

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 21, 2004
Walden Golf Club

President Don Ewalt called the meeting to order at 9:27 AM. Don thanked Bob Nicholson for the excellent arrangements at Walden. Board and Committee members in attendance were the following: Bill Brown, Dick Crone, Dick Dale, Paul Desmond, Chuck Ebbecke, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Earl Gayler, Dick Hunt, Paul Keiser, Byron Keadle, Fenton Martin, Jim Mitchell, Paul Phillips, Pete Sorge, Gary Sorrell, Ken Wallgren, Dick Walsh, and Dan Williams.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the Annual Meeting at Chester River were unanimously approved as submitted. The secretary thanked Dick Walsh for his excellent job as acting secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Sorrell, assistant treasurer reported for Tom Tarpley. Gary distributed the financial statement as of 6/15/04. It reflects a surplus of \$10173.41. Two clubs who have not submitted dues have been contacted. Travel to Chester River is to be paid by each division. Gary's address:

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Vice President's Report: No report

President's Report: Don requested that we use his email address at work:
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Division Reports:

Div I Paul Keiser reported that the Division voted to accept the MISGAGRAM by bulk mail to each club Rep.(see motion under old business.) Paul complimented Sam Hastings on his article in the MISGAGRAM. The Division's Rules and Handicap Committee wrote a letter, countersigned by Paul, to all Reps stating the following :

1. All clubs must follow USGA rules;
2. All clubs must belong to the DSGA on Golfnet.com;
3. All mixers using two best balls net will use 90% of handicaps;
4. One third of the field in mixers will be awarded prizes;
5. All foursomes at a mixer will have at least one home club player.

With one exception, all clubs have reacted favorably. Preparation for the ABCD Final is well under way. A training session will be held on July 14. Dick Dale said that there were 240 golfers at the Spring Fling. He will report at the September meeting on interest in extending the Fling to four days - possibly for part of the field. Dick was congratulated for a job well done this year.

Div II Dick Walsh noted that the Board Meeting was set for September 7 at Carroll Valley and the Board Bash is set for September 8 and 9. Nine of thirteen club histories have been submitted. Dick McCurdy is moving and will resign in mid September. Tom Tarpley is his intended replacement. Dick is relocating in July but intends to continue full activities throughout the rest of the year and will maintain a MISGA club membership next year so that the web site can be more easily transferred to a new chairman. Also, he is looking for a replacement for the production and maintenance of the roster and the

Reps manual. All clubs in the Division have upgraded their courses and kitchens (except one). If the division reaches a level of 16 clubs, it may split into two parts.

Div III Fenton Martin reported that four of seven histories have been submitted. There were 50 people in the successful ABCD Tournament.

Div IV Chuck Ebbecke said that the golf courses at three of 10 clubs in the Division are being upgraded. Hobbitts has reopened, Lakewood is behind schedule, and Manor is about to start. Seven of eleven clubs have submitted histories. The Pro- Am is scheduled for September.

Div V Don Ewalt reported on the successful Two-Man Team Qualifier at Nutter's Crossing. Bill Dixon is leaving as Associates Chairman at the end of the year. Nine of ten histories have been submitted.

Div. VI Dan Williams reported that there were 15 teams in the Division Pro-Am. He said that the division may play later next year to better accommodate pro's schedules and A player competitions. Two club histories have not been started. The others are well under way. Old South Golf Course may permit carts on the course after July or August and may then be a MISGA candidate.

Committee Reports:

Associates: Charlie Fieldhouse reported that there are 4109 on the roster with 3962 paid from 58 clubs. The committee is investigating the possibility of electronic transfer of all associate data . Last year there were 4444 on the roster.

Audit: No report.

Counsel: No report.

Events: Pete Sorge said that he expected a good response for the fall trips. It was suggested that an e-file could be used to certify applicants membership in MISGA.

Historian: Bill Brown said the histories are in good condition and that he would like 100% response by the September meeting.

Membership: Paul Desmond reported no new club applications this year. The Florida Fling was very successful with 156 participants. Next year's Fling will be February 6 - February 12.

MISGAGRAM: Jim Mitchell said he has received two Division results for ABCD and Two-Man Team Qualifiers. Due date for the next issue is 1 October.

Planning: No report.

Rules and Handicap: Dick Crone reported that the committee is working with clubs that do not have handicap committees. The goal is to have these committees at all clubs. The committee is against clubs entering MISGA if there is no club handicap committee. Planning and Policy and Rules and Handicap will get together to develop a proposal regarding guideline changes for club handicap committees and new clubs.

Tournaments: Dick Hunt reported for CJ Myers and distributed his written report. The organization for

the state final tournaments is well under way. All living Past presidents have been invited to the Past Presidents Tournament. Four have accepted, four declined and no response from five. The silver bowls awarded to last year's winners of the ABCD Tournament must be returned to CJ by August 16.

ACTION: Paul Keiser and Fenton Martin. The committee proposed that low gross and low net prizes be awarded this year at the Two Man Tournament. After discussion it was agreed that this should not be done this year but that we should insist on it next year. It was further recommended by the Board, that this year, the participants be ordered by flights with the lowest aggregate handicaps in the first flight.

Web: Dick Walsh reported continuing progress. Individual club sites can be added by telling Dick.

Past Presidents: Charlie Fieldhouse reported the results of the Committee's discussion on the format for the history. He requested a \$1500.00 line item in next year's budget to develop CDs with the history so as to provide ease of computer downloading. The intent is to get the history to the Reps so they can download and distribute it to those interested. *A motion to provide \$1500.00 in the budget for this purpose was made and defeated. Another motion was made to reconsider this motion at the next meeting and was passed unanimously.*

Old Business:

1. Don Ewalt presented service awards to the following:

Ken Wallgren - past President

Ken Wallgren - past Division Director

Bob McCready - past Division Director

Arnie Simms - past Division Director

2. Regarding the MISGAGRAM, *the following motion was made and unanimously passed: a column will be added to the 589 form to note who does not require a hard copy of the MISGAGRAM but will access it over the internet and that the date of implementation of the new distribution system will be established at the next meeting.*

New Business: Regarding the question of member club USGA membership, it was noted that our constitution says a club must be a member of the USGA, and this implies that a club must follow all USGA rules.

The meeting adjourned at 12 PM.

Respectively submitted - Dick Hunt - Secretary