

**Attendees:** Tom Taylor, Ralph Starkey, John Babyak, Dick Schwinger, Howard Taylor, Dave Woodward, Bert Bigelow, Jim Wilcox, Mike Urquhart, Steve Neal, Ted Ifft, Carl Lazar, Pete Sorge, Earl Gayler, Byron Keadle, Tom Tarpley, Dick Crone, Lloyd Stimson and Errol Myers.

**Call to Order** – The MISGA President Tom Taylor opened the meeting at 09:30 A.M. He welcomed everyone and thanked Bert Bigelow, the Prospect Bay Club Rep, for making the arrangements for the meeting. Bert said that 70 associates signed up to play golf. Lunch would be at 11:15 followed by golf at 12:00.

**Opening Remarks** - Tom Taylor introduced the Past Presidents that were in attendance at the meeting: C.J. Myers(1997), Tom Tarpley(2006), Ralph Starkey(2007), Byron Keadle(2009) and Howard Taylor(2010). Tom had all of the attendees introduce themselves and state their club affiliations or positions on the Board. There are three new clubs that have joined MISGA for 2011: Fountain Head in Hagerstown, Garrison Lakes and Cross Creek. Club Dues for 2011 are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**State of MISGA** – Tom Taylor said that of January 1<sup>st</sup>, there were 67 MISGA clubs with 3676 associates. This is, for the first time since 2001, that we have increased our membership. In 2001, there were 57 MISGA clubs and 4834 associates. The Beach Club from Division V has left MISGA. Participation in mixers increased in 2010, there were 400 mixers with an average of 59 associates and MISGA bought in over \$900,000 dollars for the clubs. Attendance is low at the frolics, but the 2011 Spring Frolic registrations are up compared to 2010.

**Vice-President's Report** – Ralph Starkey is running a raffle for a stay at Amelia Island. Tickets are five dollars apiece and six for twenty dollars. The raffle would be held at the end of the meeting.

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting were published on the web site. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented on the website. The minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dick Schwinger was not at the meeting. MISGA is solvent and we have about \$31,000 in the various accounts.

### **Committee Reports**

**Associates** – Charlie Fieldhouse was not at the meeting. Rosters and associates dues are due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues is \$5 per associate, per club. Rosters should be sent in via computer, not hand-written, if possible. The Division Directors should send leadership rosters to him for all of the clubs.

**Audit** – Gary Sorrell was not at the meeting.

**Legal** – Jim Ewalt was not at the meeting.

**Policy & Planning** – Bob Turner was not at the meeting.

**MISGAGRAM** – Byron Keadle said that when we mailed the MISGAGRAM, we sent a copy to the General Managers at each of the clubs. Now that the MISGAGRAM is sent out via e-mail, it is the responsibility of the club reps to show the general managers how to download a copy.

**PP AD HOC** – Tom Tarpley reported that Byron Keadle had received the Green Jacket Award for his contributions to MISGA. This award was presented to Byron at Manor Country Club as part of the Division IV Christmas Luncheon in 2010.

**Rules and Handicap** – Dick Crone discussed the procedure picking up a ball when a player's score would not count toward a team score. The posted score shouldn't be an "X", it should be the most probable score that a player would get if the ball had not picked up.

**Tournament Chairman** – Lloyd Stimson thanked Errol Myers for the job he has done with the MISGA website. If an associate wants to know something about the two-man or ABCD tournaments, he should go to the website for the information. Flyers for those two tournaments are on the website. The two-man team finals are at Rolling Road and the ABCD final is at Maple Dale. Women associates will have a choice of which tees they play from. They will receive a stroke adjustment if they choose the senior tees rather than the women's tees. Both tournament venues will allow practice rounds as part of a mixer at that club.

**Web** – Errol Myers reported that the website has been updated to make it easier to navigate. He distributed update cards to the Division Directors so that the club rep[s could verify or update the club information. Tom Taylor encouraged all of the club reps to look at the website.

**Spring Fling** – Dick Dale gave a little background information on the Spring Frolic. He has been trying to emphasize that non-golfing wives of associates are welcome at the Frolic, the frolic is not only for golfing couples. The committee is trying to make sure that the non-golfers have something to do while they are in Williamsburg. They had 14 non-golfing women at the first Williamsburg fling and in 2011, they have 29 signed up. The committee will provide a lunch for this group on the first day of the event. Housing for attendees will not be provided and there will be only one joint meal. They are trying to keep the costs low for the event. Golf will be played at Kingmill, the Gold Course at Golden Horseshoe and Fords Colony. There are 80 golfers signed up.

**Awards** – Tom Taylor presented awards to members of the Board for past service: Howard Taylor, MISGA President in 2010, Earl Gayler, Policy & Planning Chairman from 2008 to 2010, and Byron Keadle, member of the Board of Directors from 2007 to 2010.

**Events** – Pete Sorge said that the 2011 Fall Frolics will be held on October 30 at Seabrook and November 6<sup>th</sup> at Village by the Sea on Jekyll Island. The frolics are back-to-back because 34% of the associates attend both events. We check in on Sunday and leave after breakfast on Friday. The cost will depend on the type of accommodations selected by the associate. Jekyll Island will be cheaper. The Summer Frolic will be in September 14-15 at Carroll Valley. The forms for the events will be online at the end of April.

## **Old Business**

**Pace of Play** – One of the items mentioned in the minutes from the last meeting was the problem of the pace of play at mixers. Many years ago Dave Roth, a member at Norbeck C.C., gave a report at a Division IV meeting on pace of play. That report will be published on the website and in the June issue of the Misgagram. Mike Urquhart, the Assistant Division Director for Division IV, has prepared a paper on instructions for mixers. That will also be on the website and in the Misgagram.

## **New Business**

**Recruitment of New Members** – Information was sent out to the Division Directors and they were asked to send it to their clubs. Will Hall, with a budget of \$200, put together an advertising promotion to try to recruit additional MISGA associates. He produced a flyer and information sheets to be placed on bulletin boards or in the men's or women's locker rooms. The forms can and should be customized, club name, fees, etc. for each of the clubs. The forms are online.

**Non-member Guests** – Can a non-MISGA-member be invited to play in a mixer. The answer was that they could play on a space available basis.

**Mixers** – A club rep wanted to know about scheduling mixers at different clubs as a method of recruiting and would like to play some new clubs every year. He would like to be able to know which clubs are having less than capacity mixers. Tom asked for, and received, a volunteer to make a list of clubs that would be willing to take additional clubs at mixers. There was a discussion about the Eastern Shore mixer matrix and other recruitment ideas.

**Additional Recruitment Comments** – Different ideas like lowering fees for older members, having the clubs send info to all 50+ age members, email of info sheets and stressing that associates are not required to play every week were discussed.

**Wrap-up** – The next meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> at Carroll Valley. There was a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.