

**Attendees:** Mike Urquhart, Jim Beisler, Dick Schwinger, John Babyak, Mike Mason, Joe Baily, Tom Tarpley, Clarence Moody, Gary Manion, Carl Lazar, Charlie Fieldhouse, Pete Sorge, Tom Taylor, Byron Keadle, Dick Crone, Lloyd Stimson, C.J.Myers, Dick Dale, Ralph Starkey and Gary Wilmsen.

**President** – An issue came up in the two-man team tournament. A scorecard was turned in with an incorrect handicap. The two-man team was Patrick Normile and David Carney. The pro shop pulled the wrong handicap for David Carney and gave him a 29 handicap instead of a 21. He played with that handicap and came in second. Even though the tournament is over, we can take action. The action is as follows, according to the rules, his team is disqualified from the competition. The tournament committee of the tournament will deal with this. He sent a letter to the players informing them that they have been disqualified. There was a discussion and it was agreed to ask the tournament committee to request a refund of the prize money. Mike agreed to do that. More discussion followed.

**Secretary's Report** – John Babyak reported that he did not have minutes from the April meeting because he did not attend that meeting. He went on to tell the group about his medical adventures during the Spring and Summer.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dick Schwinger submitted reports via e-mail. The treasury is in good shape. summation of the accounts showed a little \$32,000 dollars. All bills are paid. Two of the three division budget checks have been mailed. There is no longer a Division Director for Division III. He has no record of associate dues for two clubs and no club dues for five clubs. Charlie Fieldhouse said that at Chester River dues and club dues is paid. There was a further discussion about checks. Charlie and Dick would Charlie has been filling in as the DAC for the division. get together after the meeting. Dick said that he would review his records. The only club that Charlie does not have records for is River House.

### **Division Director's Reports**

**Division I** – They are planning to host the ABCD tournament next year at Wild Quail, a good golf course. The dates have not yet been set. He said that their was time that we talked about moving the MISGA tournaments to September. The topic would be discussed during the tournaments report. They have had low participation at MISGA events.

**Division II** – Tom Tarpley said that the division is in good shape. Wakefield Valley has dropped out of MISGA and are now in bankruptcy. The division has 705 associates, including 20 ladies and 15 clubs. This is down slightly from 719 associates in 2012. Holly Hills will hold the pro-am next year in August. The cost will be \$100. He thanked Tom Taylor who put in a lot of effort for the Summer Frolic.

**Division III** – No Report.

**Division IV** – The division has lost two clubs this year, Lakewood and Montgomery Village. In 2014, the division will hold the two-man team championship. The two-man event will be held at Montgomery Country Club.

**Division V** – The division has had a much better year than last year. They have instituted an incentive plan that says an associate is required to play a certain number of events. That seemed to work.

**Division VI** – Carl Lazar said that Walden will not be in MISGA next year. They became a daily fee course and will not support any tournaments. All of our members have gone to join other courses.

### **Committee Chairmen Reports**

**Associates** – We do not have one. We thought that Charlie had worked himself out of a job, that system would work with the committees submitting reports. That worked fine until we had a problem with Division III. Luckily Charlie volunteered to be the division DAC. Mike asked if he should try to find someone to take over that committee. That person should not have a lot to do but would be there if a problem came up. Dick Schwinger said that this year the system worked in getting the checks from the DACs. He does not keep a roster of any of the divisions. So he does not know if all of the associates are paid up. Previously, all of the checks went through Charlie and he kept all of the records. Lloyd Stimson said that as the MISGA Tournament Chairman, he can't do the annual allocations for the divisions without the consolidated report that he received from Charlie. He doesn't know how many associates the divisions have on their rosters. The end of the year report that Charlie put out is where he got the allocations. Dick said that he used that report to come up with the division budgets. Mike said that there seems to be a general consensus that before the December meeting he will try to fill the Associates Chairman position for 2014.

**Auditor** – Jim Wilcox submitted a report. He said that all is well.

**Events** – Pete Sorge said that we had the Williamsburg event and participation was down again. As for the Fall Frolic, this was the first time in ten years that he has only had one. We have a competing group, not MISGA, that goes to the Virginia Beach area and is soliciting MISGA members to go to that event. The MISGA event will be at Seabrook Island, a great facility. He has had a couple of cancellations because of health related reasons. He would like to see more participation from the board members. The MISGA membership does not know about these events. The word is not getting out. A long discussion followed about participation and associate communication.

