



## Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of  
MISGA Club Representatives  
April 23, 1990  
Chester River Country Club

President Turner called the meeting to order at 9:58 A.M. With few exceptions, all Club Reps and assistants were in attendance, signifying the presence of a quorum to act on the business of the meeting.

John Turner thanked the Club Rep and Assistant at Chester River Country Club for hosting the meeting and arranging for lunch and golf following the meeting. He then introduced the Board members, Officers, and Committee Chairman who were present.

The President made a presentation of an engraved pewter plate to Ray Keany for his outstanding service as a Director through 1988.

He also distributed materials describing the women's events in connection with the Spring Fling to be held May 10 and 11, 1990 at Nassawango and Green Hill Country Clubs.

### Reports

#### Associates:

Roy Gauzza reported that the February, 1990 roster included 3,880 MISGA associates. As of Friday, April 20, there were 3,954 on the roster. These included approximately 3400+ residents of Maryland; 357 in Delaware; 94 in Virginia; 67 in the District of Columbia; 9 in Florida; 5 in Pennsylvania; and one each in Connecticut, Montana and West Va.

Roy reported that change forms were coming in very well with few errors. He also stated that he distributed membership cards to the Divisions, allowing 20 to 25 more cards per club than were shown as active members on the roster.

A Club Rep stated that there was a problem in that duplications are not removed from the listings immediately. Roy Gauzza explained that updating the full roster is a costly item and is therefore done on a scheduled basis. In the interim it is the responsibility of each Club Rep to update his club roster changes on a going basis, rather than to expect an updated computer run each time a change occurs.

Roy also requested that Club Reps and Associates chairmen submit paid-up memberships, preferably by June 1st in order to assign quotas for qualifying for the MISGA 2-man team championship to be held in September.

#### Treasurer:

Sid Rapoport distributed invoices for the 1990 Misga club dues to the Reps.

He also distributed copies of the financial statement for the six months period ending March 31, 1990.

Sid further reported on a reconciliation of MISGA funds as of April 22, 1990, as follows:

Checking Account	\$ 3,521
Savings Account*	<u>11,511</u>
Total	\$ 15,032

\* Includes \$ 5,000 donation from an anonymous source for MISGA purposes to be placed in a CD at 8% interest.

Sid stated that, in a number of instances, individuals in charge of certain MISGA events have deposited monies in interest-bearing accounts using the wrong Employer Information Number. He explained that in order to take advantage of MISGA's tax-exempt status we must use our EIN tax exempt # 52-131864.

Ray Keany asked if MISGA was exempt from paying Maryland sales taxes. Sid replied that MISGA was not eligible for such exemption and must pay sales taxes.

A question was raised from the floor regarding reimbursement to Club Reps for expenses incurred in driving to the annual meeting. It was suggested that some Division Directors use part of their annual allocation for Division expenses for this purpose.

Sid Rapoport requested that Division Directors aggregate actual costs and submit one voucher to him for consideration and payment.

#### Policy and Planning:

Bill Hulihan displayed a copy of the new MISGA Club Reps Handbook and described its contents including all updates of the Constitution and By-laws, practical and financial guidelines for Club Reps, and inclusion of the new Code of Conduct as Article IX of the By-laws. Each Club Rep is to receive a copy of the Handbook following the meeting and upon executing a receipt for it. He explained that each Club Rep is responsible for passing the Handbook on to the next duly elected or appointed Club Rep.

Bill also reported that he had investigated the costs of service-able name tags to be worn by MISGA associates at the various events. Some clubs have such name tags and are well satisfied with them. He stated that Tags showing MISGA, the home club, and associate's name could be obtained at a cost of \$1.90 each on order of 1,000 or more. Bill suggested that anyone interested in obtaining such tags could contact him.

#### New Business

1. Merle Shumaker reported on the receipt of a proposal by an anonymous donor to contribute \$5,000 to MISGA to fund prize monies for a MISGA-wide tournament honoring past presidents. It was determined that the proposal could be accepted by MISGA without jeopardizing its tax-exempt status upon approval by vote of the Club Reps. A motion by Larry Falick, duly seconded, to accept the proposal passed unanimously.

