



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MINUTES

Rolling Road C.C.

June 17, 1997

President C.J. Myers called the Board to order at 10:05 A.M. He thanked **Frank Page** for hosting the meeting and providing coffee and pastry. Minutes of the Annual Meeting (4/7) were approved with an amendment adding **Tim Harris** to the list of attendees.

Those present included: C.J. Myers, George Shenk, Bill Ahlfeld, Harry Breitbach, Frank Page, Jack Nichols, Roy Gauzza, Ted Branthover, George Lipscomb, Sam Hastings, Merle Shumaker, Paul Desmond, Joseph Malinowski, Tim Harris, and three new members that were introduced by President Myers: John Dickey, new Associates chairman; Nick Parker, Mailings; and Dick Hunt, the new editor of MISGAgam. A revised list of chairmen was distributed.

The Treasurer's Report by **Harry Breitbach** was approved. He noted the association was in the black so far by \$240 but that it could be over budget later due to travel, telephone and printing expenses.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc - Gold (senior) Tees -- Reporting for the committee, **George Shenk** said the group recommended all state and divisional 2-man team tournaments continue to use the middle (white) tees. For Past President's events (state and division qualifiers) there would be an option: A & B players use the middle tees; C & D players the forward tees. This led to questions re: the need, given handicaps, and the extra time required to set up the events. **Jack Nichols** moved that we keep using the middle tees until MISGA has more experience. (at Mixers) with use of forward tees. This was seconded by **Tim Harris** and approved.

Associates -- **John Dickey** deferred to his predecessor **Roy Gauzza** who was thanked by the Board for his nine years of service and given a round of applause. Gauzza's report: dues and new members list due July 1st. So far, 3520 of 4600 have paid. Club Rosters were distributed to each Division Director.

MISGAgam -- As the new editor, **Dick Hunt** asked that copy be sent to him for the August newsletter by August 1st. He hoped to be able to include more pictures and feature stories from Divisions. **Mailings** Chairman **Nick Parker** reported search for a new mailing service in Rockville and potential use of bar coding on mailing labels.

Tournaments -- **George Lipscomb** reported that instructions on the 2-man team event would be out in a couple of weeks. He requested more complete reports of tournaments be made including results by person, flights, scores. Next year, the ABCD tournament will be held the last Monday in August at Prospect Bay while the 2-man team event will be at Manor September 14. Ahead, years, events and Divisions responsible are:

2001 ABCD, Div.5; 2-man team, Div.2
2002 ABCD, Div.3; 2-man team, Div.4
2003 ABCD, Div.2; 2-man team, Div.5
2004 ABCD, Div.1; 2-man team, Div.3
2005 ABCD, Div.4; 2-man team, Div 1

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Policy & Planning -- **Ted Branthover** said his committee has yet to meet.

General Counsel -- **Joe Malinowski** commented that in his role as counsel he should not be a member of any other committee.

Long Range Planning -- **Paul Desmond** submitted copies of the Report to the Board. In essence, it recommended the age limit for membership in MISGA not be reduced to 50 except as provided in Section 5, Article III on "Membership". There were several other suggested changes in Article III. **President Myers** ruled that the Report would be considered "*information to the Board*" and deferred to the September meeting, since four Board members were not present. **Jack Nichols** voiced his disagreement with the findings of the committee with respect to the age issue.

A copy of the amended **Long Range Planning Committee Report/Recommendations** is attached. It was decided that a vote on this matter would be taken at the September 9th Board meeting.

Trips -- **Sam Hastings** called on **Paul Desmond** to report on the **Spring Fling**. He noted attendance has been slipping. This year, 128 golfers, 21 lady golfers and 28 other non golfers attended. But, fifteen clubs sent no one to the Fling. He observed that the venue may need to be changed for two reasons: we are becoming older and associates like to go to different places.

Fall trips are expected to fill up. *Woodlake* will be limited to 112 persons due to limited accommodations. There is room for only one more golfer on the **Caribbean Cruise**. Sam said the trip to Scotland was filled. He said his committee was exploring other venues for 1998, like the *Legends* at Myrtle Beach and *Mid-Pines* at Pinehurst. Discussion of whether cocktail hours were desired took up time but the Board's consensus was they were helpful in socializing and should continue.

Division Reports: Division 1 not present; Divisions 2, 3, and 4 reported no problems. Division 5 made no report. A new **Annual Report Form** was distributed. **Jack Nichols** made a motion that it be accepted. It was seconded by **George Shenk** and passed.

Under **New Business** a letter from **Charles Fieldhouse** suggesting statewide rules covering penalties for those who sign up but fail to show for MISGA events was referred to the Divisions for their consideration.

It was proposed and agreed to that **Bill Woolston**, Past President, be designated an Honorary Board Member and his name added to the *Prospect Bay Associates* list.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm for lunch followed by golf. The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9 at *Ocean Pines* beginning at 10 am followed by lunch and golf (optional). **NOTE: this is the first time Ocean Pines has agreed to host a MISGA meeting and the President expressed his appreciation.**

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Ahlfeld
Secretary



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- I The Long Range Planning Committee met twice. Once in March at Prospect Bay and again in April at Talbot.

The committee perceived its charge was to examine MISGA and to make recommendations for the future success of the organization.

With respect to the 2 issues tabled and not voted on at the April Reps meeting, we concluded that MISGA should not change its age qualification for membership. We feel the success of MISGA is not dependent on a reduction of the age limit.

- A. People continue to live longer, thus enhancing the probability of membership increase.
- B. Many of our current members are already in their late 60's or early 70's. Competing in a mixer with 50 year-olds would put them at a disadvantage even with the handicap system.
- C. Men at age 50 are primarily still in the work force and many would have difficulty meeting for week day morning mixers.

The committee was unanimous on this issue. We believe under current age limitations, MISGA can continue to grow in the years ahead. It is therefore the recommendation of the committee that the age limitation not be reduced to age 50 except as provided in Section 5 of Article III "Membership."

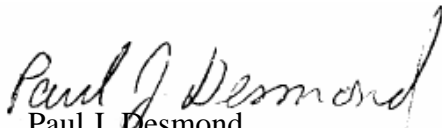
- II The committee next addressed the balance of Article III and recommends several changes, which we believe will have a positive effect on MISGA.

- A. First we believe Section 3 should say the Board of Directors may approve. The word (will) to be deleted.
- B. Next we believe that several other requirements should be inserted here in Section 3. They are as follows:
 - 1. The applicant club must be at least 5,000 yards for 18 holes.
 - 2. Must have an annual membership fee and an organized senior men's group.
 - 3. A minimum of 32 dues paying players 55 or over, except as provided in Section 5. Which section should be changed from 20 to 32.
 - 4. Agree to waive green fees for all mixers and for MISGA tournaments.

5. Provide coffee and doughnuts or pastry before tee-off time.
 6. Agree to a shotgun start and mandatory lunch.
 7. Have a dining room capable of serving 120 people.
 8. All players must take carts.
 9. Prize money to go to pro shop for distribution of merchandise (currently \$4.00 per player)
 10. Agree to participate in the minimum number of mixers required by the Board of Directors.
 11. Agree to pay club annual membership fee(currently \$25.00) and to pay annual associate dues. (Currently \$4.00 per. associate.)
 12. Be willing to host one of the MISGA Tournaments. (ABCD or 2 man team) if requested.
- C. Section 4 of Article III should say the following: "Club membership may be terminated by the Board" - add (upon recommendation of any MISGA associate and by a majority vote of the board.)

III In addition, the committee believes we need to establish a new standing Committee Chairman whose responsibility would be to examine all information provided by the applicant club to insure all requirements of Article III have been met and to recommend to the Board acceptance or rejection of the applicant club. This position should also be responsible for auditing clubs periodically to insure continued compliance to MISGA policies.

It is the Committee's belief that approval of these changes will provide the organization ample opportunity for growth in the future. We also believe it will strengthen MISGA's ability to oversee all member and applicant clubs.


Paul J. Desmond
Chairman Long Range Planning