

**Attendees:** Earl Gentry, Joe Baily, John Babyak, Dick Schwinger, Clarence Moody, Tom Rowlett, Gary Wilmsen, Greg Morris, Mike Urquhart, Pete Sorge, Carl Lazar, Bob Hodges, Bob Brewer, Tom Tarpley, Lloyd Stimson, Tom Taylor, Ralph Starkey and Dick Dale.

**President** – Earl Gentry wanted to pass on opening remarks because he is going to have some comments later in old and new business.

**Secretary's Report** – John Babyak read the minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dick Schwinger distributed the Treasurer's report. The checking account is up because all of the club dues and associates dues have been received. The checks that he is handing out today are the second of three budget allotments for the six divisions based on the number of members in each division. These checks should go to the division treasurer. They are given to the division chairmen. All bills are paid except for today's travel expenses.

**Vice President's Report** – Joe Baily said Vice-presidents office rolling along well and they have had no problems. Joe said that Mike's report on membership was disappointing, we're down on membership again, he doesn't now what the answer is. He commended Bob Brewer, of policy and planning, they had a meeting to go over the Rules and By-laws of MISGA and Bob did a good job of coordinating this and finding out all of the problems and issues that exist. For the Spring Fling in Williamsburg, we are looking at May 10-12, 2016 although those dates are not firm yet.

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

**Division I** – Joe Baily said that Division I has no issues. They have had some mixers that were poorly attended. They are working on a schedule for next year to eliminate different clubs scheduling mixers on the same day.

**Division II** – Clarence Moody said that the division had a good year except for rainouts at the end of the year. Their annual Fall meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Hollow Creek is back in the picture. He contacted the manager. The first sale of the club did not go through but there was a second sale. The manager is interested in getting into MISGA. They went through the evaluation last year and passed. They might be coming back into MISGA in Division II. Rumor has it that the sale of Hollow Creek did not go through. We are in the middle of our qualifying rounds for the State Tournaments and our Pro-am. Our division events have been rained out many times.

**Division III** – No report.

**Division IV** – No report.

**Division V** – No report.

**Division VI** – Earl Gentry said that they will have a Division meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. He will be going over handicaps and posting for the ABCD and Two-man tournaments. He only has two clubs that have posted.

### **Committee Chairmen Reports**

**Associates** – Mike Urquhart distributed a membership report. The number of clubs is down and the number of members is down. We are down 329 members over the last two years. Caroline C.C. is up for sale. River House will probably close up in October. It looks like Division III will lose at least three clubs. Harbortowne has been sold and they are planning to make significant changes to the club to make it a premier golf course. So we may only have three clubs in Div III. In 2000, we had over 4800 associates. There was a question about whether Piney Branch would be coming back into MISGA next year. No one knew for sure.

**Audit** – Jim Wilcox was not at the meeting. He did send in a report and said that everything was fine.

**Events** – Pete Sorge said that we would not be having a Winter Fling at Crystal River in 2016. The Fall Frolic is going pretty well, all of the one-bedroom units are taken. He was able to get two additional units at a higher price. He has sixty people going with eighteen non-golfers. Pete is going to have to get something to transport them. They all go to one lunch together and Pete pays for that. They do a good job of getting together on their own. In 2006, Pete wrote a two-page guideline for people running the events and he would like to see those published and put into the MISGA guidelines. The Crystal River event was originally run by people in Ocean City and never complied with MISGA guidelines. Pete has looked at Amelia Island, Fripp, Jekyl and Pinehurst as a replacement. There were some comments about an event at Virginia Beach. They have no problem signing up 96 players. It is not a MISGA event but half of the people that go to it belong to MISGA. The keep costs down by not having dinners every night and they have no comps or freebies. Misga advertised in the Misgagram for someone interested in running the Winter Fling and no one came forward. Except for one person who said he would do it if he could get two or three people to help him. He could not and so he dropped out.

