



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes Crofton Country Club - June 3, 1998

President **George Shenk** called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. and thanked **Harry Breitbach** for the excellent meeting arrangements at Crofton.

Those present were George Shenk, Paul Desmond, Dick Walsh, Harry Breitbach, Ray Kroeger, Duke Rowdon, Tom Tarpley, Charlie Fieldhouse, Jim Bell, Paul Desmond, Jack Nichols, John Dickey, Warren Dean, George Lipscomb, Nick Parker, Bob Ludwig, and Otis Jefferson.

Secretary's Report

Paul Desmond's motion to dispense with reading minutes of the previous Board meeting was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Breitbach presented the attached financial statement. He highlighted under *Events Revenue* the unexpected travel agent Cruise refund of \$503 which will be retained in the *General Fund*. Harry also discussed the option of opening a *Schwab account* which would pay somewhat higher interest on MISGA funds than the current savings and checking accounts. Since Schwab accounts are not covered by the FDIC, however, he recommended against the change. **Jim Bell's** motion to "*leave MISGA accounts as they are*" was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Associates - **John Dickey** handed out the Yearly Dues Report for 1998. He recommended that Club Reps *highlight the specific elements* that have changed when making "*CHANGED*" entries in roster reports. President **George Shenk** praised John for his excellent work as Associates Chairman for the past two years. George announced that **John Babyak** (Div 4) will assume those duties in 1999.

Policy & Planning - With respect to the recently revised *Constitution and Bylaws*, **Warren Dean** requested that all *changes and corrections*, which board members wish to request, be sent to him in writing by the end of July. He will review the resulting proposed revisions at the September Board Meeting.

Tournaments - **George Lipscomb** reported that the instructions and quotas for both the A-B-C-D and two-man tournaments have been distributed.

Events - **George Shenk** reported for **Sam Hastings** that all three *Fall events* have been finalized and information copies distributed in the last MISGAgram. **Jim Bell** advised that applications for *Seabrook* (11/8) can be submitted beginning June 15th. **Paul Desmond** indicated that the *Cape Coral* event (1/31-2/4) applications will be in the August MISGAgram. The schedule will include 4 rounds of golf, 5 breakfasts, and 5 dinners with live music only on Thursday night. Cost is \$750 per golfer and a 5th round of golf is available for an additional \$45.

MISGAgram - **Nick Parker** advised that information for the *August MISGAgram* must be in house by 8/1. He requested names (and pictures if possible) of *Division Tournament winners*. The November issue will report later winners. To date 41 addresses have been rejected. He passed these listings to their respective Division Directors. **George Shenk** led a concept discussion of accepting *paid ads in MISGAgram*. Issues included legal and tax implications. George will request a cost study from Dick Hunt to see whether pursuing the idea makes economic sense.

General Counsel - **Bob Ludwig** requested a *copy of each contract* a member enters into for a MISGA event. He also suggested that he be called to consult if there are any questions concerning a *potential contract*.

History - **Otis Jefferson** deferred to past historian **Duke Rowdon** who handed out new copies of "*Policies and Procedures*," a compendium of decisions extracted from the minutes of past Board meetings. It was determined that additional editing will be required for both this document and the recently adopted "*Constitution & Bylaws*" revision. As an example of the differences, the Policies document describes automatic succession from Assistant Director to Director, whereas the Constitution calls for election of both. The "*Constitution and Bylaws*" (page 5, sec III, par A) states, "*each Division shall elect a Division Director and an Assistant Division Director*". It makes no provision for an Assistant Director to move up to Director after two years. This has been the practice in the past but was not spelled out. The new "*Policies and Procedures*" handbook states (page 4) "*Assistant Director becomes Director when the Director's term expires. An Assistant Director should be elected each time and thus ensure continuity*" based on a Board decision of 6/4/96. **Warren Dean** will clarify this point and the Board will act on it prior to the September Division elections. Copies of the "*Policies and Procedures*" handbook will not be distributed to club reps until clarification is complete.

Division Reports

1. **Ray Kroeger** - The **Spring Fling** was rained out. Refunds will be mailed.
2. **Tom Tarpley** - Asked for consensus on three possible policy changes. Included were "allowing older players (80+) to use red tees in all MISGA events", "requiring mixer participation as prerequisite to tournament participation", and "giving a maximum of one stroke handicap on par 3 holes". Consensus for all three items was to leave the rules as they were. Tom also expressed concern that clubs in Division 2 were discussed improperly in circulated minutes of a recent Division 4 Reps meeting. This will be discussed in July when Divisions 2, 3, and 4 meet to prepare new matrices for the next few years.
3. **Jim Bell** - Working to ensure that each club has at least one assistant Rep, and preferably two. **George Shenk** pointed out that all clubs in all divisions should take that step.
4. **George Shenk** reported for **C. J. Myers** that the division is running smoothly.
5. **Paul Desmond** - Starting next year, Ocean Pines will, for the first time, schedule home events during June, July, and August.

Old Business

By November 1st **George Shenk** is to receive *all annual reports* from the Division Directors. These reports are prepared by Club Reps and cover MISGA inter-club activities for the year.

New Business

George Shenk introduced the following items for discussion:

Should the *Board President and perhaps the Vice President resign* from his Division Director or Assistant Director position? "Workload" and "tie-breaking votes" are the reasons for the idea. In discussion it was noted that there has never been a tie vote, and that the difference in length of term (4 years for a Director vs 1 year for a President) complicates the mechanics of such a policy. George suggests that a logical progression would be for an Assistant Director to serve two years in that capacity, then in his third year (when he becomes Director) be eligible also for election as Vice President. In his fourth year he would resign his Division Directorship and serve as President. This would still give him four years on the Board but relieve him of the additional responsibilities of running a Division. This will be offered for a vote at the September Board meeting.

There is concern over *declining participation at mixers and other MISGA events*. **Otis Jefferson** will chair an ad hoc committee to examine this issue and make suggestions to the Board. The committee will consist of the *Assistant Directors of the five Divisions*. Some MISGA clubs are more successful at promoting attendance. It is hoped that others can benefit from their success.

Requirements for *new MISGA clubs*, and *continuing standards* for existing clubs should be formalized. A draft Application Form, prepared by **Charlie Fieldhouse**, was distributed. With respect to a form, **Dick Walsh** suggested that it be used as a Guideline by Division Directors in deciding whether to recommend a new club. That would avoid the difficulty of rejecting a group who believes it has proved its eligibility. Suggestions are to be forwarded to George Shenk and will be discussed further at the next Board meeting. All members of the board are encouraged to contribute their thinking.

The *next Board meeting* will be **September 15th at Sparrows Point Country Club**. George Shenk notes that it is likely to last the full day unless the agenda can be completed in time for golf. Please let George know of any new business you would like included in the agenda.

The *December Board meeting* has been moved to Thursday, December 3rd at the **US Naval Academy Officers Club**.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Walsh
Secretary