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Minutes NGC EC Meeting 14th October 2020

Summary of EC meeting, 14th of October 2020, held at Sterrebeek. All EC members participating.

On the agenda itself:

Minutes last meeting.

The minutes were approved, and have been uploaded on the NGC Website.

Latest update on COVID-19 restrictions.

The EC continuously monitor the changes in the COVID-19 restrictions. No changes as of 14th October, that requires additional action by the EC.

Next AGM.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM 2021) is scheduled to take place on 29th January 2021. The President has asked for availability at the restaurant at Brabantse Golf Club, since this is close to the NATO HQ. As of 14th October, no reply had been received. The decision was to wait another 1 – 2 weeks, before we seeking other options.

[Following direct contact with the secretariat at Brabantse, an offer for a minimum of 20 persons and a minimum budget of 50€ pp. was received on 16th October. The President will answer back positively, and will circulate a menu for an upcoming discussion and decision.]

Items to be addressed during AGM.

The President called for short statements from all representatives (President, Treasurer, Captain and Shop), and was himself looking at providing a brief run through of the year and decisions made by the EC during (primarily) the fall of 2020.

It was briefly discussed, if a decision on adjusting the yearly dues/membership fee was applicable for this AGM. Since, however, the NGC for now does not have more obligations, than we can cover with our current balance, such a discussion would be tied to concrete, future plans and decisions, and thusly not be made an item in itself for the coming AGM this season.

Finance.

The revision of the membership list is ongoing, and so is the finalization the GDPR compliance – privacy notes - for our Website. The ambition is for the NGC to have it uploaded by the time of the AGM. It was discussed, how much information is actually required for registration purposes, e.g.: do we need telephone numbers, addresses, Belgium Golf ID etc.. To be investigated further.

The members list currently hold 41 members; 18 regulars, 18 associate and 5 overseas members. Even though, it is less than expected, the Corona pandemic has most likely worked against us this year, and the number in itself did not call for immediate action either.



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For the coming season, in addition to the well-known prizes for the tournaments, expenses will accrue for new trophies and perhaps some training opportunities, if possible and decided.

It was discussed, if the NGC could use the NATO Charity Bazaar and accompanying activities to promote and display the existence of the NATO Golf Club, which may lead to more members joining our activities. (Ideas: Prize for the NCB Tombola; An NGC stand, Putting Competition, fliers etc.). To be further investigated during the 2021 season with a view to the NATO Charity Bazaar 2021.

Captain's Corner.

The Captain introduced his proposal for a new and updated sequencing of events for the coming seasons along with a suggested plan for events for a shortened 2021 season, and beginning the 2021/2022 season in July 2021. The new approach would – all other things equal – provide for better circumstances (light, weather etc.) for our closing tournament, instead of the traditional fall season event with risk of rain, wind and acclimate weather.

In short, the proposal goes as follows:

The Closing Cup Event and awarding of the inaugural NATO Cup Trophy will be on the 25th of October 2020. This event closes the 2020 season.

The 2021 Season begins with the annual Christmas Cracker on 05 December 2020.

For the 2021 season, we will reset the schedule of events, so our Championships in June will end the 2021 season in what we hope is better weather. Season long points for the 2021 Season will be awarded for events between Dec 2020 – June 2021.

The 2021-2022 Season begins in July, following the Closing Cup in June. The season begins with a few friendly play events in July and August, including our NGC annual away trip to France. The “official” opening of the season will be the Opening Cup, in the first week of Sept, once we all have returned from our holidays. Therefore, season long points for 2021/2022 will run from July 2021 to June 2022.

Additionally, beginning in January 2021, the NGC will seek to hold some form of golfing opportunity roughly each two weeks. This doubles the normal playing opportunity. Events will include a mixture of trophy, friendly, and inter club competitions. Additionally, a host of different formats will be provided. We also seek to diversify our course options as much as possible. As has been the case previously, all events will be posted on the website in a rolling 12-month calendar, providing plenty of time to allow individuals to schedule their participation.

Following discussions, and also considering that with this new yearly rhythm, the NGC would more easily accommodate the normal summer rotation at the delegations and the international staffs, it was decided to move forward with the proposal and start planning events for the 2021 and 2021/2022 seasons.

With more events through the year, it was decided to move forward with the recruitment of an **Assisting Captain**. The intention would be communicated through a website newsletter and be followed by personal contacts between the EC and potential candidates. Similarly, for recruiting a new **Club Secretary**.

Training events, Golf Clinic etc.



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The president has been in contact with one of the Pro's at Brabantse Golf Club with a view to setting up training events *or the like* for members of the NGC. The Pro, Matthias Vertommen, reported back positively, and Brabantse Golf Club is currently investigating options and calculating fees for such an event. Provided a positive and reasonable feedback from the club, we may have more events to offer to our members. The President will monitor the development for now.

Club Kit Status/Shop.

Following the decision from the 30 September EC meeting, and presentations prepared by the Wiens, potential new trophies for the NATO Cup and the Club Championship, Cat. 1, was discussed. It was decided to investigate more options.

[Following an E-mail exchange amongst the EC members on 15th of October, it was decided to move forward with a Crystal Claret Jug with Engraving (NGC Logo) for the NATO Cup.]

The discussion on how to best facilitate financial transactions related to sale of NGC merchandize during events and tournaments, and how to make best use of the website and the options that lies within the website irt. payments, inventory etc. related to the NGC Store, was postponed until the Shop and the President have had a chance to familiarize themselves with the website. A meeting hosted by the Captain is being planned for this purpose.

Next meeting.

The president suggests the following date for the future meetings of the EC, COVID restrictions allowing:

SAT, 12 December 2020. EC-Christmas Get-Together @ Michaels place, St. Gilles.

TUE, 19 JAN 2021 @ The Nielsens, Wezembeek-Oppem. (Finalize any outstanding issues for the 2021 AGM).

FRI, 29 JAN 2021. AGM @ Brabantse Golf Club, The Restaurant (tbc???)

WED 03 MAR 2021. @ The Froh's, Strombeek-Bever

WED 05 MAY 2021.

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