

# Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Prince George's Country Club March 8, 1991

# Attending:

Merle Shumaker, Pres, Bob Ludwig
Bud Marshall, Sect. Ted Branthover
Dick Bevan Ed Abel
Charles Szymanski Joe Malinowski
Claude Widerman Ray Keany
Doug Moats Herb Hudson
Dick Allchin

President Shumaker called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He noted that with seven voting members present a quorum existed to conduct the affairs of the organization. He thanked Brad Frapart for hosting the meeting.

The President introduced, and asked for confirmation of, Ted Branthover as Chairman of the Policy and Planning Committee, and Herb Hudson as Chairman of the Committee on Realignment, appointed since the last Board meeting.

On motion by Dick Allchin, seconded by Doug Moats, the appointments were unanimously approved.

On the President's request, and hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of the last Board meeting held on September 12, 1990, the minutes stood approved as submitted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Sid Rapoport submitted latest financial reports to the President, including a revised budget for FY 1991. Copies were distributed to Board members.

Principal Factors:

As of 1/30/91 the following balances were shown;

Checking Account- \$1,948.00
Savings Account- 6,423.00
Certificate of Deposit- 5,288.87
Total- \$13,659.87

In addition, Events revenues were received as follows:

Jekyll Island Junket- \$1,433.28 Sea Trails Fall Frolic- \$ 262.17

The revised budget for FY 1991 reflects added expenses for travel and the increase in first-class postal rates, resulting in a projected deficit of \$900 in net income.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the

proposed budget accurately reflects anticipated operations.

On motion by Dick Bevan, seconded by Claude Widerman, the proposed budget was unanimously approved.

A letter from Sid Rapoport concerning orders for pewter plates for Marks Jaillite and John Turner was given to Dick Bevan to handle.

Merle Shumaker reported that a letter had been received officially advising that the trading name of Tantallon Country Club has been changed to PortAmerica Golf and Country Club.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Associates:

Chairman Roy Gauzza could not attend, having undergone by-pass surgery on February 14. The Board expresses its best wishes to Roy for a speedy recovery.

Roy advised that he has received a number of requests for new membership cards which, he reported, are available but he needs an updated roster of all Club Reps so that he can mail them out. The Secretary agreed to furnish Roy such a roster ASAP.

### Audit:

Ed Abel reported that the Audit Committee had met and examined the financial records and statements submitted by the Treasurer. They reported that all items of income and expense were verified and supported by proper documentation. The Committee commended the Treasurer for the concise and detailed records maintained.

On motion by Doug Moats, seconded by Dick Allchin, the report of Audit Committee was approved unanimously.

### Mailing:

In the absence of Ralph Laycock, Merle Shumaker advised that the mailing for the Spring Fling would go out within the next two weeks.

# Policy and Planning

Ted Branthover reported on the Committee's review of By-laws and proposed realignment of Divisions. They recommend that the proposed Article change placing a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 11 Clubs per Division be deleted.

Regarding Sid Rapoport's recommendation that a top limit be placed on prizes for events, the Committee recommended that no change from present practice be made.

George Lipscomb, Tournament Chairman, submitted a recommendation that the President's Tournament prize monies be derived from earnings on the Certificate of Deposit, supplemented by entry fees, and that no monies come from the MISGA treasury. The Committee agrees with this recommendation.

On motion by Bob Ludwig, seconded by Dick Bevan, the above recommendations were unanimously approved.

Discussion then ensued on proposed changes in By-laws to accommodate the possible realignment of Divisions.

Bob Ludwig asked for clarification of Article II, Sect.1, which provides that terms of elected Division Directors and Division Members shall not coincide. As explained by Merle Shumaker, this was to insure continuity of representation by Divisions in that Directors and Members would not be leaving the Board at the same time.

Re: Article VII, Sect. 4a, Bob Ludwig suggested that the minimum number of mixers required to be scheduled within a Division be changed from 3 to 2 as there are Clubs that are limited to 4 mixers per year.

Dick Allchin questioned the need to have any prescribed minimum of mixers within a Division.

Merle Shumaker responded that the minimum provision was established to obviate the chance of Clubs refusing to schedule mixers with certain other Clubs within their Division. He explained that it is the responsibility of Division Directors, by joint action together with their Club Reps, to assure over a period of time, that all Clubs will play all other MISGA Clubs, both within and outside their Division.

Claude Widerman suggested that changes in the By-laws are directly related to the proposed realignment of Divisions and moved that the matter of changes in the By-laws be tabled until after the report of the Committee on Realignment.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

### Tournament:

Merle Shumaker announced that the President's Tournament will be held at Sussex Pines Country Club on Friday, August 23, 1991. George Lipscomb will follow up with information regarding format, prize handling, qualifying guidelines, costs, and all other pertinent factors.

The Spring Fling will be held at Nassawango and Green Hill Country Clubs on May 23 and 24. There is a 240 golfer limit, and costs will be the same as last year.

# Realignment:

Herb Hudson reported that the Committee on Realignment met at Crofton Country Club on December 4, 1990, The Committee was charged with the responsibility to propose a realignment of MISGA Divisions that would be acceptable to the Board of Directors and the member Clubs.

The Committee proposed that, in order to provide for future growth and avoid waiting lists for Clubs to join MISGA, it would be best to expand the number of Divisions on the Western shore of the Bay from 3 to 5.

