

Minutes of the MISGA Annual Meeting
April 17, 2007
Prospect Bay Country Club

Call to Order & Introductions

President Ralph Starkey called the meeting to order at 10 AM welcoming all to this 32nd annual MISGA meeting. He introduced and thanked our host at Prospect Bay Rich Anderson and his cadre of MISGA volunteers for our meeting arrangements in the beautiful new clubhouse. Rich then covered details for lunch and golf. The day was a bit “coolish,” very windy and with a fair amount of standing water present on the course.

Invocation

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence observed for the victims and families of those touched by the tragedy at VPI, followed by the invocation given by Tom Tarpley.

Opening Remarks

Ralph emphasized that his priority and goal for the year as president was to increase our membership by active recruitment of both individuals and clubs.

Rich Anderson again repeated the marching orders for the day. Promising a sunny, dry and warm day for golf for those willing to test the elements and a bridge for sale to those choosing to believe that. The Vice President Bob Turner then introduced Ken Lindy from Lakewood as the new Rep. Bob then stated that at Lakewood a policy of 4 hours and 45 minutes would be allotted to play a round of golf before being disqualified from the prize pool. Stating that this was similar to the 4 hours and 30 minutes restriction at Manor.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made that the report that was present on the web site be accepted as presented. The motion received a second and accepted. Acting Secretary Tom Tarpley stated that all individual Division and Chair. Reports that are submitted will be found in a separate folder attached to the minutes of the Annual Meeting as well as board meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Sorrell reminded us that several clubs had not paid their annual dues. Sparrows Point was one of the offenders. He also noted that Associates Dues should be in by June 1st. A copy of the budget was distributed. Funds available at the end of 2006 were \$24,364 and projected funds available at the end of 2007 are \$31,824. A question about the purchase of the AED's presented last year was raised. The board rejected the purchase. The Report was then accepted as presented.

Division Reports

One- a new club-Bear Trap Dunes is joining the Division.—The problem with the State 2-Man and carts exists—but is to be dealt with at a special meeting.

Two- With the addition of Rattlewood and a well-conducted spring seminar the Division is in excellent health. Tom Taylor presented his comments on the Summer Fling at Carroll Valley. Application forms will be in the July MisgaGram. To further expedite the meeting President Starkey invited Tom to provide his Membership Chair. Report. We have just under 4,000 members and are continuing a multifaceted approach to adding both members from existing clubs as well as adding new clubs. Fort Meade (Div-6) is today being visited by a group, to

acquaint them with our organization. As membership goes so does publicity—Will Hall Publicity Chair, passed out the posters and brochures that were provided for each club to aid in recruiting efforts. Good job Will! Personal contact remains a key in developing interest in joining MISGA.

Three- Ralph is currently seeking to fill several vacancies in his Division and encouraged any interested in serving to contact him.

Four- Earl states all is well in, his Division but to be very careful about the use of the posters. He said people have called Kenwood and asked to play without a proper/valid MISGA connection. Proper utilization of the posters requires a responsibility to explain the intent of this instrument used in recruiting.

Five- DR. Phil welcomed his new Assistant Director Will Hall and states all is well within.

Six- Director Stim introduced his new treasurer Bill Rupp. Confirmed the dates of the State ABCD Tournament to be held at Tantallon and reminded all that a co-host with Div. 2 Pro-Am will be held at Holly Hills on August 29.

Other Chair Reports

Associates—Charlie stressed that if you need help with preparing reports please do not hesitate to contact him. He will help you!

Audit-No report

Counsel-No Report

Events-Seabrook Oct. 28-Nov. 2

Amelia Island Nov 4-9

All information including applications will be found in pending MISGAGRAM and on the web site.

Historian-No report

Membership-See under Div 2

MISGAGRAM- Spring issue is delayed—June 1st is cut off day for submission to next Gram

Policy & Planning- Distribution of Leadership Rosters and MISGA Club Representatives Handbook are now discontinued. They will be found on the web site and are available for downloading and have current information.

Rules & Hcaps- Efforts are continuing to establish a handicap contact at each member club. The Committee intends to monitor associates' posting of MISGA tournament scores and to work with the tournament chairs to develop possible future sanctions.

Tournaments- Dates set for this year and developing for next year. July 31' 2008 at Piney Branch Rain Date August 7th.

Web- As usual all up to date and done well—see folder for documentation.

New Business

Bag Tags info was sought by Bill Morton – None were available

Decals –for automobile display-contact Vern Rippeon at Glade Valley

Number of carts available for tournaments—Bill Morton wanted to know why should any MISGA Chair request more than a club has. All agreed that a club should not be required to

add more carts for any event. One limits the participants to the number of carts available.

Operation Second Chance—a group that supports Wounded Veterans from the Afgan and Iraq War and their families requested support for a Golf Tournament to be held on Oct. 1st. Following a lengthy discussion the motion was made and passed to provide \$5,000 to this group. Other clubs wanted to be included in this endeavor with individual club donations. All this information will be posted on the web site in the not too distant future. The contact MISGA representative will closely monitor this contribution. Jay Dibley has volunteered to serve as photographer and to create a poster to be used for publication.

Bay Hills has been resurrected and can and will host any club that wishes to play there on June 28.

Tim Brewer from Rattlewood suggested that we consider volunteering for the Seniors Championship this fall as publicity for MISGA using the new poster or posters.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was not forthcoming so President Starkey declared the meeting adjourned and that a short Board Meeting of voting members would convene immediately.

Called Board Meeting –April 17, 2007

The meeting was called to establish the need for a request for money for extra carts at Shawnee for the State 2-Man Tournament. All were aware of the problem -- additional information that had been included from the Tournament Chair was presented. Following a spirited discussion the matter was resolved by voting on a motion to support the funds for carts from the Treasury with the implicit understanding that this is a one time only bail out. With the following caveat: Henceforth No Chairman will/shall have the authority to demand/request that a club provide more carts than they have for the usual and customary conduct of business. The vote passed with 3 abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Tarpley, Acting Secretary
