



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Club Reps
Chester River Country Club
April 27, 1992

President Shaffer called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. All but four clubs were represented, signifying the presence of a quorum to act on the business of the meeting.

Fred Shaffer thanked Bob Wetzell, Bob Mumford, and Chester River C.C. for hosting the meeting and arranging for lunch and golf to follow. He then introduced the Board members, Officers, and Committee Chairmen present, followed by a request that each Club Rep and Assistant stand as a group, by Division, to be recognized.

President Shaffer welcomed Nutters Crossing Golf Club to MISGA and introduced Leo Welch and Sam Pope, Club Rep and Assistant, respectively.

The president advised that minutes of the previous annual meeting had been furnished to all Reps and asked for any corrections or additions to those minutes. On motion by Dick Allchin, duly seconded, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Sid Rapoport discussed some administrative items as a first order of report:

1. A copy of the new insurance policy was furnished to Joe Malinowski. Insurance costs will be approximately \$2600 per year. The previous policy (\$1400 per year) was cancelled and MISGA received a refund of \$550 for the unused balance of the contracted term.
2. Sid requested that Clubs submit the \$25 annual dues fee as soon as possible. He reported that three Clubs, Holly Hills, Wakefield Valley and Harbourtowne had paid Club dues twice. Refunds have been sent.
3. Sid again called attention to the matter of approaching the allowable ceiling for cash-on-hand. He requested that events committees assure that surpluses are used for events purposes.
4. On Division operations, Sid reminded the Reps that each Division allocation had been doubled from \$300 to \$600 annually. He suggested that while Division I travel expenses warranted the increase, he doubted that more than half of the allocations to Divisions II, III, and IV would be expended.

The treasurer then distributed the Financial Statement for the first six months ended March 31, 1992.

Principal Factors:

Expenses over income reflect a deficit of \$5,158.

Mailing costs are the largest expense, followed by the increased insurance premium.

However, the first six months statement does not reflect all potential income, especially from Associates dues payments. On balance, Sid Rapoport predicts a small deficit at fiscal year's end.

A motion by Ted Culp, duly seconded, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented passed unanimously.

President Shaffer called attention to the need to control and reduce our cash-on-hand to protect MISGA's tax-exempt status.

Committee Reports

Associates:

Roy Gauzza reported that MISGA continues to grow. As of April 20, 1992 there were 45 member clubs with 4,209 Associates. He remarked that he had received the earliest payment of Associate dues when Waynesboro C.C. submitted them to him in January, 1992.

Roy distributed the latest rosters to Division Associates chairmen or Directors. He reminded the group that these computer lists are updated three times a year; April, July, and October. He requested that changes should be submitted to him by July 1. He also requested Division Directors to submit changes in Club Reps and/or Assistants to the Secretary who will forward them to him.

Responding to a request from the floor, Roy agreed to look into the possibility of including the respective Club names as well as numbers on the computer print-outs.

Bill Hulihan announced that he had extra copies of the Club Reps Handbook for those who needed them.

Policy and Planning:

In the absence of Ted Branthover, who is recovering from surgery, there was no report.

General Counsel:

Joe Malinowski reviewed the status of MISGA insurance coverage;

The previous policy covered only 1,000 members and had never been audited. If brought up to provide full coverage, the premium would increase from \$1,400 to \$5,000 annually.

Ted Branthover and Joe Malinowski made inquiries of other agencies and carriers. As a result they selected Montgomery Mutual Insurance Co. to provide the best coverage. Costs will be reduced from \$1.20 per member annually to \$0.605. The premium, on this basis, covering all MISGA members will be approximately \$2,600 annually.

The policy provides general liability coverage for all members engaged in MISGA activities. Covers bodily injury and property damage, defense against libel, slander, etc.; provides a \$50,000 bond on the Treasurer; and for an additional premium of \$100, covers MISGA owned property and inventories at headquarters operations.

Coverage is limited to \$1 million per occurrence and contains a custody and control clause; i.e., does not cover damage to golf carts under the control of MISGA members.

President Shaffer thanked Ted Branthover and Joe Malinowski for their fine work in this matter.

Tournaments:

George Lipscomb confirmed the following tournament details:

1. The Presidents ABCD Tournament will be held at Sparrows Point C.C. on August 17, 1992 starting at 11:00 AM. Costs will be \$43.00 per golfer.

2. The Two-Man Team Championship will be held at Chartwell C.C. on September 29, 1992, starting at 11:00 AM. Costs will be \$40.50 per golfer.

Instructions for these events, including Division quotas, have been sent to Division Directors. Further details on each event will be sent out to the host clubs later.

MISGAGRAM

In the absence of Ken Pierson, Fred Shaffer requested that clubs please send information to Ken on tournaments, outings, special events, historical information, etc. for inclusion in **MISGAGRAM**. The next issue will be published in May.

Audit:

Ed Abel announced that all interim financial data had been adequately covered in the Treasurer's report.

Mailing:

No report.

Historian:

Ray Keany reported that he still had plenty of bag tags and requested Club Reps to order them from him today.

Ray reported that MISGA was established in 1975 and that the history of its first ten years was published in 1985. He is now engaged in the development of information for updating MISGA history through 1995. He asked that Club Reps please submit records and information for inclusion in the update.

Bill Hulihan asked if there were extra copies of the 1985 history. Merle Shumaker remarked that he had been unable to discover any during his presidency and had made some copies for others.

Sam Hastings requested that Fred Shaffer contact Ted Hayward, publisher of the 1985 history, to determine whether any copies were available.

