

Minutes  
MISGA Board of Directors Meeting  
March 26, 2024  
Prospect Bay Country Club  
Grasonville, MD

A scheduled meeting of the MISGA board was called to order by President Ciandella at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. In attendance were Tom Ciandella (MP & ADD1), Paul Bate (MVP & DD4), Chuck Woods (Secretary), George Blair (Treasurer), Jake Jacobi (Associates & Policy & Planning), Jack Sullivan (Audit), Pete Sorge (Events), Lloyd Stimson (Historian), Bob Hodges (MISGAgram), Gary Kramer (Rules & Handicap), Greg Morris (Tournaments & DD6), Tom Hackett (DD1). Absent were Ken Bacon (Webmaster), Jim Ewalt (General Counsel), Carl Lazar (Club Membership), Tom Tarpley (PP Ad Hoc) & Doug Walters (DD2).

President Tom Ciandella gave brief opening remarks describing the joint meeting of the MISGA Board and the MISGA State Reps Meeting. The first portion of the meeting would be Board issues and Reps could offer information but hold Rep issues until the second portion of the meeting.

Tom is entering his second year as President since the Board approved the bylaw changes to have all elected officers' terms be extended from one year to two years.

The MISGA organization ran well in 2023 with the four divisions operating 152 mixers plus the two MISGA Championships with a financial impact to the host clubs of \$546,885. The average mixer size was 57 players and there was an average of over two mixers per day, Tuesday through Thursday.

Vice President Paul Bate discussed the benefits of a universal Mixer signup form for visiting clubs. The sample forms were distributed and are available from Paul.

The minutes of the December 5, 2023, MISGA Board Minutes were approved as submitted.

George Blair, MISGA Treasurer discussed the dues rebate procedure. He explained that the target of cash balance is targeted at 150% of the Operating Budget. There may be a distribution to the Divisions this spring based on current cash on-hand. The Division dues rebate will not be made until the end of the year after dues are collected and expenses are finalized. All rebates go to the Division Treasurers only. It is up to the Division management to determine how much of any rebate is passed on to the clubs.

A motion to pass the 2024 Budget was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Division Reports were moved to the State Reps portion of the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Associates Report – Jake Jacobi – final report for 2024 will be made after the associate dues are collected in September.

Audit – Jack Sullivan explained the audit procedure and all tournaments and flings passed their audits. He asked Pete Sorge to audit the Winter Fling since Jack runs that event.

General Counsel – Jim Ewalt sent his report in with no issues outstanding.

Events – Pete Sorge – Looking forward to a Virginia Beach Fall Frolic on October 6 – 12, 2024. Six breakfasts, four buffets, four rounds of golf. All the details are on the misga.org site under the Frolics and Flings tab.

Historian – Lloyd Stimson said all the historical reports on the MISGA web site have been updated.

Membership – Carl Lazar sent his report that there are no new clubs at this time. There may be some opportunities at Heritage Shores and Maple Dale.

PP Ad Hoc – The search for the next Green Jacket Awardee is in process.

Policy & Planning - The MISGA By-Laws require that The Policy and Planning Committee consist of the Chair, one Associate from each Division, and the General Counsel. Jake Jacobi will be in search for an Associate from each division to serve on the committee. The last revision of the By-Laws was done after the December 5 Board Meeting.

Rules & Handicap – Gary Kramer reported that the revisions to the GHIN system allow smaller course scores to be posted as well as 9-hole scores. He urged that scores be posted promptly on the day of play since the PCC (Playing Conditions Calculation) is calculated on scores submitted where course conditions or weather had significantly impacted player's performance.

Tournaments – Gary Kramer advised that he had flyers for the two MISGA Championships for 2024. The Past President's ABCD Tournament will be held on June 24 at Crofton CC and the MISGA 2-Player Team Championship will be played on July 29 at Holly Hills.

Webmaster – Ken Bacon was not present and had no report.

## Old Business

- a. Communications with Associates should be made by each division after receiving information from MISGA. There are various methods used to send information to Associates, using a club distribution list or using Golf Genius as a distribution manager.
- b. Division Structure – comments made regarding all divisions were not structured evenly regarding numbers of Associates or clubs. Action was tabled until specific proposals were made.
- c. Player Roster Standardization – Paul Bate discussed the benefits of a standard format of player rosters. No action taken.

- d. Cancellation Policy – Each club should state the player cancellation policy in its confirmation letters. It is recognized that clubs catering for lunches have a very different issue with player cancellations than those with in-house kitchens. In all cases, players should cancel as quickly as possible prior to a Mixer.

New Business – None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20