



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MISGA Board of Directors

December 10, 2024

MISGA Board of Directors Meeting
December 10, 2024, Crofton Country Club

A scheduled meeting of the MISGA board was called to order by President Ciandella at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. In attendance were Tom Ciandella (MP & DD1), Paul Bate (MVP & DD4), George Blair (Treasurer), Chuck Woods (Sec. & PP), Pete Sorge (Events), Bob Hodges (MISGAGram), Greg Morris (Tournaments & ADD6), Carl Lazar (Club Membership), Tom Tarpley (PP Ad Hoc) and Don Hoffmeyer (delegate DD2). Absent were Jim Ewalt (General Counsel), Gary Kramer (Rules & Hcp.), Doug Walters (DD2), Tom Hackett (ADD1), Ken Bacon (DD6 & Webmaster), Jake Jacobi (ADD2, Associates & P&P), Gary Kramer (Rules & Handicap)

President Tom Ciandella gave brief opening remarks about a successful year for MISGA. The rest of the opening related to vital topics to be discussed later on the agenda. Greg Morris accepted the position of Vice President of MISGA, 2025-2027. The future of MISGA, numbers of clubs and Associates and Division imbalance were discussed later.

Vice President Paul Bate deferred remarks until appropriate time further down agenda.

The minutes of the August 12, 2024, MISGA Board Meeting were approved pending the correction of the addition of the MISGA Bylaw change to reduce the required number of Board meetings from three to two.

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 be made before the end of the year. Reminder of Sept 1 deadline was re-emphasized. Division headcount needs to be managed. Treasury report accepted as submitted.

The Division Reports were given as follows:

Div I (Tom Ciandella DD1) reported there has been some issues with getting sufficient #s for a couple mixers. Tom C. added that he has been notified that Hooper's Landing will cease to be a part of MISGA at EOY. Division will grant Hooper's Landing an accommodation to remain as a non-hosting club contingent on receipt of all fees.

Div II (Don Hoffmeyer delegate DD2)- reported that they lost Beaver Creek as a club due to small membership (9). The question of Winter's Run and Sparrows Point continuing in MISGA needs to be resolved. Subsequent to the meeting the Carl Lazar (Membership) has confirmed that both clubs will remain in MISGA for 2025.

Div IV - Paul Bate (MVP & DD4) - noted that things have been fine.

Div VI- Greg Morris (ADD6) -stated the division has seen fair growth from Fairway Hills & Northwest. Effective as of last week's Division 6 meeting, Greg has accepted the position of Division 6 Director.

Committee Reports:

Associates Report – Jake Jacobi – Close to final and in total down ~50 from 2023 w/ Division 1 down 40; Division 2 down 24; Division 4 down 56 with Norbeck's departure essentially 40 of those and Division 6 increased 73 with Fairway Hills up 40 and Northwest up 31. Mentioned that #s are somewhat questionable due to some associates being at multiple clubs. Tom Ciandella volunteered to take Jake's place as MISGA Associates Chair.

Audit – Jack Sullivan via Greg Morris 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. Two-person at Holly Hills 102 players, ABCD at Crofton 99 players. MISGA added funds were accounted for. Fall Frolic audit \$37,010 income vs \$37,010 expense.

General Counsel – Jim Ewalt absent, no report. Crofton CC member Wingard advice from Counsel noted. Crofton CC ultimately canceled Mr. Wingard's membership in MISGA.

Events – Pete Sorge –Virginia Beach Fall Frolic was held 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. Beaver Creek and Hooper's Landing are out of MISGA. Looking at the potential of Maryland National (subsequent to meeting Carl confirmed that Maryland National management has no interest in joining MISGA), Frog Hollow, Back Creek.

PP Ad Hoc – Report sent regarding Green Jacket Award which will be presented at the Annual Reps Meeting in March.

Policy & Planning – Replacement needed for Jake Jacobi. Committee met via Skype to formulate a proposal on division realignment as tasked multiple times at prior board meetings. Proposal was covered under Old Business.

Rules & Handicap – No Report.

MISGAGram– Jake Jacobi has volunteered to take on MISGAGram. Bob Hodges is retiring from the Board.

Tournaments – Greg Morris reported the Past President's ABCD Tournament Crofton CC and the MISGA 2-Player Team Championship were played on July 29 Holly Hills were held successfully. Attendance was 99 at ABCD and 102 at 2-man. Crofton will be hosting Past

President's ABCD again on June 16, 2025, and has committed to the same pricing as 2024 - \$110. Holly Hills will host the 2-Player Team Championship, date and pricing to be confirmed.

Webmaster – Ken Bacon – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Division Reallocation Proposal – Policy & Planning held a meeting and came up with two recommendations. Reallocate clubs to have three divisions with more even distribution of clubs and Associates. A very spirited discussion with trips down the parliamentary procedure lane was held. Motions were made and withdrawn, leading to no voting on the Proposal. A passionate plea was made to keep Division 2 as is by Tom Tarpley based on its history within MISGA. It will be up to Policy & Planning to address this situation in 2025.

There was an interesting discussion on optional lunches at mixers. National GC at Tantallon will experiment with the idea in 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Club annual report presented by Tom Ciandella noting that the number of mixers were down by 13 and the number of players was down by 594 2023 vs. 2024.

- Report requires one adjustment for Div IV Pro/AM and update for Div II whose report has not been provided.
- Although gross numbers were down, the average attendance at mixers was 58 a slight increase FROM 2023.

Committee Chairs were confirmed with Historian and Policy & Planning Chairs still vacant.

2025 BOD meeting and All Reps Meeting are set for March 25, 2025 at Prospect Bay.

The Board endorsed the 2025 budget presented by Treasurer Blair for approval at the Annual Meeting in March 2025.

Chuck Woods accepted Secretary position for 2025 election, and George Blair accepted the Treasurer position for 2025. Paul Bate ascended to President with the appropriate gavel passing moment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 by incoming President Bate.