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Attendees: Bob Turner, Will Hall, John Babyak, Wayne Stultz, Tom Taylor, Jim Wilcox, Dave Cook, Lloyd Stimson, Byron Keadle, Charlie Fieldhouse, Pete Sorge, Herb Hanson, Earl Gayler; Ken Wallgren, Dick Crone and C.J. Myers.

Call to Order - The MISGA President, Bob Turner, opened the 33rd Annual Club Reps Meeting at 9:30 A.M. He introduced Rich Anderson, the host from Prospect Bay who went over the administrative details of lunch and golf. Tom Taylor delivered the invocation.

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were published on the web site. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented on the website. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer did not attend the meeting. Bob Turner stated that MISGA is in good financial shape. Financial statements had previously been distributed by email. ([Treasurer's Report](#))

State of the Association - The association is in good shape. We have 62 clubs and about 4000 associates. Participation in some clubs is down. About 40% of our clubs showed an increase in participation last year. Last year's president said that one of his goals for the year was to increase participation. That should be our goal for the current year. We should try to encourage the seniors at our clubs that don't belong to MISGA to join. He mentioned that there will be some openings on the MISGA board next year. He mentioned the MISGA website and the fabulous job that Byron Keadle does in maintaining that site. The MISGA Handbook will no longer be printed and distributed; it is available on the website. We are looking for someone with Excel spreadsheet experience to train to become the Associates chairman (MAC).

Division Reports

Division I – Wayne Stultz, Assistant Division Director, said that all of their schedules are complete.

Division II – A report was distributed. Tom Taylor requested that all Division II reps that drove to the meeting, submit their mileage to John Wright so that they can get it reimbursed. Training is complete, Bear Creek is now called Westminster National, the pro-am is scheduled for August, the Stroke-play Championship and the two-man are scheduled for June. The 2008 Summer Frolic will be held at Carroll Valley on September 3rd and 4th. ([Div 2 Report](#))

Division III – Dave Cook, the Division Director, said that the Division 2-Man would be at Clearview. Following the Club Reps meeting, the Division III Club Reps met and agreed that as in years past the Division I and III ABCD qualifier would be held at Caroline CC on Tuesday, June 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Division IV – The Division Club Reps Meeting was well attended with 30 reps and assistant reps. The reps recommended that the ABCD qualifier be treated as the division ABCD championship. The Montgomery Country Club mixers will be held at Challedon in Mt. Airy until August. ([Div 4 Report](#))

Division V – Will Hall said they held their divisional kick-off meeting in March. Eight of the nine clubs in the division were represented at the meeting. The division lost one club, the Bay Club, but picked up a new one, the Beach Club, which promises to be a great addition. ([Div 5 Report](#))

Division VI – Division Director Lloyd Stimson e-mailed his Director's report to the BOD members and Committee Chairmen prior to the meeting. The Division held its annual training seminar on March 26th with 23 club reps and assistants attending. With the addition of Fairway Hills and Fort Meade, Division VI has increased its 2008 club membership level from 10 to 12 active clubs. Fairway Hills Club Reps Terry Coleman and Al Byrum and Fort Meade Club Rep Bill Dempsey were introduced. Tantallon Country Club has been renamed to Tantallon Resort and Club. The Club is now the exclusive golfing facility for the Gaylord Hotel of the new *National Harbor* complex of Washington, DC. ([Div 6 Report](#))

Committee Reports

Associates – Charlie stated that rosters are due on June 1st. All rosters have been updated to indicate those associates that have opted out of receiving the MISGAGRAM by mail.

Audit – Howard Taylor was not at the meeting. Bob reported that everything that is subject to audit has been audited. No significant discrepancies were discovered.

Counsel – Jim Ewalt was not at the meeting.

Historian – Mike Giuffrida did not attend the meeting.

