



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of MISGA Club Reps.
Chester River Country Club
April 17, 1989

President Hulihan called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M. With very few exceptions, all Club Reps and Assistants were in attendance.

Bill Hulihan introduced the Board members, Officers, Committee chairmen, and past Presidents who were in attendance at the meeting. He also announced with regret the death of Harry Bryan, editor of MISGAGRAM.

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on April 26, 1988 at Caroline Country Club, were approved as read.

President's Report

Bill Hulihan gave a brief history of MISGA, outlining its purpose, with strong emphasis on the sociability aspects of membership. In this connection he commented that such actions as clubs refusing or failing to follow the inter-club mixer schedule; associates leaving guests alone at luncheons following mixers; and associates only attending away mixers or MISGA outings, violate the sociability concept of MISGA.

Bill commented briefly on several recent actions taken to improve MISGA operations:

- a. Revisions of the Constitution and By-laws to improve the election process, recognizing that further revisions will be necessary to accommodate approval of actions included in the agenda of this meeting.
- b. Appointment of a General Counsel to the Board who has been very helpful in working with the Policy and Planning committee on the development of a Code of Conduct for MISGA, and on a study of liability insurance coverage for MISGA.
- c. Decentralization of the Associates program, giving more responsibility and authority for membership activities to the Division directors,

Looking ahead, Bill hopes to accomplish further improvements in the operations of MISGA as covered in the agenda of this meeting.

Further, to assist the Club reps in handling their responsibilities, Bill has asked the Policy and Planning committee to develop a handbook for MISGA reps which will include:

1. An updated Constitution and By-laws including recent revisions.
2. Guidelines for reps to help in accomplishing their responsibilities
3. Financial guidelines for the conduct of MISGA events.
4. The proposed Code of Conduct.
5. The schedule of inter-divisional mixers.
6. Other inclusions of need resulting from actions of the Board and/or MISGA reps.

Treasurer's Report

Sid Rapoport distributed bills for Club dues to the reps. He requested the reps to be sure that checks for payment of Club dues be made out to MISGA.

Sid also distributed a statement of Income and Expenses for the six months ending March 31, 1989. While this statement showed a deficit (expenses over income) Sid reminded the group that at this early time of the year there is little income from Associates dues, and no income from Club dues, to offset ongoing expenses. He did comment on the increase in mailing expense with the suggestion that the Board might consider returning to mailing MISGAGRAM by bulk mail rather than first-class.

Events Reports

A. MISGA 2-man Team Championship

Doug Moats reported that the Championship will be held at Piney Branch Country Club on September 11, 1989, with September 18 as a rain date. Notification and instructions will be mailed to all Clubs.

B. North Carolina Outing

Doug Moats reported that Foxfire Resort is in bankruptcy and will not be available this year. However, the N.C. Committee has investigated and contracted with the Sea Winds and Sea Trails Plantations at Ocean Isles, N.C. for an outing to be held the week of October 30 to November 3, 1989 & November 6-10, 1989. Doug and the committee agreed that the SEA Winds/Trails Plantations, located about half-way between Wilmington, N.C. and Myrtle Beach, S.C. offered excellent accommodations, food and golf course facilities. The estimated cost is: \$355 per golfer and \$255 per non-golfer double occupancy.

Notification and reservation forms for this event are scheduled to be mailed May 25 1989.

C. Spring Fling

John Turner announced that the Spring Fling to be held at Green Hill and Nassawango Country Clubs on May 11 and 12 was filled up with 24 on the waiting list. He apologized for the 50 applications that were lost in the Post Office handling of the mailing, but felt that all inquiries from those who had not received applications were satisfactorily resolved.

D. Board Bash

Bill Woolston reported that the Board Bash will be held at Carroll Valley on September 27 and 28, 1989. Bill stated that while costs would be up slightly this year, this is not a package deal. Participants would pay only for those entities used. A cost breakdown is as follows:

Full Use;	Golfer	\$123.
Limited Uses;	Non-Golfer	\$68.
	No Lodging	\$83.25
	Food Only	\$28.25

Shotgun starts will be at 1200 P.M. on the first day and at 8:45 A.M. on the second day.

E. Jekyll Island Junket

Marks Jaillite announced that they have contracted to hold the Junket, at a slight increase in cost, the weeks of October 29 to November 2, and November 11 to 16, 1989. The intervening week is not available because of the Georgia-Florida football game. Accommodations will be at the Comfort Inn. Jim Bell will be chairman of the event and he and Marks are searching for a new tournament director.

Marks asked for a show of interest in the Jekyll Island Club as a base for the Junket at an additional cost of \$100 per golfer. Most voted no, but agreed that the Jekyll Island Club is an excellent, yet not too expensive place to eat. Most further agreed that the Comfort Inn treats their guests first-class.

Marks reported that 35 Clubs applied for the 1988 Junket and 33 Clubs were represented. In total, 295 people, 240 of them golfers, attended the 1988 event.

F. Florida Fling

Bill Hulihan reported that the Florida Fling will be held the week of February 5 to 9, 1990, at the Cape Coral Golf and Tennis Resort at Fort Myers, Fla. Sixty rooms have been reserved to accommodate 120 people. Costs are: \$460 per golfer, double occupancy; \$376 for golfer plus non-golfer. These costs include 4 nights lodging, 5 days of golf, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners, and use of all other facilities (pool, tennis, etc.).

Bill announced that he will work with John Turner on developing a second week in Florida for those who would be interested.

Francis McKee reported on the 1988 Florida Fling at Fort Myers. There were 66 persons at each of the two week's events. Golf was rained out on one day of the second week, and appropriate refunds will be made to those who couldn't play.

