



Meeting Date: 17 January 2006

Venue: Chalet Ahorn, UBS Sportanlage Guggach

Attendees: Thomas Hawk, Johnny Willis, Rona Schehrer, Klaus Bucka-Lassen, **Error! Contact not defined.**, Linda Nielsen, Andrew Seddon, Bryan Clapper

Author of the following Minutes and Secretary fill-in: Thomas Hawk

Approval of Minutes of Prior Board Meeting

Dispensed with reading of the minutes; approval by prior consent of Board members.

Quick Introduction

All the attendees did a quick round-the-table of introductions. Since we had a few folks new to the club, we had them all stand on their chairs and sing a little song before giving a dissertation on their life as a true golfer. While many found entertaining Andy Seddon's British version of *My Heart Will Never Leave Alabama*, I personally liked Rona's rousing rendition of *I'm A Little Teapot*: while short, it was most indeed stout!

Reports of Officers

1. **President (T. Hawk)** – Mr. Hawk wasted a tremendous portion of the allotted meeting time talking about golf course lawn protection against the *Frosted-nosed Brown-Grub* and the seasonal migratory flocking patterns of the *Tawny-Breasted Hoopwhooshner*, which is not actually indigenous to Switzerland at all! While all in attendance agreed that these were important issues, no one seconded the motion to sponsor a club seminar on either topic.
2. **Vice-President (J. Willis)** – Mr. Willis did say something during this allotted time period, but for the life of me, I can't remember any of it. Honest! Sorry, man...
3. **Treasurer (J. Willis)** – Mr. Willis again said something very important, but...well...(I really need to pay attention next time).

The members agreed to nominate candidates for the 2006-07 role of Treasurer. Johnny and Klaus Bucka-Lassen raised their hands, with all agreeing that Mr. Willis does not look honest. ***Congratulations Klaus Bucka-Lassen on becoming club Treasurer!!***

Klaus will investigate banking arrangement to help manage our club finances.

4. **Secretary (~~L. McCoy~~, absent: T. Hawk)** – The CCGA is now an official member of the USGA (\$100.00 annual dues). This membership will provide a number of long-term benefits, including access to golf publications. Mr. Hawk is still awaiting delivery of some publications ordered from both the USGA and the Royal and Ancient in Edinburgh. These include Rules of Golf and other golf rule and etiquette learning aids.

All meeting attendees agreed that Mr. McCoy should investigate club membership in



European and Swiss golf organizations, where membership would benefit the CCGA in any way. (There was also consensus that the name LarryMac is cool!)

Reports of Committees

5. **Golf / Tournament Committee (T. Hawk)** – Andy Seddon has agreed to help lead the way in this area as a committee member and wants to work with all planning activities. (Hey, this guy has the energy of an Australian water buffalo on Tonoglutal! Gotta give the guy credit for getting involved in one of the most difficult committees of the club. Makes ya wonder about his decision-making...hmmm.)

Ideas for small events were tossed around the table, with the following as examples:

- a. **Driving Range Social** – an hour or two at the range, then to the pub for a pint
- b. **Teaching Series** – organized club pro seminars on various aspects of the game
- c. **Instructional Series** – club members that want to share their wisdom
- d. **Play A Different Course Each Month Even Though The Weather Is Crappy And Members May Have to Play On Different Days Tournament** – the name may be longer than it takes to play the tourney!

Contact Mr. Seddon if you have ideas or want to get involved.

6. **Handicap Committee (T. Hawk) – Error! Contact not defined.** has agreed to lead the way in this area. While there was no rousing YES! when I asked whether he would chair the committee, I think he will do a good job none the same. Way to go, Michael!!

Michael will be looking into how best to manage the handicaps of club members...a service that all agreed we should provide the membership. I turned over to Michael the club's Handicap System software and manuals to determine its usability. We should expect some of his research insights at next meeting. He will probably be working with Mr. Clapper on the connectivity to the club's future website (see below).

This committee will also be looking into educating members regarding their handicaps and how best they are used to win the next Annual Club Championship!

7. **Social Committee (J. Willis)** – Okay, when JW talks social, I'm all ears! The consensus was that we all want to be on this committee to help Mr. Willis with his planning efforts...not that this party animal needs any...help, that is... If you have ideas, please put your head together with JW. A few thus far include:
 - a. **Poker Night!**
 - b. **Friday Around Zurich** – different pubs in a convenient setting
 - c. **Non-Golf Sports** – hiking, biking, snowshoeing, softball, etc.
8. **Communications Committee (T. Hawk)** – Mr. Clapper is steadily working hard on the club website. He is first looking to identify requirements, to define the club business case, and to identify other ways of using more technical-sounding, long-winded jargon. Mr. Seddon is on the team and wants to put together the snappiest-looking club website in Switzerland! Alternatively, at the very least, one that works. If you are interested in helping, or have ideas, or like using words like back-end high capacity industrial-sized



rotary platform servers, then please contact either of these most excellent gentlemen. Bryan will be putting out a prototype for comment, so talk to him soon!

All attendees agreed we need a viable communication tool for the club. If you have other ideas to add to the website idea or instead of a website, please contact me and I will immediately redirect you back to Mr. Clapper. Or just contact Mr. Clapper directly.

9. **Membership Committee (J. Willis)** – The Board voted to set 2006 annual membership dues at CH 100.00 and a one-time initiation fee at CH 30.00. These fees will be reviewed on annual basis. Please look for a notice from Mr. Bucka-Lassen for payment method; he is working on arrangements as I write.

The annual dues will be applied to club activities throughout the year, including tournament organization, club administration costs, and other event coordination. The initiation fee will be used for helping cover the cost of getting a new member started. This includes, but is not limited to, paying the Board to endure the standing-on-the-chair-and-singing-a-song routine (see *Quick Introduction* above), and some sort of membership kit with bag tags, bulbous key chains, and golf hats! Contact Mr. Willis if you have ideas for promoting the logo of CCGA.

The Board submitted a general call for committee chairpersons. While these roles allow people to champion certain activities, it is not something on which we should be stuck. Everyone is a member of every committee now...with Andy carrying the load! (Sorry, did I say that when I meant to think it?) However, if you are interested, call me.

New Business (open)

10. **Club Name** – Mr. Bucka-Lassen put to the Board the question of the CCGA's name origination. I referred him to my experiences as a young man living in the open wilds of the Antofagasta plateau in Chile (annual rainfall 0.5 cm), where cactus milk may very well have saved my life on more than one occasion. [When he did not believe that story, I mentioned the time when, as a 6-year old, I unfortunately sat in the wrong location while on holiday in the El Morro National Park in New Mexico.] Oh well...

My life's journeys aside, a motion was made that the Board consider a club name change to something that is perhaps more Swiss- or International-centric. We are an international club, after all! If you think we need to change or if you have ideas for a new name, please contact Klaus Bucka-Lassen with your suggestions. [If you want to keep the name and just sell Klaus Bucka-Lassen to the Karen Jungle Tribal elders of southern Myanmar for a bowl of Burmese junta root, please contact ME directly. I've already convinced the elders to toss in an additional quid of areca palm nut wrapped inside a leaf of betel pepper vine that has been smeared with slaked lime. I think I can get more, but I need more time...]

Meeting Close

Meeting adjourned at 9.00 pm to the local establishment for some very affordable lager.

Your most humble president,

Thomas Hawk

Oh, the monkeys have no tails in San Poanga!