



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes Sparrows Point Country Club - September 15, 1998

President **George Shenk** called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and thanked **Paul Tippett** for the excellent meeting arrangements at **Sparrows Point**. He also thanked **C. J. Myers** (2-man) and **Duke Rowdon** (A-B-C-D) for their outstanding work managing the State level MISGA tournaments this year.

Those present were George Shenk, Paul Desmond, Dick Walsh, Harry Breitbach, Ray Kroeger, Duke Rowdon, Tom Tarpley, Charlie Fieldhouse, Jim Bell, Sam Hall, C. J. Myers, Bob McMinn, Jack Nichols, John Dickey, John Babyak, Sam Hastings, Otis Jefferson, Warren Dean, and George Lipscomb.

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 8/31/98 financial statement. He highlighted the fact that associate level exceeded expectation and corrected the *total expenses* figure in the *budget column* from \$19,360 to \$22,600.

Vice President's Report

Paul Desmond introduced a concern that membership approval at an annual meeting is required for any substantive changes to the bylaws. Most changes (other than such things as Board member election and tenure) are management items that the Directors were elected to enact as appropriate. This subject and its implications for the document will be discussed at a future meeting.

Committee Reports

Associates - **John Dickey** handed out the Dues Report for 1998 as of 9/8/98. He noted that the close correlation between roster and dues totals shows excellent cooperation on the part of Club Reps and Division Associates Chairmen. President **George Shenk** again praised John for his excellent work as Associates Chairman for the past two years and introduced **John Babyak** (Div 4) who is now assuming those duties.

Audit - **George Shenk** indicated that **Sam Nisbet** could not attend but had informed George that Audit matters were under control.

Events - **Sam Hastings** reported that the Ireland trip included 13 travelers (12 golfers) and that the accommodations were excellent, the golf courses tough, and the weather mostly cooperative. For the Fall Frolics, each of which can take 128 golfers, there are still openings. Sea Trail, which will have shotgun starts, has 96 golfers enrolled; Sunset Beach has about 60; and Seabrook, 100. Accommodations are limited at Seabrook. Submission of entries for the Cape Coral trip is about to begin.

General Counsel - No report. However, **George Shenk** requested that highlights of suggestions he received from **Bob Ludwig** be placed in these minutes. One suggestion points out that among policy decisions of the Board, only changes to the *Constitution and Bylaws* require membership approval. Another suggestion discusses the idea of the Board considering termination of any club which consistently fails to have a reasonable number of players at mixers.

History - **Otis Jefferson** distributed a report listing the Board membership during the past 3 years (the administrations of **George Meyer**, **C. J. Myers**, and **George Shenk** respectively.) **C. J. Myers** is printing a new front page and first page for the compendium of past Board actions.

Ad Hoc Committee on Participation - **Otis Jefferson** reported that the Assistant Directors of the Divisions worked with him to investigate possible causes for *diminishing attendance at MISGA events*, and steps to be taken that might improve the situation. He distributed a committee report that discusses the subject with regard to Trip Participation, Spring Fling, Tournaments, and Mixers. The report also suggests possible *format variations for Mixers*. In summary the report offers several general areas of activity that reversing the declining participation will require. **C. J. Myers** polled the Directors and established that all five Divisions have planned *Rep training sessions* before the next MISGA year. **George Shenk** suggested that much of this report can be used in Rep training sessions.

MISGAgram - **C. J. Myers** reported for **Dick Hunt** and **Nick Parker** that the November issue will be distributed in late November (2 weeks later than usual) so that all the *Fall Frolic results* can be announced along with the *2-man and A-B-C-D results*.

Policy & Planning - **Warren Dean** has collected minor changes and corrections for the *Constitution and Bylaws* which he will distribute at the next meeting for Board approval. He will include suggested revisions to the *Articles of Incorporation* such as a valid name and address of the agent (the Board Treasurer). He solicited further changes in the descriptions of standing committees from their respective chairmen.