Membership – Tom Taylor said that most of the things relative to membership had already been discussed; new clubs have been introduced, we lost the Bay Club but most of their members moved over to Bear Trap Dunes. We continue to show a decrease in membership. We lost fifty-six associates last year. We expect that to change this year with the addition of four new clubs. Some clubs are having problems maintaining their membership numbers. ([Report](#))

MISGAGRAM – Herb Hanson said that he has made some minor changes to the schedule for the MISGAGRAM (MG). This was done to better accommodate the announcement and printing of registration forms for the frolics and flings. We are trying to get costs down and we are still looking for more associates to opt-out of receiving the MG by mail. We will send an announcement via e-mail when the MG is available on the web. It currently costs about \$0.50 per copy to put the MG together and mail it. With the printing cost, it's about \$1.00 per copy. If anyone has anything of interest for the MG, send it to him via e-mail, preferably MS Word and JPEG files. Publish dates are April, July, September and December. There was a question about e-mailing the MG. Herb said that what goes to the printer is something called ImageMaker and the latest MG is about 7 MB. Not practical to e-mail something that big. Every issue is on the website. A discussion about MG options, including bulk rate to the clubs, followed. ([Report](#))

Policy and Planning – Earl Gaylor said that the only proposal that they are working on in the interest of trying to increase participation. We are looking at consolidating the ABCD and two-man finals in a more central area so that the people from the eastern and western reaches don't have so far to travel. In some cases it involves 3 1/2 hours of travel. We are looking at an area within 25 miles of the Bay Bridge although we may make some exceptions.

Rules & Handicaps – Dick Crone said that in December the Board passed a new tournament policy and the major feature is that if players did not post their 2007 championship tournament scores, they will not be eligible to play in the 2008 championships. Of the 220 associates that played in the championships last year, 90-92% of them posted their scores. Only about 16 associates did not post their scores. Those sixteen will receive packet, copied to their Division Director and Tournament Chairman notifying them that they are ineligible for the 2008 championships. Announcements were made in 2007 before the championship tournaments to the effect that if you did not post your score, you might not be eligible in 2008. In 2008, the championship tournament committee will be considering making players ineligible if they don't post their division championship scores. An article has been put in the April MG about posting of scores and significant rules changes. Two new rule changes for 2008 were discussed. ([Report](#))

Events – Pete Sorge said that we have five events. This year's Fall Frolics will be at Fripp Island and Amelia Island. Last year, the events sold out in two days. He has two certificates from Amelia Island for three days, two nights and two rounds of golf. The certificates are each worth about \$2,000.00. We will auction these off at the Spring Fling.

Tournament Chairman – C.J. Myers said that the 2008 Tournaments are set. The ABCD will be at Piney Branch in August and the two-man team event will be at Ocean Pines, also in August. This year, each of the tournament committees for the State Finals will be distributing a Rules of Play sheet to the participants. This sheet will have a statement about the posting of scores.

Website – Byron Keadle reported that most of the web site activity for the past year has been routine maintenance and new document additions. We recently implemented a MISGA-wide distribution system so that announcements go to the division directors who pass it on to the club reps who then pass it on to the associates in their clubs or post it on a club bulletin board. It is only used for important information. ([Report](#))

Old Business – None

New Business: First Tee - Will Hall discussed the First Tee Program. He recently recommended to the MISGA Board that MISGA participate in a charity benefit to support the First Tee Program. MISGA members would be asked to donate slightly used clubs and balls to be turned over to the fourteen golf courses and facilities throughout the MISGA market area. He discussed the details of the proposal, collection and distribution. Terry Coleman from Fairway Hills said that his club is the home of the First Tee program in Howard County. One of his responsibilities at Fairway Hills is to screen the clubs that they are donating. Ninety-five percent of the clubs are not acceptable and are recycled. Eighty percent of the kids in their program are 8-11 years old. They don't need senior clubs, what they need are left-handed clubs, girls clubs and kids clubs. They can use all of the balls that we can give them and cash is always good. Fairway hills runs about 450 kids through the program each year and they have a budget of \$100,000 per year. Bob asked for a show of hands to indicate whether or not we should proceed with the proposal. The reps felt that we should proceed.

New Business: Operation Second Chance – At the 2007 Club Reps meeting, the group supported a \$5,000 donation for this program. That money came from the MISGA Treasury. This year we decided to take a different approach, we still want to support the activity, but we

want to do it through voluntary donations instead of MISGA money. Operation Second Chance supports wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. It aids in the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded vets, their families and to facilitate the transition of these vets back into society. Tom Taylor spoke about the other services provided under this program. He discussed the golf tournament that was held last year 35-40 vets playing in this program. Charlie Fieldhouse will chair the fund drive. Charlie said that he has a goal of collecting \$6,000. He does not expect anyone to contribute if they don't want to. The VFW club sponsors this organization on their own. He sent a form letter out via the Directors explaining why the associates might be interested in supporting this effort. He would like the donations as soon as possible or at least by September 1st. Charlie started off the drive with \$100 and Bob Turner matched it. Ralph Starkey spoke about the vets that played in the golf outing and said that at the Division IV Christmas Party, one of the vets that played presented him with a flag signed by most of the vets that played. He suggested that since Tom Tarpley was so involved in the golf event that maybe the flag should be given to Tom. Some discussion followed.