Events Reports

1. Spring Fling:

Dick Bevan reported that over 4,000 applications have been sent out for this event to be held May 21 and 22 at Nassawango and Green Hill Country Clubs. Of these, 68 have been returned for improper addresses. He asked that Club Reps please check that proper addresses are on the computer rosters.

Dick advised that he still had five openings and that he had spare applications if needed.

Of 235 entrants, 53 ladies are signed up to play at Nutters Crossing Golf Club.

As for non-golfing ladies, 27 have signed up to visit the new museum of art in Salisbury on Thursday, and 33 have signed for the Wicomico River cruise on Friday.

2. Florida Fling:

Francis McKee reported that the February, 1992 outings were very successful. For the week, Feb. 2 to 7, there were 66 people including 55 golfers. For the second week, Feb. 9 to 14, there were 98 people, including 78 golfers. The resort was very happy with the events.

For 1993 the committee has contracted for the weeks of Feb. 7 to 12 and Feb. 14 to 19. Costs will be the same as for the 1992 events. Applications will be mailed the latter part of October, 1992. Room deposits are required by December 1, and no increase in applicants can be made after December 1.

3. Board Bash:

Dick Allchin announced that this event will be held at Carroll Valley on September 23 and 24, 1992. He advised that he has arranged for a reduced room rate for those who wish to arrive the night before the event. He also advised that there will be a nine-hole ladies event for those who wish to participate. Notices will be sent out August 1.

4. Jekyll Island Junket:

George Lipscomb reported that this event will be held as follows:

1st week- November 2 to 6, 1992

2nd week- November 8 to 12, 1992.

Costs:

Demi-suite; \$393 per golfer - double occupancy
\$242 for non- golfer

Ocean suite or Lanai; \$429 per golfer- double occupancy
\$278 for non-golfer

Costs will increase \$26 for carts and fees, and \$8 for meals. This represents an increase of \$84 over the past six years. Because of the Georgia-Florida football game, there will be no intervening week at Jekyll this

5. Sea Trail Plantation:

Sam Hastings reported that about 400 had attended last year's events. He announced that the following dates have been established for the 1992 events:

- 1st week; October 25 to 30.
- 2nd week; November 1 to 6.
- 3rd week; November 15 to 20.

Contracts are under negotiation and Sam feels that price increases will be nominal.

Sam also advised that U.S.17 is being dualized from Wilmington to Sea Trail Plantation, resulting in a drive time from Washington of about 7 to 7 1/4 hours. In addition, Sam stated that he had brochures of Sea Trail for those who want them and that he also had a Video to lend. Please see him.

Notices will be mailed in May.

The Sea Trail committee includes Claude Wideman, chairman, Doug Moats, Andy Anderson, and Sam Hastings. Sam claimed that Andy Anderson was the unsung hero having handled all the reservations, records, and monies.

Dick Allchin reported that he was looking into holding the Board Bash at Turf Valley. Costs for a September event would be \$20 to \$25 per person more than at Carroll Valley. He indicated that he may be able to get a lower cost for a July event and asked for a show of hands on July versus September. The majority voted to keep the event in September.

Old Business

At the previous Annual Reps meeting, a proposal was presented to conduct a MISGA-wide charitable event. By motion, duly seconded, the proposal was deemed a good idea in principle and that the Board of Directors should determine how to implement such a proposal.

Fred Shaffer reported that the Board had thoroughly reviewed and discussed the proposal, and that it was the unanimous sense of the Board that each Club has its own needs in the community and that charitable events should be left to the Divisions and the respective Clubs to implement as they see fit. On this basis, there will be no MISGA-wide charitable event.

Re: Realignment:

Fred Shaffer reported that the following changes had been approved effective October 1, 1991:

- Sparrows Point C.C. returned to Division II from Division III
- Chartwell C.C. changed from Division II to Division III
- Hobbits Glen C.C. changed from Division II to Division III
- Leisure World C.C. changed from Division III to Division IV

Re: Travel expenses to MISGA meetings:

Sid Rapoport submitted a policy statement covering such expenses, which was unanimously adopted by the Board. This policy provides that travel expenses to the Annual Reps meeting shall be charged to MISGA

general expenses; all other travel expenses, except those prohibited by the policy statement, shall be charged to the Division allocation.

Sid Rapoport stated that Division Directors should submit one voucher covering such travel expenses. The Treasurer will issue one check per Division for payment.

New Business

Sam Hastings requested that the matter of permitting MISGA widows to attend outside MISGA events, on a space available basis, be opened to reconsideration by the Board of Directors.

By motion, duly seconded, the Club Reps unanimously voted for Board reconsideration of this matter.

Fred Shaffer announced that the Board will undertake reconsideration of this proposal and report its findings accordingly.

Re: New USGA handicap rules relating to low tournament scores vs. casual play scores. Dubbed the Sandbaggers rule.

Merle Shumaker distributed copies of the new rules which, in essence, provide for handicap adjustment for continual low scoring in tournament rounds. Such scores meeting the rules test will remain in the top 20 scores for handicap purposes for the entire year. He reminded the group that MISGA mixers are considered tournament rounds.

Frank Page, of Rolling Road C.C. stated that he and his Assistant monitor all scores submitted, and post all scores each month where tournament lows exist.

President Shaffer stated that it was a matter of concern to him and the Board that we do not have "back-up" assistance for officers and committee chairmen. In the event of illness or other reasons to be away for extended periods, there is no one serving in place. He requested that Division Directors bring to the next Board meeting their recommendations to provide such "back-up" assistance.

Sid Rapoport provided to Board members and committee chairmen copies of a new and improved MISGA Expense Voucher. He requested that comments on this be directed to him ASAP.

There being no further business, upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary