

**Attendees:** Jim Beisler, Earl Gentry, John Babyak, Frank Tighe, Ian Sumner, Mike Mason, Carl Lazar, Mike Urquhart, Jim Wilcox, Tom Taylor, Byron Keadle, Tom Tarpley, Bob Brewer, Lloyd Stimson, Errol Myers, Howard Taylor, Dick Dale, C.J. Myers.

**Introduction** – Frank Tighe, club rep at Prospect Bay, got missing handicap info for those who would play and discussed lunch. There were 16 to 20 additional associates who would have lunch but did not sign up previously. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**President** – Jim Beisler said that he was going to make the meeting as painless and as quick as possible. In his first message, in the MISGAGRAM, he said that we need to start paying attention to the ideas from the club representatives. This meeting would be a good time to present ideas, they would not be acted upon today but they would be presented at future meetings.

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes from the previous annual meeting were not available due to a medical absence by the secretary at that meeting. John Babyak did state that the minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting were on the website. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dick Schwinger was not at the meeting. John Babyak presented the Treasurer's report from the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. One of the reports Dick Submitted showed how much money that we had in the bank, \$34,056. All accounts have been audited and all bills have been paid. The budget for 2014 shows an increase of 3% in expense and shows a deficit of \$1855. That is for 3200 members and 59 clubs. In 2011 we had a surplus of \$1300 and in 2012 we had a surplus of \$600. A question was raised if anyone saw a need to raise the five dollar dues to something other than five dollars. That would be discussed in the future. The budget and division allocations were approved at the March meeting.

**Vice Presidents Report** – Earl said that at the December board meeting Jim and Carl Lazar walked up to him and said that "you are the new Vice-President of MISGA". He said that he didn't have a chance to vote. They explained the process to him and he agreed to take the job. He introduced the new club rep, Ed Boxwood, at Cross Creek. He wanted the club reps from Division VI to introduce themselves to Ed.

### **Division Director's Reports**

**Division I** – Joe Baily was not at the meeting. Howard Taylor mentioned the Spring Fling which would be on the 13-15 of May in Williamsburg. He has 72 people signed up plus 20 non-golfers. Applications will be closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Jim Beisler said that we have a continuing issue with a communication problem in MISGA. We talk about things like Flings at mixers and it seems no one knows anything about them. We have a very good website at [www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org) that has all kinds of information. It has all of the Fling info, all of the leadership info, the courses and how to get to them. Please encourage your associates to use the site.

**Division II** – Tom Taylor said that he would like to remind everyone about the Summer Frolic. It will be on September 10 and 11 in Gettysburg, PA. Tom Tarpley said the on August 4<sup>th</sup>, Division II will host a Pro-am at Holly Hills and the cost will be \$100. Bob Brewer said that there was an agreement that all of the clubs would send information to other clubs in the division about what tees they would play for MISGA and if they allow associates to play from other tees. It would be helpful in the long run that people would understand what the rules are and what tees you would be playing from.

**Division III** – Frank Tighe said that last year the division had no staff but this year the club reps got together and they now have a full division staff. The problem is that they have no MISGA experience. So any help, advice or criticism will be gladly accepted. They did decide this year that each of the clubs would try to hold a mixer with all of the other division clubs. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, all of the Division III clubs will be playing at Prospect Bay.

**Division IV** – Gary Manion was not at the meeting. It was suggested that we standardize the confirmation letters for mixers. The clubs get the information in a lot of different ways. At Hobbits Glen, the clubhouse is gone so they are working on a way to feed associates.

**Division V** – Mike Mason said that the division had a meeting on April 1 and they decided to put an information sheet on every cart at each mixer which will list all of the flings, the dates, all of the tournaments, when and where. They felt if people keep seeing the info, they won't forget it.

**Division VI** – Greg Morris from Tantallon will be the new Asst Div Director. This is Carl Lazar's last year on the board and he said that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone. He suggested that we have a way from the web page to print a one page document that has all of the events listed. It was pointed out that Stim has done a wonderful job of putting out info on the tournaments.

