a specific item or**

**specific items on the AGENDA and thus cannot give carte blanche discretion to another member to vote as he/she determines.**

**Discretionary proxies in a small society such as ours could prove to be skewed and undemocratic. Any PROXIES submitted (advised to the Secretary or Chairman) will count towards QUORACY for the meeting.**

**This proposal is seconded by the committee.**

- 2. That the current rule allowing anyone over 70 years of age to automatically elect to play from blue tees be amended to read “Anyone of any age and / or any gender may at any time apply to the committee to play off of other than their normally allocated tees (yellow, blue or red) and any such application shall be considered by the committee within 14 days. The majority decision of the committee shall be final and shall stand unless the member’s circumstances radically change in which case the decision can be reviewed by the committee after reapplication. The committee will assess each application on grounds of Age, Health, Handicap, Enjoyment or any other realistic criterion presented by the applier/application. Handicaps will be adjusted accordingly in line with the appropriate formulae”. All existing T-Box allowances will be reviewed by the committee as soon as possible after the AGM and all effected members advised of the committee decision. This proposal is seconded by the committee.**

- 3. The position of Press/Publicity Secretary be elevated to full committee member.**

**This proposal is seconded by the committee.**

- 4. At the annual review, handicap suspension is automatic if less than 4 cards have been received since the previous annual review and there are insufficient cards from the previous year (to bring forward) to make the total number of cards over 2 years equal to eight (8) or more. Anyone so suspended cannot win a Trophy (Honours Board) competition. The previous handicap or lower would be regained by the submission of 3 cards.**

**This proposal is seconded by the committee.**

- 5. Provisional membership of 1 year be modified. Alter to “An application for membership will be decided upon by the committee after the submission of 6 handicap cards or 3 months probationary membership whichever is the sooner.**

**This proposal is seconded by the committee.**

6. **The Society adopt all the new rules 2019 from the R&A USPGA and that a special meeting be arranged for the members whereat all these new rules are explained to the members.**

**This proposal is seconded by the committee.**

7. **The rule requiring Members to arrive thirty minutes before their designated tee time and a fine of 1 euro for lateness be scrapped and replaced with an advisory request to arrive thirty minutes prior to the members' posted T-Times with a warning that persistent lateness will be dealt with by the committee and could result in disciplinary action if the committee determines.**

**This proposal is seconded by the committee.**

8. **Amendments to the Club Championship and Four from Six Medal Competitions. The Club Championship will take the form of the best FOUR from SIX Stableford rounds with a MENS and LADIES prize. The Medal Championship will take the form of the best TWO from THREE Medal Rounds with a prize for BEST NETT.**

**This proposal is seconded by the committee.**

## **2. From Individual Members:**

### **1. Proposed by Alan Douglas:**

1. **Creation of a new Committee Officer - Golf Secretary.**

**Seconded: Pete Dunn**

### **2. Proposed by Terry Field:**

1. **Categories for prizes on Wednesday:**

**Instead of the one category we have now with prizes from 1st to 6th, I propose we have 3 categories of Red, Blue and Yellow. The prizes should be proportional to the money received within each category ie. one category doesn't subsidise another. It is very easy to administer and the amount of people playing in each category is virtually the same. Each category has it's own pot and this is divided between a winner and runner up in a 60:40 split? The exact split can be determined at a later date if necessary. Each category has it's own 2's pot.**

**Seconded: Peter Reffell & Alan Douglas**

**2. Measured Course for Wednesday and Major Competitions:**

This should be within the limits necessary to be able to have a valid EGA handicap. This doesn't mean we play off the stakes on every hole. We can come forward on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> etc as has been done before and be within 5m of the stakes on the remaining holes. The red tees can come forward on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and any other they see fit. This can be discussed. This allows everyone in each category to be playing off fair tees all the time instead of some of the stone positions we now see on a regular basis.

**Seconded: John Dobson**

**3. Fair and Proper Draws For Team Games:**

All team games should have flights compiled from a blind draw and member names so drawn allocated to T-Times and Flights sequentially from first to last.

Texas Scramble should include ONE woman and ONE male low handicap in each group.

On Wednesday the draw compilation does not matter but it is recommended where possible that there be a lady in each group to help in spotting if balls have gone out of bounds or down barrancas etc. Buggy couples, husband/wife playing together or drawn close to each other, members wanting to play in early or late flights for any reason totally detracts from the spirit of social golf and this should be stopped. There are enough buggies to be shared to mix people up and not have the same team members all the time. Everybody should play where they are drawn.

**Seconded: Marleen Billen**

**3. Proposed by Bryan Neal:**

- 1. Monday and Friday competitions entry fee be raised to 2 euros and 2 prizes be awarded if the competition is a 4 ball better ball and / or there are 6 or more flights.**

**Seconded: Lindsay Forbes**

**4. Proposed by John Dobson:**

- 1. Guests are allowed to play in Society competitions at all times if spaces are available. Guests can submit score cards for handicap ratification purposes in all club competitions. However Guests may NOT WIN any Trophy competition and for that reason if they are included in a TROPHY competition no entry fee will be taken. Guests may win other Wednesday society competitions provided their handicap has been ratified. A provisional member is also unable to win a TROPHY competition. Members**

will be given priority on the start sheet up to the date that the start sheet is posted. Guests may then be entered on the start sheet and must play with the member introducing them and be entered at the end of the draw sheet. Once properly entered on the start sheet, guests cannot be removed even if a member subsequently wishes to play as a late entry.

Seconded: Lindsay Forbes

**5. Proposed by Olga Douglas:**

- 1. The only time members in competition can walk in from the golf course, either through the week or in Trophy Competitions is when the greens are flooded or there is thunder and lightning, The option to walk in at the moment when it begins to rain, lends itself to people who are having a bad round of golf and simply walking in, to be able to have the competition declared null and void. Members walking in incur an automatic No Return and / or surrender of match.**

Seconded: Bryan Neal

**6. Proposed by Joyce McClusky:**

- 1. The society returns to TWO Categories of prizes for Wednesday competitions. Category ONE would include the entry fees from members with playing handicaps of 18 and less. Category TWO would include the entry fees from members with playing handicaps of 19 and greater. Rationale: In the current regime of a single category the number of prize winners with handicaps of 18 and below was double that of those with handicaps of 19 and above during the 2018 season.**

Seconded: Allen McClusky

**6) Election of Committee:**

- 1. President**
- 2. Treasurer**
- 3. Social Secretary**
- 4. Competitions Secretary**
- 5. Handicaps Secretary**
- 6. *Golf Secretary - resolution dependent***
- 7. *Press Secretary - resolution dependent***

**7) Any Other Business:**