



# Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

## MISGA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 13, 2000

Prospect Bay Golf Club

President **Duke Rowdon** called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and thanked the Board members for their efforts in 2000. He remarked that MISGA successes don't happen by themselves and asked the Directors to pass thanks to their officers. Duke noted that the successful year was helped in part by the fact that members could disagree without being disagreeable.

In attendance were **John Babyak, Jim Bell, Harry Breitbach, Bill Brown, Chuck Ebbecke, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Sam Hall, Sam Hastings, Dick Hunt, Jim Lee, Bob Ludwig, Bob McCready, Bob McMinn, C.J. Myers, Jack Nichols, Duke Rowdon, Arnold Simms, Ralph Starkey, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, Dick Walsh, and Dan Williams.**

### *Secretary's Report*

**Ken Wallgren's** motion to dispense with reading minutes of the previous Board meeting was approved unanimously.

### *Treasurer's Report*

**Harry Breitbach** reported that year-end projections are in line with budgeted numbers. Budgets for 2001 are based on 57 Clubs comprised of 4900 members. Responding to **C. J. Myers'** suggestion that three of the four MISGAgrams be sent first class (rather than the usual two) in order to get address correction, **Ralph Starkey** indicated that it is possible to mark bulk mail items with an "address correction request" endorsement, which costs twenty-five cents only for each item that requires correction. The board decided to retain the two-bulk-mailings practice. On **Tom Tarpley's** motion the report was approved unanimously. **Tom Tarpley**, Treasurer for 2001, suggested moving the bank account to Woodsboro Bank, where a more favorable rate has been offered. Upon **Charlie Fieldhouse's** motion, the Board agreed unanimously.

### *Committee Reports*

*Associates* - **John Babyak** reported that the Division Associates Chairmen have reported membership accurately. There are three new clubs and about 200 new members. **C. J. Myers** has produced change forms for use in 2001 and will give them to John.

*Audit* - no *Audit Report* is due at this time. The next audit will be prepared at year-end when the Treasurer responsibility moves from **Harry Breitbach** to **Tom Tarpley**.

*Events* - **Sam Hastings** said that the typical event costs \$70K to \$90K. The 2001 Fall Frolics will be held at *Sea Trail* 10/28-11/2 and *Seabrook* 11/11-11/16. His committee is also looking at either Virginia Beach or Williamsburg for a third event the week of 10/21-10/26. The Winter event at the *Admiral Lehigh* facility in East Fort Myers, Florida is sold out and has a waiting list.

*General Counsel* - **Bob Ludwig** has reviewed a contract to hold three Spring Flings at Ocean City.

*Historian* - **Bill Brown** (Piney Branch) will be Historian in 2001. Looking ahead about five years, the next publication of the MISGA history will cost about \$10K. **Dick Walsh** suggested that it might be feasible to put it on the Web site.

*MISGAgram* - **Dick Hunt** said the item submission cut-off for the next edition will be February 1<sup>st</sup>. He is getting about a two percent return for bad addresses and asked Directors to emphasize the importance of accurately updated rosters.

*Policy and Planning* - **C. J. Myers** indicated that his committee at their 10/24 meeting developed a "Recommended Guidelines for Conducting the Board Bash" (adopted unanimously as a document of the Board upon **Ken Wallgren's** motion). He said they are still considering the issue of dropping Division Qualifiers for A-B-C-D and 2-man tournaments and the issue of certain clubs limiting MISGA starting groups to back nines.

*Tournaments* - **Jim Lee** indicated that in 2001 the *A-B-C-D Tournament* will be at *Green Hills* Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> and the *2-Man Tournament* will be at *Piney Branch* Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>. He handed out Division allocation sheets and instructions for both tournaments.

*Membership & Participation* – Duke Rowdon read a letter from chairman **Paul Desmond** suggesting that an education effort be undertaken by a committee he will form with **Dick Walsh** and others to help Reps improve participation. His suggestion that prizes be approved for Reps who are successful in this effort was taken under advisement

*Rules & Handicaps* – Sam Hall advised that his ad hoc committee plans a pilot program in 2001, emphasizing education. He will present the program to the Board at the February meeting.

### *Vice President's Comments*

**Charlie Fieldhouse** reported that the Jekyll Island Fall Frolic was a success, enjoyed by 119 golfers, including 36 first time participants.

### *Division Reports*

**Div 1 - Arnold Simms** indicated that the increasing difficulty obtaining Spring Fling commitments from clubs on the Eastern Shore has made it necessary to seek a contract that includes greens fees. Such a

contract is ready for approval, establishing *Ocean City* as the site for the next three years with a \$40 greens fee per round. Since MISGA clubs are normally expected to waive greens fees, the Board needed to except the Spring Fling from that requirement. It did so unanimously upon a motion by **Tom Tarpley**.

*Div 2* - **Tom Tarpley** reported that the Board Bash realized \$175 in profit and that all club pros received thank you notes for their door prize contributions. He announced that **Dick Walsh** has been elected Assistant Director for 2001.

*Div 3* - **Sam Hall** announced that Dan Williams has been elected Assistant Director for 2001. The Division 3 *Pro-Am* at the University of Maryland included 135 players (27 pros). The event will be held 10/4 next year at Walden. Division 3 has 10 new Reps and held a training session 12/4.

*Div 4* - **Bob McMinn** reported that Division 4 has experienced a slight drop-off in membership.

*Div 5* - **Jack Nichols** reported that Beach Club has decided to leave MISGA and asked for Board approval, which was granted unanimously. He announced that **Don Ewalt** has been elected Assistant Director for 2001.

### *Old Business*

*No items of Old Business were discussed at this meeting.*

### *New Business*

#### **Nominating Committee**

**Sam Hastings**, chairman of the nominating committee, (which includes **C.J. Myers**, and **Paul Desmond** as members,) nominated **Charlie Fieldhouse** and **Sam Hall** as Board President and Vice President respectively for 2001. Their election by the Board was unanimous.

#### *Preparation for Next Meeting*

**New President Charlie Fieldhouse** distributed the MISGA schedule for 2001 and a detailed set of thoughts and questions regarding future plans and possibilities for the MISGA organization. He asked the Board members to review this material and organize their thoughts for the next meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM. The next Board meeting will be held February 20, 2001 at *Walden Golf Club*.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Walsh  
Secretary