**Membership** – Tom Taylor said that he has nothing to report. A comment was made that a lot of clubs on the Eastern Shore are going semi-private. Some golfers are not members of any club, they just contact clubs and get dates for a group to play. Seven of the nine clubs in Division V are semi-private. We're losing MISGA members because they can play these other courses. Mike said that the MISGA model was set up so that you could play at clubs that you could not otherwise play. A discussion followed about the ability to play many courses without being a member and its effect on MISGA.

**MISGAGRAM** – Byron Keadle said that if it wasn't for Simpson and Tarpley the MISGagram would be pretty thin. This MISGagram will have the Summer Frolic, the Two-man the ABCD tournaments, holes-in-one, death notices and the swan-song message from our President.

**Past Presidents Ad Hoc** – Tom Tarpley said that we are going to acknowledge the contributions of present and past auditors by presenting this MISGA glass to Jim Wilcox for his concise reports.

**Rules and Handicaps** – Dick Crone said that through the kindness of the Tournament chairman and the President he has been able to review the score postings of the winners of the ABCD and Two-man tournaments. Nineteen of the 21 Maryland golfers in the ABCD posted. Seventeen of the twenty-two in the two-man posted. There were others in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Bay Hills that weren't checked. The names of those who did not post would be given to the tournament chairman to notify the division reps to have the scores posted. There again was a mention of the rules governing disqualification of a team in atwo-man event.

**Tournament Chairman** – Lloyd Stimson said that he sent out an e-mail. The results of the tournaments are on the website. The assistant Division director of Div I, Bob Burd, won the ABCD gross and his team won the two-man championship. That is the first time that has happened. Bob is also the first four-time gross champion of the ABCD tournament. Lloyd thanked Errol, Tom Tarpley and Byron for putting together the package that is on the website and the MISGAGram. Playing time for the two-man event was just under five hours. The host club recruited twenty-five spotters which helped. He has a proposal to try to deal with players who continually win. Individuals who win first place net in two successive MISGA Championships will incur a 20% reduction in their handicaps for the next championship. A further reduction would happen with more wins. USGA rules allow this. There was a motion to approve the guideline, the motion was approved. The champions of the tournaments do not get a gift certificate, only a trophy. So Stim made a decision this year to give a gift certificate and a trophy. This was adopted as recommended policy for all tournaments.

**Web Master** – Errol was not at the meeting. There was a discussion about running the MISGA tournaments in September.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Ralph Starkey said that the reps from River House, Chester River and Prospect Bay are planning an organizational meeting to resolve any issues.

C.J.Myers reminded everyone about the Division IV Christmas Party at Manor C.C. on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Every member of the board would be invited.

A discussion about blinds took place.

**Wrap-up** – Mike Urquhart declared the meeting is adjourned at 5:55.

**Report of the MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee**  
**to the Board and Officers of MISGA**  
**for the MISGA Board Meeting**  
**at Heritage Hills**  
**on September 10, 2013**

Monitoring of Posting of Championship Tournament Scores

In monitoring the score postings of the 25 winners in the 2013 ABCD and the 26 winning team members in the Two-Man Championships, the Chairman found that 77 percent (19 of the 22 MD golfers) of the ABCD Championship winners posted their scores, and 90 percent (19 of the 21 MD golfers) of the Two-Man Team Championships winners posted their scores.

The Tournament Chairman will be providing the Tournament Chairman with the names of the Associates identified as not posting their winning Championship scores, so that those Associates can be reminded of their obligation to post those scores.

Excessive Handicap Use Issue

Recently, several days were spent researching the relevant USGA Rules section and MISGA By-Law sections applicable to a recently revealed issue regarding the use of an excessive handicap by a member of a two-man team in the Two-Man Championships at Prospect Bay, on August 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Crone, Kenwood -- Chairman, MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee

**MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Heritage Hills Golf Resort - York, PA -- Sept 10, 2013**

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**MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report**

**1. 2013 MCTs - Grand Champions**

MCT	Gross	Net
Past Presidents (ABCD)	<b>Bob Burd *</b> <i>(Rookery North - Div I)</i>	<b>Paul Johnston</b> <i>(Green Hill - Div V)</i>
2-Man Team	<b>Bob Burd * &amp; Charles Goubert</b> <i>(Rookery North - Div. I)</i>	<b>Chris Fanning &amp; Jeff Gasiorowski</b> <i>(Fairway Hills - Div. VI)</i>

