



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MINUTES

Ocean Pines G.C.

September 9, 1997

President C.J. Myers called the Board to order at 10:05 A.M. He thanked **Paul Desmond** for hosting this first meeting at Division V and for providing coffee and pastry. Myers said his goal was to have a Board meeting at each Division. He introduced **Jim Bell** who replaces **Tim Harris** as Asst. Director Division III; and **Warren Dean** who succeeds Ted Branthover as Chairman of the Policy & **Planning Committee**. Minutes of the previous board Meeting (6/17) were approved.

Those present: C.J. Myers, George Shenk, Bill Ahlfeld, Harry Breitbach, Bob McMinn, Frank Page, Jack Nichols, John Dickey,, George Lipscomb, Sam Hastings, Paul Desmond, John Dickey, Nick Parker, Dick Hunt, Ray Kroeger, Ray Bryan, Duke Rowdon, Tom Tarpley, Jim Bell and Warren Dean.

The Treasurer's Report by **Harry Breitbach** was approved. He noted the association would end the year close to budget. Over budget items: mailing, travel and telephone. Under budget: insurance and computer. Mr. **Breitbach**, **C.J. Myers** and **George Shenk** will offer next year's budget at the next Board meeting.

Prior to committee reports Duke Rowdon distributed boxes stuffed with copies of the MISGA history. Bag tags were also distributed to those interested at a dollar apiece.

Committee Reports

Associates -- John Dickey, reported a MISGA roster of 4,578 of which 50 overpaid and 55 have not paid. Overpayments may reflect members who paid but then quit or died. He stressed need for Club Reps to use "change sheets" forwarding them first to their Division's Associates chairmen to check for errors and then to him as MISGA Associates Chairman. Checks should take same route and be made payable to MISGA. He noted one club (Prospect Bay) has listed 7 **Club Reps**? New members may not be used as offsets to those who paid but quit. They must pay through the end of the year. Dickey distributed an **Associates Dues Report** for 1997 noting differences between the Roster and payments. **Club Reps** need to confirm their members' list against the Roster.

MISGagram -- Dick Hunt, editor, said he hoped to do better on his second MISGagram including more pictures and feature stories from Divisions. Deadline for copy November 1st. Mailings Chairman Nick Parker reported search for a mailing service and potential use of bar coding on mailing labels. Average mailing cost is 18.32 cents. **Paul Desmond** warned of a potential problem with changes in Division V's zip codes.

Audit -- Sam Nisbet noted reports by the Trips and Events chairmen needed more detail. He submitted a **Tournament/Event Financial Report form** which, he said, followed the Handbook on General Policies and Procedures calling for bank statements and verification of expenses and income. Detail in Nisbet's form (requiring invoices on prizes, for example) stirred discussion. **George Shenk** moved and **Paul Desmond** seconded that before adoption **Harry Breitbach**, **Sam Hastings** and **Sam Nisbet** bring a recommendation on the matter to the December Board Meeting. It passed unanimously.

Policy & Planning -- Warren Dean was appointed Chairman by **President Myers** July 22nd. Members include: **Bill Starkey**, Div. 1; **Charlie Fieldhouse**, Div. 2; **Sam Hall** Div.3; **Arnold Rosenbaum**, Div. 4 and **George Leroy**, Div. 5. Committee objectives: (1) generate language for by-law changes needed if the Board approves an *Ad Hoc Long Range Planning Committee's* recommendations; and (2) review MISGA's Constitution, By Laws and Club Rep Handbook for updating.

To implement the ad hoc committee's recommendations he said wording of **Article III - Membership** required changes. He submitted a draft of such changes dated 9/6/97. In re: to Constitution changes he noted a basic concept in such documents was to identify "*who, what, and why you are. It should not include too much detail*". **Bob McMinn** said a **Membership Committee** should have the authority and be responsible for setting up guidelines. The Board commended the work of Dean's Committee and agreed to consider the matter further at the next Board meeting.

Tournaments -- George Lipscomb reported first use of the new tie-breaker procedure had mixed success. The fact it did not save time was not due to the procedure but to math. In reporting on MISGA-wide tournaments Mr. Lipscomb asked that something more than just winners' names be included -- like the weather or course condition. He asked that Tournament chairmen or Club Reps prepare short narratives on outcomes, pictures of winners, etc.

Trips -- Sam Hastings gave a glowing report of the Scotland trip on which 24 golfers found good weather and a chance to play the Old Course at St. Andrews. A trip to Ireland is planned for August '98 -- again 24 is the number of openings with at least 16 or 20 golfers. **George Shenk** said Woodlake Nov. 2-7 has a couple of openings. **Jim Bell** also noted a few openings remained for the Nov. 9-14 Fling at Seabrook.

Division Reports: 1 no report. **2, Frank Page** pledged **John Rooney's** replacement would be voted on before December's Board meeting. **3, George Shenk** said Woodmore will resign at end of this season. There will be a Reps Seminar plus lunch with wives Dec. 16th at the Clipper Club. Due to many changes the Naval Academy needs two Asst. Reps and a Club Rep. **4, Bob McMinn** noted a 100% sign up of prizes for the Board Bash. A Club Rep seminar is set for January. **5, Paul Desmond** said his division was holding a scheduling meeting later in the month.

Old Business: A motion was made by **Bob McMinn** that the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee be adopted, it was seconded by **Paul Desmond** and the motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that Annual Report Forms should be filled out and submitted at the December Board meeting.

New Business: Frank Page said the Board Bash at Carroll Valley had 55 men golfers, 17 women, six 9-holers and ten non golfers. **George Shenk** moved and it was seconded by **Paul Desmond** that both ad hoc committees -- the Gold Tee and Long Range Planning Committees -- be dissolved. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jim Bell moved, seconded by **Ray Kroeger** and passed, that two-man teams only be composed of two men from the same club. On percent of handicap to be allowed in state finals it was moved by **George Shenk**, seconded by **Jim Bell** and passed that we follow USGA rules and use 90% handicaps.

Ray Kroeger gave the dates for next year's *Spring Fling* -- May 11-12 at Maple Dale and Shawnee Clubs with Eagle Creek the club for the ladies. Next year's two-man team event will be at Manor (September 14). The ABCD event will be at Prospect Bay (August 31). More on the schedule will be in the next MISGAgam. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm for lunch followed by golf, Next Board meeting is scheduled for the first week of December at Manor.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Ahlfeld
Secretary

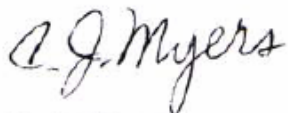
Additional information since Board meeting:

Per Ray Kroeger, the Annual Reps Meeting next year will be held Monday, April 6, 1998 at Prospect Bay.

Per Frank Page, Division II has elected Tom Tarpley, Holly Hills C. C., to complete the Board of Directors term of John Rooney, 1997 through 2000.

Also, Division II has elected Charlie Fieldhouse, Hunt Valley C. C. to succeed Frank Page. Charlie's Board of Directors term will be 1998 through 2001.

Congratulations to both Tom and Charlie!



C. J. Myers
President