New Business: Division I Pro-am. – Bob Spicher from Cripple Creek C.C. said that his club would be hosting a pro-am in October. They are inviting all of the clubs that are on the 2008 Cripple Creek schedule.

Spring Fling in Williamsburg – Dick Dale said that there are 98 golfers and 25 non-golfing ladies registered for the event.

There was a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

2007 ACTUALS and 2008 MISGA BUDGET				
	<u>Category Description</u>	<u>Actuals for</u>	<u>2008</u>	
		<u>2007</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
INCOME				
	ASSOCIATES DUES	39,890	41,000	
	CLUB DUES	2,900	3,100	
	EVENTS REVENUE	0	0	
	INTEREST -- Gifted CD	262	179	
	INTEREST -- SAVINGS,CDs	374	840	
	TOTAL INCOME	43,426	45,119	
EXPENSES				
	BOARD MEETINGS	0	200	
	BUSINESS INSURANCE	2,791	2,931	
	BUSINESS SUPPLIES	868	473	
	COMPUTER/TELEPHONE	0	25	
	COMPUTER SERVICES	115	121	
	DIVISION OPERATIONS	3,639	7,060	
	DONATIONS	5,000	0	
	MAILING & POSTAGE	160	168	
	MISGAGRAM	17,520	13,120	
	PRINTING	3,621	802	
	TOURNAMENTS	640	640	
	TRAVEL	3,754	3,910	
	TROPHIES & AWARDS	1,705	1,790	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	39,813	31,240	
	INCOME LESS EXPENSES	3,613	13,879	
	Funds available at end of 2007 *		27,939	
	Projected funds at end of 2008 *		41,818	
	* includes Gifted Certificate of Deposit for tournaments (\$6,001 as of 3/19/08)			

Directors Report
April 7, 2008
Prospect Bay

The Div. II Annual Spring training session and meeting was held last month at Quail Valley Golf Club and was well attended,

Bear Creek Golf Club has had its name changed to Westminster National after being closed for three months for course renovations.

The Div. II pro am is scheduled for August 25, 2008 @ Holly Hills

The Div II Stroke Play Championship is scheduled for June 16th at Rattlewood Golf Club and the Divisions Two Man Tournament is scheduled for June 23rd at Beaver Creek.

The Summer Frolic is planed for Sept. 3rd and 4th at Carroll Valley. All information and entry forms are on the web site.

All clubs report that they are ready for the season.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Taylor
Director, Division II

MISGA ANNUAL CLUB REPS MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2008

Prospect Bay Country Club

Division IV Director's Report

1. Division IV held its club reps meeting on March 25 at Lakewood Country Club. It was attended by 30 reps and assistants.
2. The reps unanimously recommended that the ABCD Past Presidents qualifier be treated as the Division IV ABCD Championship.
3. Montgomery Country Club mixers will be held at Challedon while Montgomery is closed for renovation.
4. As of April 2 only two clubs had not paid their club dues.
5. Schedule of tournaments for 2008.

Past Presidents ABCD qualifier	June 24	at Challedon
Past Presidents final	August 4	at Piney Branch
Two-man qualifier	July 8	at Argyle
Two-man final	August 14	at Ocean Pines
Pro-am	October 14	at Breton Woods

Submitted by:
Robert Turner
Division IV Director

Division V Director's Report

April 7, 2008

Prospect Bay Country Club

Division V held its kick-off divisional meeting for the 2008 MISGA golf season on Monday, March 10th at the Elks Golf Club in Salisbury. Steve Neal, Assistant Director was in charge of the meeting in the absence of Will Hall who could not attend due to his wife's health problems.

Eight of the nine clubs that compose Division V were represented at the meeting with a wide range of discussions taking place and plans being made for a successful year.