*(\* Bob Burd is MISGA's first 4-time Past Presidents {ABCD} Gross Grand Champion and the first to win both Gross Grand Champion titles in the same year.)*

For complete results of the 2013 MCTs (narrative report, list of all the winners & photos), refer to the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website. Open this link: <http://www.misga.org/tournaments.htm>

Many thanks to Errol Myers, Byron Keadle and Tom Tarpley for all their help and assistance with producing and posting the MCT results package on the MISGA website.

**2. 2013 MCTs - Playing Time:**

After completion of the 2011 MCTs, the size of the playing fields for the 2012 MCTs was reduced - Past Presidents (ABCD) from 128 finalists to 100 and the 2-Man Team from 64 teams to 50. The chart below indicates the amount of time required by the **first foursome** to complete the round and the amount of time required by the **last foursome** to complete the round. As indicated by the chart below, the reduced field size has resulted in a sizable reduction in the amount playing time.

Tournament	2011	2012	2013
Past Presidents (ABCD)	5h 15m - 5h 45m (112 finalists)	4h 30m - 5h 15m (100 finalists)	4h 30m - 5h 20m (98 finalists)
2-Man Team	5h 15m - 5h 45m (58 teams)	4h 45m - 5h 30m (50 teams)	4h 20m - 4h 55m (50 teams)

Please note the 2013 MCT 2-Man Team was completed in less than 5 hours .. fastest ever completion time for a MCT. This record can be directly attributed to the 25+ volunteers who were recruited to serve as spotters.

### 3. 2014 MCTs - Schedule

Championship	Location	Date	Rain Date
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Wild Quail G&CC (Div I) Wyoming, DE	TBD	TBD
2-Man Team	Norbeck CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	TBD	TBD

### 4. Proposals

#### a. Tournament Handicap Adjustments

Over the past three years, two finalists have won the net grand champions title of the ABCD in 2010 and the 2-Man Team in 2011 & 2012. To discourage future such occurrences, I propose the following paragraph be added to **Section V - Handicap Allocations** of the *MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines*.

Individuals or 2-man teams who win first place **net** (i.e., Net Grand Champion) in two successive annual MISGA Championship Tournaments (Past Presidents {ABCD} and/or 2-Man Team) will incur a 20% reduction in their course handicap when they compete in their third successive MISGA Championship Tournament. A 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive win will result in a 30% reduction in course handicap; a 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive win will result in a 40% reduction, etc. This guide is consistent with: USGA Rules -

Section 33-1, *The USGA Handicap System* manual - Section 9-2b and Maryland State Golf Association (MSGGA) published policy.

**b. *Awarding Gift Certificates to the MCT Grand Champions***

In previous years, the Grand Champions received only a high quality trophy. They did not receive a Pro Shop Gift Certificate. However, for the 2013 MCTs, in addition to the trophies, I made a "management decision" to award the Grand Champions a gift certificate. They were awarded the top prize money and a trophy. I propose this practice be made permanent for all future MCTs.

**Stim**

Lloyd Stimson  
MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

MISGAGRAM Editor Report  
MISGA Board Meeting – 9/10/2013  
Heritage Hills, York, PA

- A. The September edition of the MISGAGRAM will be published shortly after the Summer Frolic. Results from both state championship tournaments are included as well as winners from the Summer Frolic.
- B. Announcements of upcoming events, with links to download flyers and registration forms from the MISGA web site.
- C. Otherwise, holes-in-one, death notices, and a final message from our president.

  
Byron Keadle  
MISGAGRAM Editor

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL REPS MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

- Status of financial accounts:
    - a. Checking account \$17,232.00
    - b. Savings account 7,469.10
    - c. Combined CD totals 20,903.00
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| Total | \$45,604.10 |
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- All bills paid – no bills outstanding.
  - 2 of 3 Division Budget checks mailed.
  - No record of Associates Dues from Clearview and River House @ Easton Club
  - No record of Club Dues (\$50) from the following Division 3 clubs:
    - Chester River
    - Clearview
    - River House
    - Harbourtowne
    - Hogneck
  - Need a new Division Chair for Division 3