Francis stated his concern that fewer and fewer people are going to the Florida Flings each year. He also indicated that he had no further information on the Flings for 1990.

Old Business

A. Proposed Revisions of By-laws

Bill Hulihan remarked that a proposed change in the inter-divisional mixer schedule covered in Article VII of the By-laws was discussed at the April 4th meeting of the Board. The present Article requires that each Club schedule a minimum of three mixers with clubs in their own division and one mixer with a Club in another division.

Bill Woolston stated that at the time the By-laws were established, there were only two divisions on the Western Shore. (The Eastern Shore Division is exempt from this By-law provision). Since then an additional Western Shore division has been established, indicating the need to consider a change in the By-law provision; i.e., require that each Club schedule a minimum of three mixers with Clubs in their own division and one mixer with a Club in each of the other two divisions.

Bill Hulihan announced that this proposed change, along with other changes in the Constitution and By-laws proposed and suggested in discussion of the matters covered in the agenda of this meeting, be addressed at a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be convened in June. Recommendations of the Board stemming from this meeting will be submitted to the Club Reps for approval or rejection by vote as required by the By-laws.

Frank Bucharewicz agreed to arrange to hold the special meeting at Sparrows Point Country Club on an agreeable date in June.

B. Associates Program

Roy Gauzza announced that less than 50% of Division Clubs had submitted associate membership action forms by the April 15th due date. Of the 18 Clubs reporting, there were 131 additions and 127 deletions to the roster, reflecting little change in total membership.

Roy stated that many members are still out of town and recognized that Club change forms could not be completed by April 15. He is revising the change form and feels that a slight delay may have some beneficial effect by reducing the need for computer runs affecting a few changes.

Roy also requested that checks for payment of associates' dues be stapled to the change form.

Sid Rapoport cautioned the reps to not accept or forward cash. Payment should made by check made out to MISGA. Also, to be sure that the Club designation is on the check for identification purposes.

New Business

A. Liability Insurance Coverage

Bill Hulihan reported that upon investigation our current insurance coverage is by a standard policy which is about the best we can get. However, we are investigating other carriers to see if we can get the same coverage at lower premium rates.

It was also determined that the insurance policy may have covered MISGA legal expenses in the Becker vs. Redinger case had the carrier been brought in at the beginning of the case and had their legal counsel represent MISGA.

It was also brought out that we are not covered in the event of equipment damage or loss (such as golf carts) where individual associates are involved. Because of this, outing and Fling applications will include a statement of assumption of responsibility by individual associates for equipment or cart loss or damage.

B Code of Conduct

Sam Hastings distributed copies of a proposed Code of Conduct for MISGA associates developed by the Policy and Planning committee. Sam briefly discussed the provisions of the Code which:

1. Identifies the MISGA activities and events to which the Code of Conduct applies.
2. Defines the areas of responsibility and authority applicable to associates acting as agents of MISGA.

3. Identifies sanctions and penalties imposed for infractions of the Code by associates and/or spouses in connection with MISGA events.

The Code of Conduct is to be reviewed by members of the Board and acted upon at the special meeting called for June, 1989. Actions by the Board will be submitted to the Club reps for approval or rejection by vote as required by the By-laws.

C. Hole-in-ONE Club

Roy Gauzza described a plan for a MISGA-wide Hole-in-One Club with associate participation on an optional basis. Sufficient interest was shown in the program to convince President Hulihan to proceed with drawing up a plan for consideration.

D. MISGAGRAM

Ken Pierson, new editor of MISGAGRAM announced that he would be contacting each of the Club reps to get their input on what they think should be carried in MISGAGRAM. He promised to develop an interesting and informative format for the publication.

Open Discussion

Most of the open discussion focused on two major areas of concern for the Clubs in MISGA; a., the Maryland Court of Appeals ruling in the Burning Tree Country Club case and; b., playing by the rules, particularly as related to honesty in the development and use of handicaps.

The Burning Tree case involved a suit against the State of Maryland. The basic question was whether Burning Tree C.C. could maintain its tax advantage and remain a single sex club. The Court of Appeals ruled against Burning Tree. However, the Court also ruled that a part of the state code which permitted a country club's allocation, by sex, of times of the day and days of the week for play, to be unconstitutional. This raises the question as to whether there can be men's days, ladies days, or perhaps seniors days, and whether gender-related starting times or other activities would not conform with the ruling, endangering the club's tax advantage.

At this time it is unclear what ramifications the Court's decision will have on the activities of the Maryland country clubs involved with MISGA.

Several club reps reported activities at their clubs regarding gender-related matters:

One informed that two women wanted to apply for membership in MISGA.

Another club reported that women have formed a seniors association similar to MISGA.

And, in another instance, a poll of the club membership revealed that most members favor an increase in monthly dues (\$40) to cover the real estate tax increase, rather than change their rules and regulations regarding membership privileges.

Bill Hulihan stated that Joe Malinowski, our General Counsel, is investigating the Court ruling to determine its implication for MISGA.

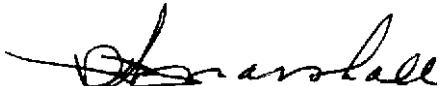
The matter will be further discussed at the special Board meeting in June.

With respect to observing the rules of play and honesty in developing and using handicaps, several clubs reported on their actions in establishing strict rules for proper scoring, speeding-up play and enforcement of course etiquette. These related to "out-of-hole" pick up scoring, sanitizing scores for handicap purposes, and other matters generally relating to honest and proper scoring.

The question was also raised about the use of USGA index handicaps (slope) vs. club handicaps for MISGA mixers. It was determined that where both clubs in a mixer were slope rated, the slope index would be used with proper handicap adjustments made. Division I stated that when all division clubs have been slope rated, they will go to the use of the USGA index for mixers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary