



MESSAGE FROM RSGC CAPTAIN

Thursday, 17 June 2021

Dear Members,

It's now been nine months since this current TC (The Committee) was elected. We are already at the end of our first year of a two year term, and another AGM is to be held. Much like the last one, we are in the midst of another "F" MCO and facing another postponement due to constraints posed by the pandemic. Given the announcement of the Prime Minister yesterday outlining the four phases of the National Recovery Plan, it is very unlikely that the AGM will be conducted physically. The next AGM will now be held virtually on the 31st of July, barring any drastic changes in the Covid-19 situation.

In preparation for this, the TC has engaged a vendor to assist us on this matter. To avoid the glitches that occurred during the last EGM where many were logged-out or had difficulties logging in, a rigorous process has been adopted to ensure that the same does not happen again. A further consideration, given that this is an election AGM, is to ensure that the process is fair and no one is disadvantaged. The system must accommodate and duplicate the idiosyncrasy of the RSGC voting process, including those for Office Bearers to The Committee as well as the resolutions presented. There may be challenges which include moderating the debates before the resolution, the depositing and exercising of proxies etc. Fortunately, after more than a year of the pandemic and having carried out numerous virtual AGMs, conferences and meetings, most virtual system providers are now more experienced and refined. A great deal of the earlier glitches will hopefully be eliminated. We are much more prepared for this than before. I hope this action by TC will help allay any anxiety or speculation with regards to how the next AGM will be held.

Please rest assured that TC is in close contact and have met regularly (virtually) to ensure that we are abreast of the ever-changing situations. We are taking all actions necessary to ensure that the Club continues to function within the ambit of the MKN SOPs, and ensure compliance to avoid any infringements that may be detrimental to the club's eventual opening including hefty fines.

Our golf course maintenance is ongoing and is taken care of albeit somewhat hampered by some of the SOPs. Nonetheless, much is being done to keep our courses in good and playable condition. Our aim is to ensure that once we can open for play, the condition should be as good as where we left it before the lockdown, if not better.

I would like to further inform members that all the Conveners have been meeting with their respective sub-committees and works are ongoing. Tenders for the project approved at the AGM and EGM are still being called and awards also made for the construction of the Covered Tennis Courts. I am thrilled that the projects approved by Members for the Covered Tennis Courts have gotten off the ground. Thanks to the hardworking Project Implementation Sub-Committee (PISC) Convenor, the other projects too are in the process of being awarded. The Finance and Property Sub-Committee (FPSC) too has been meeting regularly to ensure that our financial pulse is healthy amid the challenges faced by our tenants. The FPSC is monitoring the situation closely among many other issues. It has been particularly difficult for our F&B Sub-Committee with the open/close situation for our outlets but nonetheless, things are under control.

It has been a challenging year for TC, nine months seems like two years and most of this has little to do with our core functions ie. golfing and sporting club. We empathise with members whose favourites pastime has been interrupted regularly by the various MCOs and its derivatives or hybrids. Like members, we miss the socialisation that the club provides as a venue.

I once again thank members for their patience and understanding as we ride the waves of these challenges together. Until we meet again, on behalf of TC, we wish all members good health and stay safe. Cheers.

Warmest regards,

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