

**Attendees:** Earl Gentry, Joe Baily, John Babyak, Bob Burd, Clarence Moody, Tom Rowlett, Frank Tighe, Gary Manion, Ian Sumner, Malcolm Peterson, Greg Morris, Mike Urquhart, Jim Wilcox, Pete Sorge, Carl Lazar, Bob Hodges, Bob Brewer, Tom Tarpley, Lloyd Stimson and Errol Myers.

**General** – Tom Phelps welcomed everybody to the meeting. He took care of the 50-50 first.

**President** – Earl Gentry introduced Bob Hodges who would be taking over as the Misgram Editor. He then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Secretary's Report** – John Babyak read the minutes from the March 2015 Board meeting. There was a question as to whether he should be reading the minutes from the previous years Reps meeting. There was some discussion, no resolution.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dick Schwinger was not at the meeting. Earl said that at the last meeting we had \$35,051, some has been paid out and he assumes that we are still solvent at 33 to 34 thousand. Earl has some documents for Dick and it was suggested to put them in the mail.

**Vice President's Report** – Joe Baily said that he is running the Williamsburg event. We have eighty people signed up. We normally have about 72 signed up. 90% of the people have gone in previous years. We have 58 men and 22 women, 47 from the western shore and 37 from the eastern shore. There will be no scramble events. We will have one day of a mixed event, one day with A&B and C&D players together with two flights. The formats are not all worked out yet.

### **Division Director's Reports**

**Division I** – Joe Baily said that Rookery North (Shawnee) is back in MISGA. He'd like to thank Bob Burd and Mike O'Neill for that. They have 10 clubs in the Division. They have one club, Hoopers Landing which is the old Seaford, that is having problems but they are O.K. for now. At their Div I meeting, Joe bought up some items on integrity of play. There are two perceptions about MISGA, one of which is pace of play. We have worked on that and pretty much have rounds of under 4 and a half hours. Our challenge should be to try to get it to 4 hours. The other perception is that everybody in MISGA cheats. People move the ball when they are playing it down and people take 'gimmies' of three feet or more. At Williamsburg, we are going to putt everything out. We play stroke-play events, you are supposed to put the ball in the hole. Lets bring this up under New Business, discuss it and come up with some rule for MISGA on how we are going to handle this. We can put to bed the idea that everybody in MISGA cheats.

**Division II** – Clarence Moody said that they have lost Hollow Creek. Musket Ridge, with Tom Rowlett, developed an online system for golf a couple of years ago. Tom revised the program so that any club can use it. So far six more clubs are using it. Any club interested should work with Tom. It is very easy.

**Division III** – Mal Petersen had nothing to report.

**Division IV** – Gary Manion gave an update on Hobbits Glen. The clubhouse should open in May. Last night he sent to Div IV the rain dates and allocations for the ABCD and Two-man events.

**Division V** – No report.

**Division VI** – Earl Gentry showed an example of the display board that the Division had put together to advertise MISGA in the pro shops. He also had copies of the pamphlets. He has sent out to each of the Division Directors copies of how they put the boards and pamphlets together.

### **Committee Chairmen Reports**

**Associates** – Mike Urquhart said that he has a memorandum out to club reps that explains the procedure to pay the dues this year. They are trying to clear up some of the confusion they had last year with payments from different people at different times. There was a problem with payments matching the roster numbers. The club dues of \$50 is due May 1<sup>st</sup> and should be sent to your division associates chairman. The DAC will collect the checks from all of his clubs and forward it to Dick Schwinger. The associates dues of \$5.00 is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Each club should send one check for the club associates dues to the DAC. That check should be accompanied by a roster of the members at that club. All Mike needs is the club name, the associates name and whether the associate is a female. The divisions may collect more information for their own purpose. When the DAC collects those for all the clubs in his division, he will send it to Mike. Mike will forward the checks and info to Dick. A lot of discussion followed.