This year's 2-Man Best Ball qualifier will take place on June 10th, hosted by Ocean City Golf Club. The ABDC qualifier is scheduled for June 12th at Green Hill Yacht & Country Club. On August 14th, Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club is honored to be the host club for MISGA's Two-Man Best Ball Final.

Division V will be able to continue with its present membership of nine clubs participating in 2008. After losing The Bay Club as a member club, the addition of The Beach Club promises to be a welcomed addition to MISGA's Eastern Shore mixer activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Hall

Director, Division V

MISGA ANNUAL CLUB REPS MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2008 - Prospect Bay Country Club

Division VI - Director's Report

1. On Wednesday, March 26, Division VI held its 2008 *Club Reps Meeting (Training Seminar)* at Tantallon Resort & Club. 23 club reps and assistants attended.
2. Ten of the 12 Division VI clubs have paid their annual MISGA "club dues."
3. The Division VI clubs are looking forward to playing in mixers at the newly added clubs of **Fairway Hills** and **Fort Meade**.
4. **Division VI - 2008 Qualifier Tournaments**

Div Qualifiers	Location	Date	Rain Date	Tee Time
ABCD	Tantallon	Wed - June 4, 2008	Wed - June 11, 2008	9:00 am shotgun
2-Man Team	Univ of MD	Tues - June 17, 2008	Tues - June 24, 2008	1:30 pm shotgun

5. Tantallon Country Club has been renamed. It is now named **Tantallon Resort & Club**. The name change reflects Tantallon's (*owned by Fore Golf Associates*) contractual agreement with the Gaylord Hotel located at the new National Harbor complex in nearby Oxon Hill, MD. Tantallon will host the golf outings associated with conventions held at the Gaylord Hotel. Rumor has it that Gaylord has guaranteed Tantallon 13,000 rounds of golf during the golfing season.

Prepared by:

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Lloyd Stimson
Division VI - Director

Membership Committee Report
Prospect Bay
April 7, 2008

2007

New Clubs: Bear Trap Dunes – Div. 5
Beach Club – Div. 5
Fairway Hills – Div. 6
Ft. Meade – Div. 6

These clubs will be holding their first mixers in 2008

Lost Clubs: The Bay Club – Div. 5 (most members have moved their membership to their sister course, Bear Trap Dunes)

We are showing a continued decrease in membership having lost 56 members in 2007. We should show an increase in 2008 with the addition of the new clubs. Divisions 3, 4, and 6 did show a nice increase in 2007. Although we have several clubs with problems, they are taking action to increase their membership. The Division Directors have been provided with a sample letter which may be used by all clubs in their recruitment of new members.

**MISGA Board Meeting
07 April 2008
Prospect Bay C. C.**

MISGAgram Report

The approved proof-copy of the April 2008 issue (Vol. 91) of the MISGAgram has been returned to the printer. It is expected that Vol. 91 of the 'gram should be ready for mailing about the 10th or 11th of April. This particular issue has sixteen (16) pages and includes the information pages and registration forms for *Carroll Valley Resort*, *Amelia Island Plantation* and *Fripp Island Resort*. The mailing and printing costs for this issue are not yet known, but are expected to be higher than normal because of weight of each copy and the cost of expanding the initial 10-page version to 16 pages.

One of the primary missions of the MISGAgram, which is published four times per year, is to provide information to the Associates about the away events (frolics, flings, etc.) that are sponsored by MISGA. The 'gram is the primary vehicle for providing descriptions and registration forms for these events. In addition, the 'gram provides information and reminders about handicaps, posting of scores, and rules-of-the-game. Announcement of the MISGA tournaments and the results of the tournaments also are reported in the MISGAgram along with other news of general interest.

The four major away events sponsored by MISGA each year are usually, but not always, at the same locations and about the same time of year. The months in which these events occur are **February, May, September** and **November**. These events require contracts that are negotiated over periods of two weeks to over two months. Typically, the lead-time required for contracting a particular venue is seven to ten months. Sometimes, but not always, a deposit is required to hold the event dates. The event descriptions and the registration forms cannot be published in the 'gram until after the contract has been agreed but must be published early enough to permit planning by Associates and to hopefully obtain sufficient monies from early registration to cover any required deposit. Finally, each contracted venue requires a minimum of two printed pages for the description and registration form. The fall event (November) uses two independent venues and requires four printed pages.

