



**Draft Minutes of Special Board Meeting
held on Monday 23rd August 2021 at 2pm
to consider the New Course and Slope Ratings**

Board Members Present

Paul Stoner (PS)	Chairman
Victor Satariano (VS)	Vice Chairman
Vincent Portelli (VP)	Member
Victor Denaro (VD)	Club Captain
Beverley Hall (BH)	Lady Captain
Chris Stahl (CS)	Secretary

Apologies

Eugene Cranley (EC)	Treasurer
Phil Luxon (GM)	General Manager

Item 1 – New Course Ratings

PS advised the BOM of the extensive discussions he had had very recently with William Beck (WB), representing the Malta Golf Association (MGA), and with Peter Bromley (PB), Course Rater for the European Golf Association (EGA), who led the team that had measured and rated the RMGC Course in early August.

He advised that all measurements were based on the current course layout and state of the course at that time. The only exception was the 16th green which is currently being resurfaced. Play on this green is scheduled to be moved back from the temporary green by the end of September when WB will confirm all new 16th green measurements with PB.

WB has advised Course and Slope Ratings as well as Playing Handicaps by index in a document sent to all Members on 16th August; and subsequently has produced an analysis of differences between ratings for Men and Ladies using 4 different tee boxes. This was circulated to all members on 23rd August. A number of Indexes have been changed to satisfy the 'triad' system described in Appendix E of the Rules of Handicapping. In particular, holes 4, 6 and 16 are now recognised as more difficult and holes 10 and 14 as easier.

Playing handicaps of higher handicap golfers (in particular) are likely to decrease until Handicap Indexes are increased as results are input to the WHS from competitions held from 9th September. Members who do not play many competitions have been advised to submit scorecards on general play.

The BOM agreed to adopt in full the Course and Slope Ratings recommended by the European Golf Association (EGA) as endorsed by the MGA and accepted by golf courses worldwide. These and the new Playing Handicaps will come into effect from Thursday 9th September and will be subject to review at the end of the 2021/2 season. New scorecards are being printed in time for the start of the new season.

Should minor changes be made to the Course (such as removing or adding bunkers as originally proposed by the Architect), then the Ratings can be recalculated by PB remotely without the need for a site visit; and the Club can be advised accordingly.

Item 2 – Any Other Business

The BOM agreed that the Competition and Prize wallets should be combined with immediate effect.

Item 3 - Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd September 2021

[Note that there is no monthly Board Meeting planned for August; and the September Meeting has now been rearranged to ensure the Secretary's availability!]

Meeting closed at 1500.

Chris Stahl (Secretary)

Approved: _____

Paul Stoner (Chairman)