



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Walden Country Club

January 3, 1997

President C.J. Myers called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. and thanked Bob Burkhart of Walden for hosting the meeting and providing coffee and pastry.

Attending: C.J. Myers, George Shenk, Bill Ahlfeld, Harry Breitbach, Ray Kroeger, Ray Bryan, Frank Page, Bob McMinn, Jack Nichols, Roy Gauzza, Sam Nisbet, Ted Branthover, George Lipscomb, Sam Hastings, Duke Rowdon, Merle Shumaker, Ray Keany and Bob Burkhart.

President Myers welcomed new members and asked everyone to identify themselves. He noted the Annual Meeting April 7th would be held at Chester River. No location has been set yet for the June and August Board Meetings. The December meeting will be at Manor C.C.

Minutes of the December 2, 1996 Board meeting were distributed and with one amendment approved.

Harry Breitbach presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted income was less than expenses. Some revenue from the Fall Frolics had not yet been reported. The cost of binders, mailing expenses and the History project were over budget. He led a discussion on proper use of expense vouchers. There ensued a debate on the \$300 allocated to Divisions. General agreement was reached that it should continue to be at the Division's discretion whether to spend it or not.

Roy Gauzza presented the Committee Report on Associates. He said there were no problems. He asked that each club rep update the roster of MISGA members at his club, utilizing form #5-89. Send any changes, via the Division Associates Chairman, to him by mid-March so he can incorporate them into the next roster to be distributed at the Annual Meeting, April 7th.

Sam Nisbet reporting for the Audit Committee noted his need to wait for figures from **Mr. Breitbach** which will be provided in March in time for the Annual Meeting.

Merle Shumaker reported on MISGA-GRAMS. **Sam Hastings** asked if trip information (flyers) could be linked to MISGA-GRAM mailings. This led to a proposal that a MISGA-GRAM be mailed along with a one-page flyer on the **Spring Fling** February 12th with a February 1st deadline for copy. Other mailings would be in **May** to include the **Fall Frolics** and **August** to include the **Florida Fling**. Thus, mailings would include 3 first-class and one bulk mailing in **November**. Hastings pointed out a fourth mailing was not presently budgeted. **Duke Rowdon** proposed first class mailings of MISGA-GRAMS remain at three this year plus one bulk mailing. He agreed that a one-page flyer (8 1/2 X 11) could be collated with the MISGA-GRAM mailing in February for the **Spring Fling**.

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Ted Branthover delivered a Policy & Planning Report. His Memo to new clubs outlining the guidelines for their acceptance to MISGA membership was distributed. Several additions were suggested and **Ted** was asked to include them in a new draft to be ready for the April meeting.

George Lipscomb Tournaments Chairman presented a draft on MISGA policy re: state-wide tournaments. The matter was deferred to the April meeting.

Sam Hastings Trips Chairman asked **Jack Nichols** to give **Paul Desmond's** report on the **Spring Fling**. Subsequent to the meeting Spring Fling dates were changed to May 22nd and 23rd to avoid schedule conflicts at Green Hill and Nassawango clubs plus the nine-hole Elks Club for ladies. Motels are Holiday and Comfort Inns charging \$49.00 for two in a room. Other fees \$30 per person for cart and prize money; \$20 for dinner; \$10 for lunch; and \$10 for Administration (which may be reduced later). The package for a single golfer: \$95. For Golfer and Golfer Spouse: \$180. For Golfer and Non-Golfer Spouse: \$150.

Hastings noted Cape Coral (2/2-2/7) was almost filled. Last year, Fripp Island showed a \$3200 profit. MISGA policy is to refund such excess. **C.J. Myers, Brad Frapart** and **Sam** will seek to do this. This year, will see a return to Sea Trail and Seabrook but not to Fripp Island. Sam is looking at three others: Mid-Pines and another location in Pinehurst, N.C. and the Legends at Myrtle Beach. The Scotland trip has had a poor response with only 15 applications in hand of the 24 needed. Sam asked for help to fill the roster.

DIVISION I -- Ray Kroeger reported on two new clubs: Garrison's Lake and Jonathan's Landing. A decision on admission was left for future resolution pending visits by **Ray Bryan**. One negative was a restriction to cart paths.

DIVISION II -- Frank Page distributed a draft tournament announcement to be mailed June 1st on the **A-B-C-D President's** Tournament at Holly Hills, August 18, 1997. A noon shotgun start for a field of 128 with an entry fee of \$41.50 per man. The **Board Bash** will be held September 14 and 15 at Penn National.

DIVISION III - George Shenk said the Two-Man Team event will be held September 24 at Tantallon. He noted that in December the Division held a Club Reps Training Seminar for 17 reps. **C. J. Myers** attended and helped out.

DIVISION IV - Bob McMinn reported a Club Rep Seminar (his third) would be held January 6, 1997. He offered copies of the Agenda for other Division Directors. There were no other changes or new applications.

DIVISION V -- Jack Nichols had nothing to add to his previous report.

OLD BUSINESS -- A by-law change to lower membership age to 50 (as recommended by the Board at the December 2 meeting) was discussed. It was agreed this would require full membership approval at the Annual Meeting. **Ted Branthover** was asked to look at this issue and draft any needed changes in the by-laws.

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NEW BUSINESS -- The leadership roster will be updated and distributed in April. Plates to be awarded at the Annual Meeting include ones for: **George Meyer, Wayland Coston, Brad Frapart** and **Ray Keany**.

Re: the issue of playing from forward tees **George Shenk** was asked to chair an ad hoc committee including **McMinn, Lipscomb, Page, Branthover**, and **Harris** to report in April. George asked all Division Directors to send their clubs' scorecards to him.

As agreed earlier, the MISGA-GRAM will be increased to four this year.

President Myers asked committee heads to prepare formal job descriptions, spelling out duties and responsibilities and term of office. This matter to be taken up at the next meeting.

There was discussion of a letter from **Bob Dompka** in which he questioned the "push for more" in clubs and members. He asked how big **MISGA** wished to become. To respond, **President Myers** appointed **Paul Desmond** chairman of a **Long Range Planning Committee** including **Hastings, Kroeger, Page** and **Harris**. They will review Misga's strategy and policies regarding future growth.

President Myers pointed out that Division IV's holiday luncheon was a big success and he urged all Division directors to give consideration to a similar end of season party. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 and luncheon served.

Respectfully submitted:



Bill Ahlfeld
Secretary