### **Committee Chairmen Reports**

**Associates** – Mike Urquhart said that he's been changing the reporting procedures this year. He handed out a chart that shows each club and how many associates are paid up. This is the only data that he intends to keep. He's not going to keep names, phone numbers and addresses because at the state level, he doesn't use that data. Maybe the divisions need that info and the reps probably want it at the club level. The only thing he needs is how many associates are paid at each club. Reps will still send checks for club dues and associates dues to the division associates chairman and they will forward them to the Treasurer. Mal Petersen said that they had a problem last year at the two-man team event. They had two people, identical names and different handicaps. They made the error at the club but they had no way of knowing it. It requires every division tournament director to make sure that the list for the tournament is complete so we don't have confusion over names. Every division tournament director has to make sure that the list of participants is complete. What we need for the tournaments is whole information, names, handicaps and telephone numbers. Someone said that if you go to the MSGA website to check handicaps, even with the same names, you can check club affiliation. Mal said that they didn't have club affiliation, it wasn't sent in. Mike said that the problem is solved by making sure that when the divisions send in the names of the people who qualified for the tournament, they include all of the proper information. Jim Beisler asked if we have a standardized approach to what data ought to be collected. Howard Taylor said that had that information last year but MISGA is doing away with it. What they are doing in Division I is are collecting info on each associate in the division. They don't need club number or associate ID. The DACs need the info, especially the e-mail addresses so that the club rep can send out the info for the MISGAGRAM. Howard thinks that we need a standardized system and need to consolidate the info that was on the old reports. We need names and whether or not the person is a female. He thinks it's important to have the address, phone number and e-mail address. It was also suggested that we include club number. Mike said that he needs to get together with the division associates chairmen and come up with a standardized report.

**Auditor** – Jim Wilcox said that all of the 2013 material for the tournaments and flings has been turned in. In order to do a good audit, he needs all of the notes and everything about the event. Last year, at times all he received was a cover sheet.

**Events** – Pete Sorge was not at the meeting. John Babyak presented Pete's notes from the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. For the Fall frolic, Pete is trying for October 26<sup>th</sup>. That would be a Sunday through Friday morning. He has four possibilities. He has a contract from Jekyll Island but he has not signed it yet. He has talked with Little River in the Pinehurst area but he has not received a contract yet. His other two choices are Seabrook and Fripp Island. He hopes to have everything resolved by the end of April or the first week in May. He is open to suggestions.

**Historian** – Earl Gaylor was not at the meeting.

**Membership** – Tom Taylor had no report. He did say that we have 3200 members. Jim Beisler said that we have contacted a number of clubs about joining MISGA but received no responses.

**MISGAGRAM** – No report.

**Rules and Handicaps** – Bob Brewer mentioned that he is taking the job over from Dick Crone and has sent out a report. He went to a USGA handicap Seminar. It is required that some one from each club take this seminar as a requirement for USGA licensing. You can take this seminar on-line. One of the things he needs to learn is how handicap committees work. At the March MISGA board meeting, we agreed that MISGA endorses the 90-95% handicap allowance for all of the mixers. It was pointed out that there are articles in the MISGAGRAM explaining the handicap allowances from different tees. Club pros have told Bob that MISGA never tells them that they have to compute handicaps a certain way. There was a discussion about the 90-95% policy, ESC and posting of scores. He asked if everyone had seen his report, MISGA 101. Most reps had seen it but the info did not get sent to all of the associates.

**Tournament Chairman** – Lloyd Stimson sent out a report via e-mail. The ABCD tournament will be on August 11 at Wild Quail and the Two-Man will be on August 7 at Norbeck and the entry fee for both tournaments is going to \$100. The allocations for each tournament are on the website. The schedules for all of the qualifiers are also on the website. The flyers for the ABCD and Two-Man are almost ready, we just need approval from the clubs. We had an orientation meeting to discuss everything at Wild Quail but have not had one at Norbeck.

**Web Master** – Errol Myers said he's getting ready for the start of the season He has been receiving information updates. He would like everyone to check the info on their clubs, costs, tee times, etc. If anyone has information that they want to go to their local members, Errol will put a link to a document with any info that you want. It was also suggested that some of the divisions want division-wide scheduling of mixers. If a division wants to put that info into a document, Errol will put that on that division's web-page. There was a discussion about the Golfnet.com website. Go to MSGA.network.org website to post scores.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – Mike Urtquhart said that he and Pete Sorge were contacted by the Maryland Senior Olympics organization. They would like our help in promoting their golf event. They asked if we would co-sponsor or publicize their event. If we did that, they would publicize our organization in their literature. He thought it would be a good idea. Jim Beisler felt that we could help them publicize their event. There was a comment about wearing of hats indoors at MISGA events. Tom Tarpley presented a green jacket to Lloyd Stimson for his outstanding service and dedication to MISGA. Tom gave a rundown of Lloyd's accomplishments.

**Wrap-up** – The next meeting was adjourned at 11:20.