**Audit** – Jim Wilcox said that he just completed the audit on the Winter Fling at Crystal River. There was a shortage of \$67.36. One thing that he wanted to remind everybody running these events is that there is a desire to send everything to Jim via e-mail. But then he doesn't get all of the receipts. Jim really needs everything concerning the event.

**Events** – Pete Sorge said that he is in the process of looking at three different venues for the Fall Frolic. He hopes to get everything finalized by the end of the month. The event will be on October 25-30. Golf Monday through Thursday, leave after breakfast on Friday. He is looking at Seabrook, Pinehurst and Jekyll Island. The information will be in the June Misgagram. The forms for the event will be on the website. This year we got into some contract problems that got us in some trouble. Contracts are supposed to be approved by the Events Chairman and Legal Counsel. We can't commit to a contract that has a finite number of participants or there is a penalty. These are all outside events, MISGA will not cover a deficiency. Tom Taylor said that we are going to Carroll Valley in September, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The information is on the website. The Board meeting will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Pete said that we need a MISGA Counsel.

**Historian** – No report.

**Membership** – Carl Lazar said that he volunteered for this high-paying job and it's more difficult than he thought it would be. A lot of places when you approach the pro or the GM, they have no knowledge of MISGA. You have to sell it to them as a money-maker. A lot of clubs don't have a senior group which is a dead-end. He has spoken to Lake Presidential but they don't have a senior group. A discussion about senior groups followed.

**MISGAGRAM** – Bob Hodges was at the meeting but had nothing to report.

**Policy and Planning** – Bob Brewer had all of the Division Directors send out his reports. He has put together a committee to review the by-laws to see what we don't understand or are not doing correctly. There is a place on the website that has all of the Board actions over the years. He wants to look at these and pull out the ones that are policies and put them in one document. There was a question about the by-laws on the website and the reps manual. Discussion followed.

**PP ad hoc** – Tom Tarpley said that he will continue to evaluate members who have provided outstanding contributions to the group. If anyone would like to nominate someone for an award or distinction, please contact Tom.

**Rules and Handicap** – Bob Brewer said that the biggest issue we had last year was posting of scores. The clubs are not doing this correctly. What he is going to try to do this year is get the clubs involved in knowing who played in the events and find out who did and did not post. There was a question about an ABCD player who did not post any scores for 2014. A discussion about handicaps followed, no resolution.

**Tournament Chairman** – Lloyd Stimson said that the division quotas are on the website. Any information is on the [misga.org/tournaments](http://misga.org/tournaments) section of the website. The ABCD tournament will be held at Norbeck C.C. on August 31<sup>st</sup> and the entry fee is \$105. The Two-man is at Manor on August 20<sup>th</sup> and it will be \$105. The flyers should be on the website next week. There was a comment about tees being moved up for events. Lloyd said that the guidelines call for 5300-5900 yards. There should be a rating for men and women from the red tees. At the State tournaments, all men play from the same tees. A discussion followed.

**Web Master** – Errol Myers thanked the Division Directors and club reps who have sent changes sent in to him. This is the time of year that he likes to make sure that all of the information is correct. It is important to have mixer fees and start times correct. There was a question about putting MISGA schedules on the website. There will be a place on the club site to put any information on that the club wants.

**Old Business** – We have the MISGA display board and pamphlets available.

**New Business** –

**Winter Fling 2016** – Nelson Fenwick sent out a letter to all of the divisions trying to get input about what they were going to have for participation in 2016. He is working on the contract, they were pushing to get a contract signed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. As Pete pointed out, that is way too early. Earl Gentry asked if the Division Directors if they have responded. It looks like attendance will be very sparse. Some of the directors did not receive the email.

**Slow Play** – Someone said that he makes the 'A' player responsible for turning in the scorecards and for keeping the group moving.

**Wrap-up** – The next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> at Caroline C.C. The meeting was adjourned.