Basically, taking into account geographical location, distances between Clubs, traffic patterns, and related travel times, the Western shore Clubs would be realigned to provide 6 Clubs in each of the 5 new Divisions. Division I would remain exempted from the realignment program.

Joe Malinowski advised that the expansion in the number of Divisions would require changes in both the Constitution and By-laws of MISGA and that it would be better to make changes within the current By-laws if possible.

Claude Widerman advised that he had had no complaints about our present alignment and that we should proceed with caution. It was his opinion that the proposed changes would meet with strong resistance from many of the member Clubs.

After considerable discussion, both pro and con, Dick Allchin moved the adoption of the realignment plan proposed by the Committee.

President Shumaker called for a second to the motion. There being none, the motion was declared dead.

The President announced that he will dissolve the Committee on Realignment and send a letter of thanks to each member for their effortso

The President advised that, since the realignment proposal was not enacted, the related changes in By-laws were not needed. However he had received a letter from Bill Hulihan requesting that, to correct a misprint in the Club Reps Handbook, the wording in By-laws Article VII, Paragraph 4a, should be changed FROM-"one mixer in another Division" TO-"one mixer in each of the other Divisions". By action of the Board the correction was approved.

The Naval Academy Club, which is limited to four mixers per year, will schedule one mixer to include members from each of two other Divisions to accommodate the By-laws.

### Editor MISGAGRAM:

In the absence of Ken Pierson, Merle Shumaker announced that Ken expects to get the next issue of MISGAGRAM out by the last week in April. Ken asks that we please send articles or suggestions to him for inclusion.

### Historian:

Ray Keany advised that he had no formal report to make, but felt that major organizational history had been made at this meeting.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Florida Fling at Cape Coral.

Dick Bevan reported that at the recent Florida Fling held in February, 1991, there were 67 in attendance at the first event week and 86 at the second week. Everyone agreed that they were great events, well organized and very well run.

Dick further advised that he had a contract in hand for the 1992 Florida Fling at Cape Coral, the first week from February 2 to 7 and the second week from February 9 to 14. Sixty rooms are offered for each outing to accommodate 120 persons on a double occupancy basis. Each outing includes 6 days and 5 nights.

Next year's cost will be about \$100 per person more than this year: Golfers-\$671 double occupancy; \$891 single; and Non-golfers \$547 double occupancy.

Doug Moats moved, seconded by Dick Allchin, that Division I be authorized to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Fall Frolic at Sea Trails Plantations North Carolina.

Doug Moats reported that 450 attended the events in 1990: 252 the first week; 187 the second; and 36 the third week.

Claude Widerman announced that the Committee has received a contract for the 1991 Fall Frolic to be held as follows:

First week--- October 27 to November 1.

Second week-- November 3 to 8.

Third week-- November 17 to 22.

They anticipate a package increase of about \$11 per person over last year (\$399 to \$410).

Doug Moats reported that Sea Trails management guarantees there will be better food and service this year.

Board Bash.

Dick Allchin announced that the Board Bash will again be held at Carroll Valley on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week as last year. The fee will increase about \$4 or \$5 per person. More information will follow.

## NEW BUSINESS

President Shumaker distributed copies of the proposed agenda for the annual meeting of the Club Reps to be held on April 29, 1991, at Chester River Country Club.

Following discussion, it was agreed that items 7b and 7d relating to By-laws changes and Realignment be eliminated in view of today's Board actions.

On motion by Dick Allchin, seconded by Doug Moats, the agenda was approved as revised.

Merle Shumaker reported on discussions that he had had with members and their wives at Cape Coral related to the possibility of MISGA widows attending special events on a "space available" basis. He distributed copies of a suggested proposal related to this matter.

Following discussion it was the consensus of the Board members to table this proposal for further discussion at the July Board meeting.

Dick Allchin proposed that, in view of the failure of the realignment proposal, he is considering splitting Division II into two sections (A and B) to help improve mixer scheduling. Coincident with this he proposes to invite Sparrows Point C.C. to rejoin Division II, if they so wished.

The President recommended that Division II document the changes proposed and submit them to the Board for approval.

A letter received by Merle Shumaker from Harbor Links Country Club at Queenstown requesting information about joining MISGA was referred to Dick Bevan for handling. Along with this a copy of \*Guidelines for Interviewing Clubs for Membership" developed by Marks Jaillite, was provided for his use. Another copy of the same was provided to the Policy and Planning Committee for review and updating.

Bill Hulihan requested that Merle Shumaker advise the Board members and Club Reps that the Club Reps Handbook should be turned over to newly elected or appointed Club Reps when such changes occur. He also offered to continue to keep the Club Reps Handbook up to date.

A motion made and duly seconded to accept Bill Hulihan's offer was carried.

Merle Shumaker thanked Dick Allchin for production of the map giving directions to Chester River Country Club, which will be included in the notification to Club Reps of the April 29th Annual Meeting.

The President advised that we are awaiting a response from Patuxent Greens Country Club regarding their progress with a senior's organization, and possibility of joining MISGA.

He further announced that the next Board meeting will be held at 10.00 AM on July 16th at Chartwell Country Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at  $12.40\ \mathrm{PM}.$ 

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary