

Golf Club of the European Union
Club de Golf de l'Union européenne

The President
Le Président

Christian EHLERS

Brussels, 25 November 2023

**Draft minutes
of the EUGC committee meeting on 3 October 2023, 12h30,
Il Ramo Verdee, Rue de Toulouse 46, 1040 Brussels**

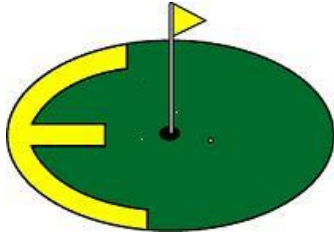
In Attendance: Peter BAADER, Christian EHLERS, Chantal JACQUES, Victoria PAGADIGORRIA, Emilio RODRIGUEZ,

Excused Filip VERCRUYSSSE

1. Membership situation

- At the day of the meeting the club had 129 members
- The committee discussed how the club could improve its appeal to members and potential golfers. It was suggested to introduce more “fun” playing formulas and fewer Stableford competitions. In addition, the club should aim at being present at all “open doors” events the Commission organises. PR campaigns in the institutions involving posters etc. are limited by cumbersome authorisation procedures¹.
- The President offered to consult the members via I-Golf mail on how to increase the level of participation.

1 Some years ago the EUGC created a poster which has to be printed and distributed by the Publication Office in Luxembourg. The success was limited.



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2. Golfing programme 2023 (state-of-play)

- Past competitions: Despite very moderate levels of participation (please see the *astérisque table) the golfing programme passed off as scheduled. The President informed the committee that the idea to play a challenge against the "Golf de La Tournette" should be abandoned². Members of both clubs do not seem to be interested anymore. Oostburg was a technically demanding course. High handicappers could find the course too difficult. The prize table at the "Springbok Cup" was more moderate than announced.
- Future competitions: In 2023 the EUGC would celebrate its 40th anniversary during the end of season tournament ("Prix du Club") The club would organise a dinner and shoulder part of the costs. The Winter Cup fixtures 2023/24 were agreed with Pierpont.
- The trip to South-East England was a successful event. Photos can be found on the club's public website. The fact that the UK had left the EU generated additional administrative costs (i. e. banking fees).

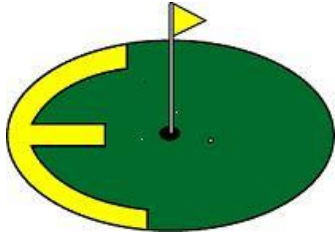
3. AFGOLF

- AFGOLF competitions like "the Challenge de la Francophonie", Ladies'- and Men's Cup took place as scheduled with EUGC participation.

4. Future EUGC Committee 2024

- Filip VERCRUYSE has informed the committee that he would leave the committee due to conflicting personal and professional obligations. The committee regretted his decision and thanked the captain for his past commitment. It was decided that Emilio RODRIGUEZ would take over the webmaster role. The President offered to ask Dominic DOYLE, now back in Brussels from Italy, if he would re-join the committee. The committee agreed.

2 In the meantime, the EUGC has been informed that Ostend does not want to play a challenge in 2024 anymore.



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5. FRBG Gold Cards

- The President said he would raise the issue of clubs without course having been stripped of the FRBG Gold Cards by a vote of the general assembly in November 2022, considered a highly discriminatory measure, one last time at a meeting with the AFGOLF President in Falnuée on 5 October³.

6. Miscellaneous

- The committee decided to maintain the membership fee at €70.
- The committee also decided in principle to renew the agreement with Pierpont.

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3 The meeting did not bear any fruit.