

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2002
Carroll Valley, Pennsylvania

President **Sam Hall** called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. He welcomed Past Presidents **Sam Hastings** and **Charlie Fieldhouse** and thanked **Dick Walsh** for arranging the morning golf, the meeting facilities, and dinner later for those attending the Board Meeting. As an administrative matter, he pointed out that the MISGAGRAM of August 2003 (sic), Volume 69, incorrectly reported, under Board Highlights item #6, that the Board approved the policy of awarding prizes to one third of the field at MISGA mixers. The policy that one quarter of the field should receive prizes remains in effect, while one third is encouraged where appropriate, e.g., larger fields, etc. A correction will appear in the next MISGAGRAM.

In attendance were: **John Babyak, Bill Brown, Chuck Ebbecke, Charlie Fieldhouse, Sam Hall, Sam Hastings, Paul Keiser, Jim Lee, Bob McCready, C. J. Myers, Bob Nicholson, Nick Parker, Arnold Simms, Peter Sorge, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, Dick Walsh, and Dan Williams.**

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2002 at Prospect Bay, on a motion by Dick Walsh seconded by Arnie Simms, were approved without further reading and without objection.

Treasurer's Report: **Tom Tarpley** announced the acquisition of a debit card to pay for the internet fee for the MISGA website due in November. He will retain the card but will provide the name, number, expiration date and pin number to others who have a legitimate need to use the card. He reported that as of 9/2/02, income to date was \$25,430.75 and expenses were \$20,799.49 with a current balance of \$27,236.82. After confirming the \$3,000 cost of the November MISGAGRAM and other miscellaneous costs, such as awards, he expects a small surplus at year end. It is his judgment that a dues increase will not be necessary next year. He distributed an undated financial statement the following day.

Vice President's Remarks: **Ken Wallgren** announced the appointments of:

Bob Dernoga of Prospect Bay as **Associates Chairman** to succeed **John Babyak**

Jim Mitchell of Walden as **MISGAGRAM Editor** to succeed **Dick Hunt**

Both will assume their new duties in 2003.

Tournaments: **Jim Lee** had to leave early so his report was taken out of sequence. He showed the new tournament trophies for 2002 awards to the general approval of the Board and announced that the 2003 Past Presidents' Tournament will be held at Sparrow's Point with the date to be determined later. (Division V announced that the Two-Man Tournament will be on 8/11/03 at either Green Hill or Sussex Pines.)

Jim distributed the results of the 2002 Past Presidents and Two-Man Team tournaments.

A discussion followed on refunds for tournament play, with the following conclusions:

- ✱ An alternate should fill in from the same club or, at least from the same division and reimbursement should be made within the club/division.
- ✱ If no alternate is available, the division tournament director in which the tournament is played may select an alternate and should arrange a refund to the absent player.
- ✱ The tournament application/announcement must have a cutoff date for cancellations and refunds with the name, phone and address of the tournament official in charge.
- ✱ Failure to comply will result in the loss of the application fee.

(Also please see Division III report below.)

Division Reports:

Div. I – Arnie Simms reported that the Directors Only meeting would be held at Prospect Bay on January 14, 2003 with coffee & donuts at 9:30 AM, meeting at 10 AM, followed by lunch and golf, weather permitting.

Mixer scheduling for 13 clubs between 4/10 and 9/30 is underway with the requirement for each club to also schedule play twice outside the division. The division has also established a standing Rules and Handicap Committee of five members to oversee MISGA's renewed emphasis on correct play. Arnie announced:

January 14, 2003	Directors Meeting	Prospect Bay
April 7, 2003	Annual Reps Mtg	Chester River
May 5-6, 2003	Spring Fling	Ocean City

Div. II - Dick Walsh reported that 104 participants were attending the Fall Bash and provided information and instructions for the next two days. He announced:

September 16, 2003	Board Meeting	Carroll Valley
September 17-18, 2003	Board Bash	Carroll Valley

Div. III – Dan Williams reported confusion with this year's Past Presidents tournament about lunch, coffee & donuts, etc. He requested clear, explicit language about what is and is not provided in future tournament announcements. The Division III Pro Am expects 25 teams at Chartwell on October 8, 2002.