2. Herb Hudson agreed with honoring past presidents via the proposed tournament, but suggested that our founding President Emeritus Al Hagen be singularly honored. He recommended that the MISGA 2- Man Team Championship trophy be named the Al Hagen trophy in his honor.

Following discussion, it was moved by Chet Petranek, duly seconded, that this matter be tabled and be referred to the Tournament Committee for resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Claude Wideman reported that in the course of extensive remodeling of the Golf Hall of Fame in Pinehurst, N.C., the Maryland display is missing. There is a Maryland display unit utilizing labeled golf pencils from all the country clubs in Maryland. However, it needs considerable up-dating and remodeling. Sam Hastings has agreed to coordinate the development of a new display with the Hall of Fame and requests that each Club Rep send a new, labeled golf pencil to him. Sam's address is: 15416 Tierra Dr. Silver Spring, Md. 20906.

4. Merle Shumaker reported-that at a special meeting of the Board of Directors held at Sparrows Point C.C. on June 29, 1989, several changes were made in the MISGA Constitution and By-laws, including the inclusion of a new Code of Conduct as Article IX of the By-laws.

Division Directors were to submit these changes to Club Reps at a Division meeting to be voted upon. Division III approved these changes on July 17, 1989. Other Divisions have not yet reported on this matter, approval of which requires the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the Club Reps.

A motion from the floor, duly seconded, to approve the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-laws, passed unanimously.

5. Dick Allchin announced that the annual Board Bash will be held at Carroll Valley C.C. on September 26 and 27, 1990. There will be shotgun starts at 12:30 P.M. on the 26th and 9:00A.M. on the 27th. Details, including costs, will follow.

6. Hilary Taylor, Green Hill C.C. reported that of the applications returned for participation in the Spring Fling, 200 did not include the USGA Index for handicap purposes. It is evident that a great many associates do not know what the Index is and are not familiar with slope ratings. He stated that Tournament Directors need these Indexes in order to convert club course and slope ratings to proper handicaps.

Frank McGinty of Hobbits Glen C.C. advised that their handicap committee had prepared a booklet for all members, explaining USGA Indexes, slope ratings, equitable stroke control, etc. He would be happy to share this information with anyone interested.

7. Merle Shumaker announced that the MISGA 2- Man Team Championship will be held at Crofton C.C. on September 5, 1990. There will be a shotgun start at 11:00 A.M., with registration from 10:00 to 10:45A.M. The cost will be \$70.00 per team and quotas will be established by July 7th, based on the latest roster up-date prior to that date.

8. John Turner asked Fred Shaffer to present a proposed realignment of Divisions II, III, and IV since the addition of Waynesboro(Pa.) C.C. to MISGA.

Fred reported that he had received a number of comments and suggestions regarding the proposed realignment, indicating that there was no consensus on its viability.

Frank Page, of Rolling Road C.C. (Division II) moved a resolution, seconded by Dick Allchin, incorporating the following:

- a. Each Division consist of not less than 6, nor more than 11 clubs, as equally proportioned among Divisions as can be feasibly done.
- b. Each Division will be geographically circumscribed by a boundary not exceeding 20 miles in radius, such that no club will be more than 40 miles distant from any other club in its Division. Certain modifying factors could apply (ease of travel, speed limits, type of roads, etc.) in determining these parameters.

#### Discussions

Herb Hudson described a realignment with minimum changes resulting in Division II having 9 clubs; Division III 9 clubs; and Division IV 11 clubs. Claude Widerman supported this recommendation for Division IV.

Harry Sayers, Beaver Creek C.C., stated that there should be no more than one hour driving time between clubs in a Division.

Dick Allchin described a realignment suggesting six Divisions in place of the present four. John Turner stated that Division I will remain excluded from realignment at this time.

Dick Allchin stated that there was a motion on the floor that included all Divisions.

Bill Hulihan rose to a point of order: That realignment must be voted by a two-thirds majority of all Club Reps, and the absence of Division I leaves the meeting without a quorum.

Frank Page agreed to withdraw his motion if adequate consideration is given to realignment. Frank McGinty suggested that an ad-hoc committee be formed, including all divisions, to address the matter.

President Turner appointed Fred Shaffer to chair a committee of all Division Directors to develop a new realignment plan to be reported to the Board of Directors and then to the Club Reps for vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary