



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MISGA Board of Directors

August 12, 2024

MISGA Board of Directors Meeting
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A scheduled virtual meeting of the MISGA board was called to order by President Ciandella at 2:05 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024. In attendance were Tom Ciandella (MP & ADD1), Paul Bate (MVP & DD4), George Blair (Treasurer), Jake Jacobi (Associates & Policy & Planning), Jack Sullivan (Audit), Pete Sorge (Events), Bob Hodges (MISGAgram), Greg Morris (Tournaments & DD6), Tom Hackett (DD1 Ken Bacon (Div VI & Webmaster), Carl Lazar (Club Membership) and Eric Branfman (Div IV ADD), Absent were Jim Ewalt (General Counsel), Tom Tarpley (PP Ad Hoc) Chuck Woods (Sec. & PP) Gary Kramer (Rules & Hcp.) & Doug Walters (DD2).

President Tom Ciandella gave brief opening remarks beginning with a moment of silence in honor of some significant MISGA leaders who recently passed. The rest of the opening related to vital topics to be discussed later in the agenda and a general acknowledgement of a good season to date.

Vice President Paul Bate deferred remarks until appropriate time further down agenda. The minutes of the March 2024, MISGA Board Meeting were approved pending the correction of "Tournaments report" to reflect it was Greg Morris and not Gary Kramer.

George Blair, MISGA Treasurer gave a current state of the Treasury. George stated that things were running pretty much in line with the Budget. The Division dues rebate will not be made until the end of the year after dues are collected and expenses are finalized. Reminder of Sept 1 deadline was re-emphasized.

The Division Reports were given as follows:

Div I (Tom Hackett ADD) reported there has been some issues with getting sufficient #s for a couple mixers. Tom C. added that he has been notified that Hoopers will cease to be a part of MISGA at EOY. However, it is hoped the associates will latch on with Garrison Lake.

Div II (Jake Jacobi ADD)- reported that they were losing Beaver Creek as a club due to small membership (9). Otherwise, all is normal

Div IV - Paul Bate (DD) - noted that things have been fine

Div VI- Ken Bacon (DD) -stated the division has seen fair growth from Fairway Hills & Northwest. Suggested gathering age demographics for planning.

Committee Reports:

Associates Report – Jake Jacobi – Close to final and in total down ~50 from 2023 w/ Norbeck's departure essentially 40 of those. Mentioned that #s are somewhat questionable due to some associates being at multiple clubs.

Audit – Jack Sullivan had little to report on with tournaments just recently concluded but was at both and expects no issues. The audit of the financial records of MISGA was also approved.

General Counsel – Jim Ewalt absent, no report

Events – Pete Sorge – 3 weeks till deadline for the Virginia Beach Fall Frolic on October 6 – 12, 2024. Below hotel guarantee and not sure what they will do. Jack S. stated that for all the time and work put in, 13 out of 1600 is discouraging and poor response. Questioned whether trips have run their course. If to continue will need new blood to carry it on.

Historian – need to identify a new chair. Jack S. has gotten Lloyd's docs from Mrs. Stim

Membership – Carl Lazar reported that there are no new clubs at this time and doesn't expect any

PP Ad Hoc – no report

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 reported Div 1 (Tom Ciandella), Div 2 (himself) and Div 4 (Paul Bate) were covered. Div 6 still needed a P&P rep and subsequently Ken Bacon volunteered.

Rules & Handicap – No Report

Tournaments – Greg Morris reported the Past President's ABCD Tournament Crofton CC and the MISGA 2-Player Team Championship will be played on July 29 Holly Hills were held successfully. Attendance was 98 at ABCD and 102 at 2-man. Crofton has expressed interest in hosting again in 2025 with HH to be confirmed.

Webmaster – Ken Bacon thanked Jake for helping him transition. He further stated that stats reveal ~300 hits/day on site. Most to Leadership and club pages.

Amendment to the MISGA Bylaws – An amendment was proposed, seconded and passed to change the minimum number of Board of Directors meetings from three (3) per year to two (2) per year.