Based upon the above and with the objective of minimizing the total cost of each issue, the following schedule and content is proposed for the MISGAgram:

- **April** (mid-month): descriptions and forms for the fall event (**Nov**); summary report/article of the winter event; general announcement of the summer event; reminders/articles about handicaps, score posting, etc.;
- **July** (early-month): descriptions and forms for summer event (**Sept**); report/article about the spring event; reminder of the fall event;
- **September** (end of month); description and form for the winter event (**Feb**); reminder of the fall event (notice, if sold out); report of winners of the MISGA tournaments; reminder of score-posting requirement for snowbirds;
- **December** (early to mid-month): description and forms for spring event (**May**); report/article for the summer event; reminder of the winter event; reminder about posting scores for events.

Report of the MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee
to the Board and Officers of MISGA
for the MISGA Board Meeting
and Annual Reps Meeting
at Prospect Bay
on April 7, 2007

Committee Activities in 2007

Monitored MISGA Tournament Score Postings and Urged Board Action

Because the Committee had found a poor posting record for one Division's Tournament scores in 2006, the Committee had announcements made at both 2007 MISGA Championship Tournaments, stating the requirement for timely posting of those scores and warning that Associates who fail to timely post 2007 Championship Tournament scores might not be eligible to participate in Championship Tournaments in 2008. The Committee then monitored score postings for the MISGA Championship Tournaments, and found that more than 90 percent of the Championship participants posted their scores.

The Committee then urged the Board to resolve that Associates who did not timely post a 2007 Championship Tournament score would be ineligible for the 2008 Championships. The Policy and Planning Committee refined the proposal, which was approved by the Board at its December 4 meeting. This Tournament Policy will also cover future years' Championships, and can be found on the MISGA website under "Guidelines".

Continue to develop Informal MISGA Handicap Contacts - Exchange Information

The Committee continued to develop MISGA handicap contacts at all MISGA clubs, to facilitate the dissemination and exchange of rules and handicap information and issues with and between MISGA clubs.

Committee Activities in 2008

Notification of Associates Ineligible to Participate in the 2008 MISGA Championships

In accordance with the Board's decision at its March 19 meeting, the Associates ineligible to participate in the 2008 MISGA Championships will be notified by letter from the Rules and Handicap Chairman. The notification letter will include the relevant Championship score information, the Associate's Golfnet scoring record, the contact information for the Rules and Handicap Chairman, and contact information for the 2008 Championship Tournament Competition Committees, which are to be the final arbiters of the Associates' eligibility to participate in the 2008 Championship Tournaments.

Expand Monitoring of Tournament Score Postings - Consider Possible Sanctions

The Handicap Committee will inform the Division Tournament Chairmen of the responsibility of the Division Tournament Competition Committees, under the Board-passed Tournament Policy, to consider making ineligible for participation in the Division Tournaments those Associates who did not timely post their 2007 Championship Tournament scores.

The Handicap Committee will monitor Associates' score postings in the Division Tournaments and inform the Championship Tournament Competition Committees of the

responsibility of the Division Tournament Competition Committees, under the Board-passed Tournament Policy, to consider making ineligible for participation in the 2008 Championship Tournaments those Associates who did not timely post their 2008 Division Tournament scores.

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MISGAgram Article regarding Score Posting and Rules Changes

The April 2008 MISGAgram article, prepared by the Committee Chairman, will cover the topics of: posting southern scores, posting scores via the Internet, and posting MISGA tournament scores (including the newly established championship tournament eligibility policy), and the more important 2008 Rules changes.

Inform Membership regarding USGA Rules of Golf Changes for 2008

The Committee plans to distribute summaries of the more important 2008 Rules changes, via the Webmaster's all-Associates email distribution system.

The most notable change, which will affect most golfers, allows the lifting of a ball in a hazard to identify it (formerly prohibited under section 12-2).

Address Handicap Issues Raised to the Committee

The Committee will continue to address rules and handicap issues identified by or presented to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Crone
Chairman, MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee

Cc: MISGA Handicap Committee Members (Division Handicap Chairmen)
C.J. Myers, MISGA Tournament Chairman

**MISGA Annual Meeting
April 7, 2008
Prospect Bay
Web Site Report**

It has been a fairly uneventful year for the web site. Activity has settled down to routine maintenance and new document additions. Consequently, there is nothing of significance to report.

Byron W. Keadle
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MISGA Web Chairman