

## MISGA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING- APRIL 2, 2018 PROSPECT BAY

ATTENDEES: Attached.

### PRESIDENT'S NOTES- Greg Morris

It is an interesting time for MISGA. We have an ever-descending population of courses and golfers. We are now down from 6 to 4 divisions and down a 1000 people. MISGA has been around since the 70s. Original concept was congeniality among various golf clubs and senior golfers. We currently have vacancies as a result of people leaving. It is important that these positions be filled. We have 8 voting board members and a number of other nonvoting positions. Greg encouraged participation from the membership in filling these vacancies. Let Greg know if you have an interest.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT –Greg Morris

Greg Morris asked for any changes to the minutes for April 22, 2017 meeting, which were sent by e-mail to all board members and clubs. None were suggested. Minutes were approved without change by a unanimous YEA vote of those present.

### TREASURER'S REPORT- Dick Schwinger

\$4313 in checking; \$4485 in savings. Received \$50 dues from Div I. All bills are paid. The first of three budget payments for the divisions will go out this week.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-Mal Peterson

VP kidded about the fact that the VP has one responsibility for MISGA: providing awards for outgoing officers. Awards were procured and available for distribution. Greg Morris: Jim Wilcox, Immediate Past President, will receive a present from the Board: a clock. The other outgoing members including Byron Keadle historian and Bob Brewer handicap chair, both of whom were present, will get an attractive paperweight.

## **DIVISION DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

### DIVISION I- Mal Peterson

Div I has been truncated due to loss of clubs. We are looking to get some other clubs as part of the division. Delaware clubs that might be eligible have their own system of mixers, which doesn't include a lunch. Div I has a full schedule. Bob Hodges is asst. director.

### DIVISION II

Director not present. Eagles Nest club added to Div II.

### DIVISION IV- Wayne Rowland

Nothing to say regarding the Division. Question: Does DIV IV do qualifiers? Yes, DIV IV does qualifiers.

DIVISION VI- Greg Morris.

DIV VI lost the Bowie club. Gary Rottman had been the long-term rep. at Bowie. No one wanted to take over as rep., despite the fact that they had 30+ members. Woodmore is now a member of Div VI. Woodmore has over 70 members, many of whom are women. The management team at Woodmore is very supportive of MISGA. Patuxent Greens is still in operation as a golf course despite being sold. Div VI has a strong group of clubs. DIV VI is the largest Division in terms of members.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS**

ASSOCIATES- Jim Wilcox not present. Greg urged getting in \$50 fee from each club as soon as possible.

AUDIT- Not present. Everything ok from the last audit.

COUNSEL- Jim Ewalt - Nothing to report, which is good news.

EVENTS- Pete Sorge not here due to knee surgery. He is doing well. Jack Sullivan gave the report. All four events for this year are on. Spring – Williamsburg. This is limited to 72 golfers. Three courses will be played. Info is on MISGA.org. Look at the website for details. Summer frolic in September will be at Liberty Mountain. Tom Taylor is running that. Fall Frolic- Contract arrangements are underway. Either Jeckyl or Seabrook Island will be the location. It will be at the end of October. Winter fling is at Crystal River, FL. There will be 4 days of golf and a one-day break in between. We will crown a MISGA champion for the Crystal River fling. We already have 23 responses for the March 3-9, 2019 event at Crystal River.

HISTORIAN- Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP- Carl Lazar

Good news- 3 clubs added including Woodmore , Eagles Nest, and Waldon. Eagles Nest is an interesting course on the north side of Baltimore that includes an uphill par 3 that requires a driver to get to the green. We lost some clubs including Bowie whose course was in bad shape. Two were lost on the Eastern Shore: Bear Trap Dunes and Cripple Creek. Links at Perry Cabin wants to talk with MISGA. Not sure why they want to join based on their membership cost, which is something like \$50,000. Glendale contacted. Oak Creek contacted. Contacted Queenstown but they haven't been interested so far.

MISGAGRAM –Bob Hodges.

