

Attendees: Ralph Starkey, Mike Urquhart, John Babyak, Dick Schwinger, Howard Taylor, Tom Tarpley, Bert Bigelow, Ted Ifft, Carl Lazar, Jim Wilcox, Pete Sorge, Tom Taylor, Byron Keadle, Bob Turner, Dick Crone, Lloyd Stimson and Errol Myers.

Club Rep – Bert Bigelow welcomed all of the attendees to Prospect Bay. The agenda for the day: an hour and a half meeting, followed by lunch, followed by golf at about 12 o'clock. We have about 60 golfers.

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the April 11, 2011 Annual Reps Meeting were published on the web site. The minutes were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Schwinger was happy that all of the clubs had paid their \$50 club dues. The new system is working. We have a balance is \$30,931.92 with all bills paid. He is distributing the second Division Allotment checks. The federal mileage has been changed to \$0.55 per mile. Associates Dues will also go through the Division Directors. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Division Director's Reports

Division I – Howard Taylor said that he would like to make some comments about Shawnee. Shawnee is up and operating and they do have a full schedule for this year.

Division III – Bert Bigelow said that Hunters Oak was put up for auction last year and a couple bought it and said they would continue to run the course but at this time, they are not open. They have not rejoined MISGA.

Division VI – Ted Ifft said that the new rep from Compass Pointe was at the meeting. Larry Bowen, the asst rep from Compass Pointe introduced himself. There was a question about the status of Ft. Meade. Ft. Meade will be closing on May 1st. They are an active club and have a full schedule. They have contacted the clubs on their schedule and informed them that they cannot host them at Ft. Meade. All of the clubs agreed that that is O.K. They have 60 members signed up with Ft, Meade.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Events – Pete Sorge said that he and Tom Taylor have been working on the Summer Frolic. We have a contract and will make a decision in the next two weeks. He is negotiating with Heritage Hills in Pennsylvania but has not been able to get a contract that makes sense. He will give it one more week. As far as the Fall Frolics, we have had declining attendance. He has a contract from Fripp Island, and we will definitely be going there. He is negotiating with Little River, in N.C., and is waiting for a contract from them. If we can't work out a contract, we will only have one event. If we go to Little River, we would go on October 28th. On Nov 4th, we would go to Fripp. If we can't negotiate a contract with Little River, We would go to Fripp on Oct 28th.

Membership – Tom Taylor looked at the membership report and since 2004, we have gained 14 clubs. Unfortunately, over that same period, we have lost 644 members. This year, we know of we are losing four clubs; Nassawango, the VFW, Ft. Meade and Hunters Oak. Ft. Meade will still be operating this year. Most of the members from those clubs have gone to other clubs.

Tournament Chairman – Lloyd Stimson said that the tournament schedule is on the website. The ABCD is at Talbot on August 13th and that Two-man is at Norbeck on Sept 6th. Division qualifiers are also on the website. We had a number of revisions to the guidelines at the summer Board meeting. Those revisions are also on the website. The playing fields for the tournaments have been reduced to 100 for the ABCD and 50 couples for the Two-man.

Associates – Charlie Fieldhouse said that there was a new proposal last year about the collection of dues. Apparently the club dues collection went well. Associates dues will be collected the same way. There will be one check per division.

Rules and Handicap – Dick Crone said that this year, the USGA and the R&A revised the rules and they will be in effect through 2015. There was a rules article in the March Misgagram. All of the clubs in America should be re-licensed to give out handicaps. Dick discussed how to check this on the websites. If a club has not been re-licensed, no one at that club has a handicap and they will all have to play at scratch. Dick discussed three of the rules changes. In a discussion about the movement of stones in bunkers, it was clarified that the Rules do not allow that, but that a club may establish a local rule which would allow it. If the club determines that stones in bunkers would create a danger to players and wants to establish a local rule, the local rule (Appendix I, sec. 5) should merely say: "Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies.)"

Spring Fling – Dick Dale spoke about the Spring Fling. As far as attendance, since we moved from Ocean City to Williamsburg, in 2008 we had 96 golfers, in 2009 we had 67, in 2010 we had 77 and in 2011 we had 83. This year, we are up to 95. We are trying to operate differently than the other Flings, we have tried to keep the cost down. We only have one joint meal scheduled. This year we will play at Golden Horseshoe and two events at Kingsmill. The golfers get their own lodging. There is a luncheon for the non-golfing ladies on Tuesday at Kingsmill. Currently, there are 25 non-golfing ladies.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Tee it Forward – Mike Urquhart discussed the concept that the USGA is pushing. The idea is to play from forward tees to make the game more enjoyable. Div IV will be implementing this. At Kenwood, we will setup from the forward tees and give people the option of moving to the back tees. A discussion followed. Dick Crone said that he would put out an e-mail in the next few weeks discussing how to use different tees.

Communication – Dick Dale asked if the Board has given any consideration to setting up a training course for all of the reps on how to forward these global communications. It was pointed out that this information is on the website. We have to get the reps to read it. In Div I, when a rep sends info out, he also sends info to the Division Director so the DD knows the info went out.

Legal Counsel – The MISGA Legal Counsel has resigned. We need a lawyer to take this position.

Awards – Ralph Starkey presented awards to certain members for their service to the Board. These awards were clocks with a plate identifying their service. The awards were presented to Jim Wilcox, a past Division director, to Gary Sorrell, a past auditor and Steve Neal, a past Division Director. A larger clock was presented to Tom Taylor.

Wrap-up – The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.