**Historian** – No Report, Earl Gayler was not at the meeting..

**Membership** – Carl Lazar said that Timbers at Troy needs to be voted into MISGA. They have done a pretty good job. They only scheduled two mixers in the beginning with only 15 players allowed from each club. They then added another mixer. The other problem is that we do Div VI match play event and visiting clubs pay \$20 cart fees. Timbers said that they want \$40. The mixers they ran were fine and the conditions and food were good. The recommendation is to vote them into MISGA. Carl has been in contact with a number of clubs, some are interested but they can't get a club rep.

**Policy and Planning** – Bob Brewer said that he has a good committee and we have had a couple of good meetings. We made some decisions about how we think that things should be. The primary decision we made was that there should no longer be a term of office for Division Directors. There is a problem this year because Joe Baily is due to become the MISGA President but he is completing his four years as Assistant Director or Director. So he can't be President with the current By-laws. It was pointed out that he should have had two years left on the Board to become vice-President. So next year, we need a President and a vice-President. Tom Tarpley said that the rotation through the Divisions for President and vice-President is fair. If a division does not want to take it, they can pass it along to the next division. It was suggested that next year we bypass Div I and get a President from Div II. Bob asked the Directors that were present if they wanted to change the term limits. They did not. Another thing we talked about is votes. It was decided that votes would only be held at meetings. There was a question about "quorums". We want to change the bylaws to change the word 'quorum' with 'majority'. What that means is that you would not be able to do any business at a board meeting without at least seven voting members present. Currently the General Counsel must be a lawyer. We are going to change that.

**MISGAGRAM** – Bob Hodges said that the deadline for material for the next Misgagram is September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**PP ad hoc** – Tom Tarpley said that they continue to evaluate those who serve MISGA.

**Rules and Handicap** – Bob Brewer submitted a report. Dick Crone was monitoring the winners of the ABCD and Two-man tournaments to see that they had posted their scores. Bob expanded that to try to get more data about how this is working. He did find out that a number of people don't post their scores. He tried to get the clubs to handle posting of scores. A discussion followed.

**Tournament Chairman** – Lloyd Stimson sent out a report. This is the first year that the ABCD champion received a \$100 gift certificate and he would like to thank the Board for agreeing to subsidize the prize pool. Next year the ABCD will be held at Norbeck on August 11, 2016 and the Two-man will be held at Wild Quail on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Web Master** – Errol Myers was not at the meeting but sent a report saying that everything on the website is up to date except for two or three small items. There is a section of the website for a history of Board actions. This has not been updated. Earl said that he has to contact the chairman responsible for that to get the updates for 2015.

**Old Business** – We talked about the Winter Fling which has been cancelled.

**New Business –**

**Timbers at Troy** – We need to have a vote on the acceptance of Timbers at Troy as a full MISGA member. There was not a quorum of Directors present so the vote will be held in December.

**Location of December Meeting-** Prospect Bay has been proposed but it was mentioned that it usually is at the President's club, Cross Creek. Earl said that he would like to make it convenient for the Eastern shore people and the Western shore people. Earl said that he would try to have it at Prospect bay and if not, it would be at Cross Creek.

**Recognition-** It was suggested that MISGA recognize people in each division that contribute to MISGA. It was pointed out that that is the responsibility of the divisions.

**Wrap-up** – The meeting was adjourned.

MISGA Board Members and Officers.

Here are audit reports for the Spring Fling and 2-man MISGA Final.

Regarding the Spring Fling held in the Williamsburg, Virginia in Mid-May 2015: An explanation for the cost and reimbursement for golf balls presented to some participants was included. All expenditures were supported by receipts, checks, and notes. An average of \$261.26 was reported.

Regarding the 2-Man Final held at Norbeck on August 27, 2015. All expenditures were supported by receipts, checks, and notes. An inclusion of \$780.00 was reported for income from bar sales. A balance of income and expenditures was reached. (I would like to note that the Norbeck head professional donated five dozen Pro V golf balls to the five closest to pin and line winners.

Jim Wilcox, MISGA Auditor

## Membership Director Final Summation on Timbers at Troy

Timbers at Troy have done a very creditable job in their first year in MISGA after having a couple of stumbles along the way.

They had only scheduled two mixers in the beginning allowing only 15 players from each club which makes it tough for the club with large memberships. They did add another mixer which helped out, but again keeping the visiting clubs at 15.

The other issue is with division VI match play, when clubs visit each other in this format they only charge cart fees. Management at Timbers refused to cooperate and charged regular senior rates of \$37.50 plus tax. This did upset some clubs so Timbers traveled to the courses that objected and played away instead of at home. Not a major problem and we hope that it will be corrected next year.

On the positive side, at the mixers that they held everyone that attended was very please how the mixers were run. The course conditions were above average and the playing time was around 4 ½ hours which is very good for the size of the fields. The food service after the rounds was all prepared well and everyone was happy.

This being said I want to recommend the board vote to admit Timbers at Troy to permanent status in MISGA going forward.

Carl Lazar

**MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Liberty Mountain Resort - Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015**

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**MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report**

**1. 2016 MCTs Schedule**

<b>Championship</b>	<b>Host Club</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Rain Date</b>
<b>Past Presidents (ABCD)</b>	Norbeck CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	Thursday August 11, 2016	Monday August 29, 2016
<b>2-Man Team</b>	Wild Quail CC (Div I) Wyoming, DE	Tuesday August 4, 2016	TBD

The **Flyers** for the two Championship Tournaments will be posted on the MISGA website early in 2016. They will contain detailed information and instructions relevant to each of the two tournaments.

**2. 2015 MCTs Reports**

The **narrative reports** with photos of the 2015 MISGA Championship Tournaments (*Past Presidents-ABCD & 2-Man Team*) are posted in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website. A multitude of photos from the two MCTs are displayed in Tom Tarpley's photo pages on the MISGA website. Go to - [MISGA.org / Documents / Pictures / Tom Tarpley's Photo Gallery](http://www.misga.org/Documents/Pictures/Tom_Tarpley's_Photo_Gallery) - then scroll down to the bottom of the page for the two links.

**3.** You can review all documents associated with the two MCTs (*Entry Forms excepted*) in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website.

<http://www.misga.org/tournaments.htm>

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Lloyd Stimson  
MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

## MISGA Board of Directors Meeting - Rules & Handicaps Report Bob Brewer

Per the MISGA Bylaws, one of the primary responsibilities of the Rules and Handicap Committee is to “promote compliance with the handicap system. “ In an effort to inform the Board and, through the Board, the Reps and membership, I have tried for the past two years to collect data concerning the posting of scores for our qualifiers and tournaments. This is what I wrote in my report in September of last year concerning the qualifier tournament monitoring of scores that I was able to perform:

“Of the divisions that reported it’s clear that the correct posting of tournament scores is not particularly good, and that there is less adherence to the posting requirements for the Two-Man qualifiers. We can do better than this! It’s also clear from those that I have talked to that posting of Two-Man scores is often rejected as being necessary.

“We were primarily checking the scores of those that qualified for the state tournaments. If we had checked all entrants in the qualifiers there would be many more reporting failures noticed. It all makes me wonder about how many scores are not posted, or incorrectly posted, throughout the year. Think about it – for the Two-Man qualifiers that were examined, 43% of the scores checked were not posted correctly! That’s a failure of our handicapping system!”

Having seen these results from last year, I decided to expand the data collection this year to give the Board a more complete picture. This was a *lot* of data to collect so I planned to ask the Divisions for help. In the spring I indicated in two of my R&H reports that I was expanding the data collection, and I was going to call on the Divisions and all of the clubs to assist in monitoring all of the scores for all qualifiers and state tournaments this year. I then sent out an email detailing process to all the divisions for how I wanted to make all of this happened. In that email I asked for responses to my plan, but received *exactly none*. Then, following all of the division qualifiers and each of the state tournaments, I sent out reminders to the clubs to send me data for their members who had participated. Well, this effort pretty well flopped. I seem to have offended some folks by just asking for the information, but, in large part, my requests were simply ignored.