Next MISGAGRAM will be in June. Articles should be in by 10 June. Comment from the floor: Please get information into Bob H. on those who have died so it can be put into the MISGAGRAM. Use the form that is on the website.

POLICY AND PLANNING-Jeff Hild.

Jeff will cover issues under old business.

PP AD HOC- Chair not present. Greg M.: Nothing new to report .

RULES AND HANDICAP- Wayne Rowland- USGA has posted their new 2019 rules on their website. USGA will have training seminars on the new rules on a frequent basis. A new handicap system will

also be implemented in 2020. With the new handicap system, when the golfer posts his/her score, the local conditions will need to be posted as well and the daily handicap can change as a result of the conditions. Every day the handicap will change, not the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> as present. The system will use 8 best scores out of 10 instead of 10 out of 20. Comment from the floor: *National at Tantallon has tried out the new USGA rules. Have others done this? Answer: No clubs responded positively.* Clubs can practice under the new rules but golfers cannot post their scores. The pros don't like the pin in-the-hole rule, which will be allowed for putting on the green. Note: Once you are in a hazard, you must play within 40 seconds. USGA is expected to have a players edition handbook that will have photos to demonstrate some of the changes. July 2018 the full changes will be published by USGA.

#### TOURNAMENTS- Lloyd Stimson

Thursday Aug 2 and Thursday Aug 9. Cost \$120 for either. The website has all the information for these tournaments. Results from last year are also given. Guidebook for conducting tournaments on website. Lloyd will be resigning as tournament chair at the end of this year.

WEB- Earl Myer- Club reps., please check your own club web page to make sure it is accurate. Is there a mixer cost change this year? Teeoff time change? Rep. or Asst. Rep. Change? Please let Earl know by e-mail on any of these issues so that the website is kept up to date.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Jeff Hild-

Minor changes were made to the Constitution. Jeff previously sent a 15-day notification of changes to voting board members and non-voting members. Jeff discussed the changes and a vote was then taken. Unanimously approved by those present.

Treasurer's duties were also changed slightly.

There were changes in the titles of some Board positions in the by laws to make them consistent throughout the bylaws.

It was proposed to change the Divisions, based on the loss of two Divisions. Div 3 and 5 are now listed as "inactive."

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Russ Stoneman?** discussed volunteers for PGA TPC Potomac tournament. Handouts were distributed to all present. It was recommended that the handout info be taken back to all clubs and posted. Over 1000 volunteers are needed. Parking for volunteers will be on-site this year. The cost is \$75 to be a volunteer but you can attend the entire event.

Wayne Rowland proposed something beyond the master schedule, which has now been made up for all clubs and is on the website. Several people expressed thanks for the time and effort of developing the master schedule. Tom Rowlett has a plan for an overall system for MISGA signup. If you are hosting the event, everyone who is invited signs up on your club site. This eliminates waiting for updating from each club rep. The advantage is that you can do estimating of numbers in advance. You can get a roster for your use in hosting the event and don't have to wait for calls from the various clubs. Details can be found on [mcc.misga-signup.org](http://mcc.misga-signup.org). **(NOTE from Temporary Secretary Wayne Adamson. I went on**

**the MCC site but found that the signup now used by Montgomery Country Club does not presently allow for members from other clubs to sign up on their current site website and in fact indicates that, if they do so, their name will be removed. It is assumed that this would change if a new system is approved by MISGA).** A question was raised about having a subcommittee to investigate the changes that would be made and how it can be integrated with what different clubs now use. It was recommended that this be reviewed by the committee and bring it to the Board meeting next year. Greg: Wayne Rowland will get together a subcommittee from the various clubs and review the possibilities for next year of implementing this system.

Several members of Hogg Neck are concerned about the 8:30 start for some western shore mixers because of the bridge traffic. They asked that the western clubs consider moving back their starting time to 9:00 am so those eastern shore clubs can get to the tournaments in a reasonable length of time.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Submitted by Wayne Adamson, Bay Hills assistant rep.