Div. IV – Ken Wallgren reported that Lakewood and Hobbits Glen plan extensive course renovations in 2003 and 2004 and that MISGA schedules are being worked around them. The Division IV Pro Am expects 24 teams at Kenwood on October 8, 2002. The Division's next regular meeting will be on September 24 at Montgomery.

All Directors and Committee Chairmen are invited to:

December 10, 2002 Division IV Holiday Party Manor

Div. V – Bob McCready reported that they now have 13 clubs in the division but Nassanwango with 17 associates may soon drop out. The division has on average 52 mixers per club per year but it is moving to fewer mixers with fuller fields to everyone's delight (players, Reps, Pro Shops, & Club Management).

Committee Reports

Associates: John Babyak reported that membership is steady with 4,580 associates and he distributed the Dues Report of 9/10/02 showing membership by club and division. He is working with **Bob Dernoga** to ensure an easy transition of duties. **Arnie Simms** suggested that the May roster report be discontinued and, after some discussion in agreement, John said he would look into it. **Tom Tarpley** extended kudos to **John Babyak** for the fine job he has done as Associates Chairman and the Board added its general acclaim.

Audit: Sam Nesbit was absent; there was no report. (Tom Tarpley smiled widely for all to see.)

Events: Peter Sorge reported that Sea Trail was full and that Seabrook could take four more golfers at this time. He plans to collect October handicaps from the Club Reps due by 10/8/02 but was cautioned that pairings that early was unwise. Guidelines for seating at dinner developed by **Charlie Fieldhouse** will be given to him by **Sam Hall**.

General Counsel: Al Isaacs was absent; it was reported that he has approved the Spring Fling contract and has begun a review of the insurance policy.

Historian: Bill Brown again requested a committee member be appointed from Division III. He plans to convene a meeting of Past Presidents to determine the content of the next edition of MISGA History, as well as a meeting of his full committee before the end of the year.

Membership: Paul Desmond was absent; there was no report.

MISGAGRAM/Mailing: Nick Parker reported all was well and reminded the Board of the Holiday Party (see Div. IV report above).

Policy & Planning: Bob Nicholson presented a written report that detailed the rationale and conclusions of the items his committee had been assigned to consider by the Board. Their conclusions are summarized as:

1. Provisional Status for New Clubs: unnecessary overkill; use current authorities to remove errant clubs. Division director may ask for Club's resignation or recommend expulsion to the Board.
2. Responsibilities & Authority of Events Committee: current practice differs from published guidelines. One day events are tournaments and more than one day events are under the purview of the Events Chairman. However, the Spring Fling (Div. I) and the Fall Bash (Div. II) have traditionally been run without oversight. Only the Fall and Winter events (Div. IV) have been overseen by the Events Chairman. The recommendation of the P&P committee was to leave things as they are but to strengthen reporting requirements, particularly fiscal data, to the Events Chairman and others.

Rules & Handicap: C. J. Myers also provided a written report which is summarized here:

- ✳ A survey of all clubs on compliance with USGA handicap requirements revealed there was much work to do both by his committee and the club reps. A meeting on 10/17 at the U. of Md. will carry this effort forward.
- ✳ Two new committee members have joined: **Bob Lucas** Div. III from Bowie and **Tom Taylor** Div. II from Quail Valley.
- ✳ Additional copies of "USGA Handicap System" were approved for his committee and Board members @ \$10 each.*
- ✳ Approval was given to send four committee members to the USGA Seminar next April @ a cost of \$160 plus mileage.*
- ✳ The Board will consider making this committee a permanent, standing committee at its meeting in December.

*Motion to accept these expenses was made by **Paul Keiser** and seconded by **Bob McCready** with instructions to prepare an annual budget for this committee when the Board considers its permanent status in December. It passed with one dissenting vote.

Old Business:

Restructuring Eastern Shore Divisions – the proposal has been deferred until later

Internet Communications – committee is working; plans to require self reporting of changes to e-mail addresses.

Awards – pewter plates may give way to clocks; evaluations are continuing.

New Business:

Board Officers: Sam Hall will leave the Board in December 2002. The terms of **Arnie Simms, Ken Wallgren,** and **Bob McCready** will end in 2003.

Dan Williams displayed Crofton /Misga golf caps for \$10. Call him if you are interested in some for your club.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. Our next meeting will be held on **December 12, 2002, 10 AM at Tantallon.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Ebbecke, substitute Secretary for Bob McMinn