In the minutes for the June 8 Board meeting (which I was unable to attend) I found words expressing the feeling about my handling of this chairmanship: “Bob Brewer seems to be treating it as an enforcement position.” That doesn’t make me real happy, since I do believe that my efforts for the past two years have been totally directed at improving both the knowledge of golf rules and the handicap system. My effort to monitor the posting of scores was simply to collect data for the benefit of the MISGA. I’ve always thought, and still do, that *enforcement* of players’ adherence to the rules for maintaining handicaps is primarily the responsibility of the club handicap committees.

On the next page you will find the results for the data I was able to collect, and I thank those who managed to submit the information shown.

Oh yes, and I still plan on resigning my position as of the December Board meeting.

**Score Posting of Division Qualifiers for the  
State MISGA ABCD and Two-Man Tournaments**

**ABCD**

	Participants	Reported	Correct	No Post	No "T"	Other Error
Div. I	?	0				
Div. II	47	33 (70%)	28 (85%)	2	1	2
Div. III	?	0				
Div. IV	?	0				
Div. V	19	19 (100%)	18 (95%)	0	1	0
Div. VI	48	0				
Overall	?	52 (?%)	46 (88%)	2	2	2

**Two-Man**

	Participants	Reported	Correct	No Post	No "T"	Other Error
Div. I	?	0				
Div. II	44	30 (68%)	24 (80%)	5	1	0
Div. III	?	0				
Div. IV	?	0				
Div. V	38	0				
Div. VI	76	0				
Overall	?	30 (?%)	24 (80%)	5	1	0

**State MISGA ABCD and Two-Man Tournament Postings**

**ABCD**

	Participants	Reported	Correct	No Post	No "T"	Other Error
Div. I	10	3 (30%)	3 (100%)	0	0	0
Div. II	22	8 (36%)	8 (100%)	0	0	0
Div. III	9	0				
Div. IV	27	27 (100%)	23 (85%)	0	1	3
Div. V	7	0				
Div. VI	25	16 (64%)	16 (100%)	0	0	0
Overall	100	54 (54%)	50 (93%)	0	1	3

**Two-Man**

	Participants	Reported	Correct	No Post	No "T"	Other Error
Div. I	14	6	6	0	0	0
Div. II	22	12	12	0	0	0
Div. III	10	0				
Div. IV	20	0				
Div. V	8	0				
Div. VI	24	0				
Overall	98	18 (18%)	18 (100%)	0	0	0

Bob Brewer  
MISGA Rules and Handicaps Chairman



**MISGA Board of Directors Meeting – September 8, 2015**  
**Policy and Planning Report**

The Policy and Planning Committee has begun to review and prepare revisions to the MISGA Constitution and Bylaws. The committee has agreed to some significant changes that will improve our understanding of these documents and have long-term effects on MISGA's operation. Major rewrites are underway that will be presented to the Board of Directors at upcoming meetings. In order to meet the requirements for amending the Constitution, changes to this particular document must be approved by the Board no later than the March, 2016, meeting so that a motion to amend may be presented at the Annual Reps Meeting in April, 2016, for final MISGA approval.

The change that will have the most impact on our operation and on the rewriting of our governing documents is our proposal to remove the four-year limit on the terms that Division Directors and Assistant Directors may serve on the Board. Therefore, I will be presenting the following topic for consideration at this, the September 8, 2015, meeting of the MISGA Board of Directors:

Add to Section III of the MISGA Bylaws: "There shall be no limit to the number of years a Division Director may serve on the MISGA Board of Directors."

No doubt this idea will generate some fun discussions at our meeting, but an approval by the Board at this point will set the ground work for the committee to go ahead with our needed document changes. A formal approval of the motion at the December Board meeting will allow us to properly hand off the gavel to our new 2016 President at the December Board meeting.

I'd like to thank the Policy and Planning Committee for their efforts. We've had some insightful and interesting discussions.

Bob Brewer  
MISGA Policy and Planning Chairman