



September 2020

Royal Malta Golf Club

Holding of RMGC's General Meetings

With the COVID-19 restrictions in place and mindful that a good number of our active members are classed either as vulnerable (in terms of COVID) or of an age where exposure to the virus could severely affect their health, we advised in May 2020 (with Bye-Law #7) that we had to postpone our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which usually takes place in late June.

Since then local COVID cases have increased substantially such that currently 4.3% of all local tests are being found to be positive; and the Government has increased COVID restrictions with Legal Notice 337. This states that we are not allowed to congregate in groups with more than 10 around a table, nor indoors with more than 1 person for every 6 sq.m. of floor space - measures sadly not conducive to holding our normal meetings.

However, we are compelled to hold a General Meeting to comply at least with our obligations to SportMalta, the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations and the Commissioner of Revenue.

Therefore, we are planning to hold an AGM and an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Monday 2nd November 2020 in order to enact those elements of the agendas that allow us to comply with the authorities and keep the club fiscally moving forward. In order to do this, the Board will have to raise a Bye-Law to amend Constitution Rules 5.1 and 5.4 which specify the agendas of AGM and EGM.

We decided against raising a new Bye-Law that allowed us to hold on-line meetings as we considered that it would be impractical to allow some 400 voting members to connect on-line. So, as we are limited to 15 persons in our preferred venue, the Torrens Suite (90 sq.m.), we propose inviting the Club's elected Board, the Lady Captain, the General Manager, the Auditors and a few committee members to attend (15 in total) so that the meeting is witnessed. As the required quorum of 30 will not be met, we will use Rule 5.10 to postpone the meetings by 15 minutes to continue with fewer voting members present.

Ahead of the meeting we will be distributing the Minutes of the last AGM in 2019 for approval, AGM Reports (from the Chairman, Outgoing Captain, New Captain, Auditor), copies of the Audited Accounts for 2019 as well as the Budget and Fee Structure for 2021 plus any Resolutions that the Board feels need to be introduced at this time.

We have also decided, as we feel unable to stage a safe electoral process, to ask the two serving Board members up for re-election (Beverley Hall and Vincent Portelli) to stay on until we are able to hold a COVID-free/safe General Meeting.

In order to satisfy our Constitution, the Board of Management will:

1. Give 28 days' notice of AGM and EGM by 5th October
2. Raise new Bye-Law #8 to amend Rules 5.1 and 5.4
3. Invite voting members to raise any resolutions by 12th October for consideration at the meetings
4. Give 14 days' notice of the agendas and any resolutions by 19th October
5. Publish abridged version of audited accounts for 2019 with the AGM agenda
6. Post the AGM agenda and full audited accounts on the Club noticeboard by 19th October
7. Invite voting members to give notice in writing by 30th October at the latest of any points they wish to raise in connection with the accounts or finances.

Board of Management
25th September 2020