

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2005
Holly Hills Country Club

President Paul Keiser called the meeting to order at 9:50 A.M. and asked everyone present to introduce themselves. Paul thanked Tom Tarpley for his hospitality as host for this meeting. He announced that **the next meeting will be at the Salisbury Elks Club on Thursday, August 25 and will be hosted by Paul Phillips.** Board and committee members in attendance were as follows: Bill Brown, Dick Crone, Dick Dale, Don Ewalt, Earl Gaylor, Will Hall (visitor), Dick Hunt, Byron Keadle, Paul Keiser, Fenton Martin, Jim Mitchell, CJ Myers, Bob Nicholson, Paul Phillips, Pete Sorge, Gary Sorrell, Lloyd Stimson, Tom Tarpley, Howard Taylor, Tom Taylor, Phil Tilghman, Ken Wallgren.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Sorrell distributed copies of the financial report which showed a balance of \$23,885.80. Some clubs are late with dues. Gary noted that we had a 4% decline in membership so that associate dues will be less than budget. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Vice President's Report: No report.

President's Report: Paul said that green jackets will be awarded to CJ Myers and Charlie Fieldhouse at the Christmas party. The green jackets will be known as the "Sam Hastings Award". Paul noted that Sam has been having health problems.

Bowie County Club in Div VI granted membership to a Fort Meade member. He has been told that he cannot be a member of MISGA under the clarified membership rules unless he belongs to a MISGA member club. In this context, Pete Sorge requested Div heads and club reps to verify MISGA memberships for Fall Frolic registrants.

Paul opened a discussion regarding public courses as members of MISGA. After much debate, it was the consensus that we should continue as we are and pursue good courses such as Hog Neck.

Old Business: Ken Walgren reported for the Plans and Policy Committee on the proposed budget for 2006 and 2007. The committee developed this budget proposal because of the increased dues which will become effective in 2006. The major changes in the proposed budget are: increased funds allocated for division operations; support for four MISGAGRAMS per year mailed first class; one-time printing of MISGA history(2006); increased travel allowance; and 10 % increase per year in funds for trophies and awards.

The following motions were unanimously passed:

- 1. To accept the Plans and Policy Committee's proposed budgets except for the printing of the MISGA history and increased travel allowance;**
- 2. To increase travel allowance to \$0.40 per mile, effective immediately, and to follow IRS guidelines (rounded down) in subsequent years;**
- 3. To print 5,000 copies of the history in color.**

Division Reports:

Div I: Paul Keiser said that the Div I Pro-Am Tournament is scheduled for July 20th at Maple Dale. Questions were raised regarding details of the format. It was agreed that each division would use its own format. Dick Dale reported that there was a \$350.00 loss for the Spring Fling compared to a \$700.00 excess last year. Various factors related to food costs and no shows were the cause of the loss. Attendance was down 25%. Costs are escalating and the division will be reviewing the situation for next year.

Div II: Tom Tarpley reported that the division is in good shape. Tom Taylor said that the newly named "MISGA Reps Invitational" will be held on September 14 and 15 at Carroll Valley. Tee times on the 14th start at 10:18 and on the 15th, a scramble-shotgun will be held starting at 8:30. A notice will go out at the end of the month. Cost is \$215.00 for 18 holers, \$115.00 for nine holers and \$140.00 for 18 holers without a room.

Div III: Fenton Martin said that the Division will continue to pursue Hog Neck as a possible new MISGA club.

Div IV: Earl Gayler noted that all clubs in Division IV are licensed to issue USGA handicap indexes.

Div V: Paul Phillips said that the Division is struggling to get new members as well as players for mixers.

Div VI: Bob Nicholson reported that the Division is in good shape except that one club history is missing and it is coming.

Committee Reports:

Associates: Charlie Fieldhouse was not present but it was pointed out that he had e-mailed his report to all members.

Audit: Fall trip reports have been submitted to Howard Taylor and are being analyzed.

Historian: **Bill Brown requested that all directors review their club histories on the web site and respond to him positively or with changes.**

Membership: Ken Wallgren reported for Arnie Simms and handed out a procedural guideline checklist for divisions to follow when investigating possible new clubs for MISGA. He also handed out a draft of a revised application agreement form. **These items will be discussed at the next meeting.**

MISGAGRAM: Jim Mitchell said that the June issue is in the mail. He thanked the Eastern Shore Divisions for its input for the current issue. **The next issue is scheduled for October and the Western Shore is expected to contribute. Deadline is 15 September.**

Rules and Handicap: Dick Crone handed out a summary of the number of clubs in each Division licensed to issue handicap indexes. The committee believes it is making good progress.

Tournaments: C.J. Myers provided a handout of his committee report. He asked Divisions IV and III to identify host clubs for the Two-Man Team and ABCD Tournaments in 2006. Earl Gayler said that Manor will host the Two-Man Team Tournament. **Paul Phillips and Fenton Martin were asked to arrange delivery of the traveling trophies to Green Hill on or before August 11. Division tournament chairmen were asked to provide names, clubs, indexes and tournament scores for both Division qualifiers.**

WEB: Byron Keadle provided a handout of recent additions to the WEB site.

Events: Pete Sorge said that the fall trip to Seabrook is scheduled for the week of November 6 and to Amelia Island, November 13. He thanked Jim Mitchell and Byron Keadle for their help in providing application forms.

New Business: C.J. Myers handed out a copy of a proposal to conduct a Two-Man Team gross tournament in 2006 as a means to stimulate low handicap golfers to participate in MISGA. **The proposal was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted - Dick Hunt, acting for Chuck Ebbecke