Tournaments - **George Lipscomb** reported that both the A-B-C-D and two-man tournaments enjoyed good weather and were successful. He observed that scorers at these events should be isolated from player interruptions. George suggested that in order to expose more potential leaders to the membership, each Division should have a Tournament Chairman and a Membership Chairman who is *not a Director or Assistant Director*. Having received a player complaint that there are no low gross prizes in the 2-man event, George requested information on prize winnings by low handicappers in Division 2-man qualifying rounds. **George Shenk** replied that his partial data shows that the lowest handicap 10% of the field are winning 20% of the prizes in the 2-man final.

C. J. Myers pointed out that all contestants in the State tournaments (limit 128) must be Division qualifiers. A **Charlie Fieldhouse** motion to *invite the Board President* to play in the A-B-C-D final was approved 6 to 4.

Division Reports

1. Ray Kroeger - no report.

2. Tom Tarpley - the Board Bash has 114 golfers and 51 rooms booked to date. Tom also said that he will soon be introducing a candidate club (Chestnut Ridge).

3. George Shenk announced that **Sam Hall** (Division 3 Tournament Chairman) has been elected Director for 1999 and **Web Corley** (Crofton) will be the new Tournament Chairman. He also indicated that some Reps believe the title of the A-B-C-D event (*Past Presidents' Tournament*) should be modified to prevent confusion. Division 3 is also considering a "pro/Senior" tournament.

4. C. J. Myers reported that Division 4 is discussing asking clubs to *credit visitor winnings back to their home pro-shops*. He also offered the idea of a Division level Christmas party or similar event to increase interest in MISGA.

5. Paul Desmond - Reported concern that a club, after two years in MISGA, has still not become mature enough to allow carts off paths, as promised when they were admitted. It was Board consensus that this is a Division level matter to be negotiated, as the *carts on paths* issue is not currently discussed in the *club qualification criteria*.

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. George will develop a comparison between the 1997 and 1998 reports, with the goal of gaining additional insight into the event participation situation.

George Shenk indicated that the compendium of previous Board actions will be titled "*History of Board Actions*" rather than "*Policies and Procedures*". The document will note that not all Board actions become policy.

Jim Bell suggested that Voting Board Members who complete unexpired terms of less than two years *be eligible for an additional four years*. This idea was not carried to a vote. Currently, persons who are elected to fill premature vacancies serve the *election year plus three more years*, or two more if necessary to avoid concurrent terms of the two Voting Members from a Division.

George Shenk's motion that when a Division Director position becomes vacant, the Assistant Director should *automatically become Director without a Division election* passed 6 to 4. This change will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

New Business

C. J. Myers distributed the *Nominating Committee Report* listing the procedural decisions of the committee and an eligibility list from which President and Vice President candidates may be nominated. The committee will offer one or more nominations at the December meeting and further nominations from the floor will also be in order.

George Shenk indicated that mixer scores must be reported as *Tournament Results* because the USGA considers pro-shop certificate prizes of any size to indicate Tournament status of an event. **Sam Hall** said that other factors may apply which would change that interpretation. Sam will get an official position and report it at the December meeting.

George Shenk requested that **Charlie Fieldhouse's** "*Club Application Form*" be renamed "*Guidelines for Club Admission*" and that it be used by Division Directors when interviewing potential new member clubs and presenting findings to the Board. He asked that the guideline document have room for additional Division comments and that it be put in appropriate format for publication as a MISGA practice.

George Shenk proposed that a guideline be adopted for minimum member participation at home mixers. Board consensus held that Directors should encourage all clubs to ensure that *at least 20 members* participate in home mixers.

Charlie Fieldhouse suggested that Board decisions *should be published in* the MISGAgram after publication text has been approved by the President. This idea had a favorable reaction and will be considered by the President as opportunities arise.

The *December Board meeting* will be Thursday, December 3rd at the US **Naval Academy Officers Club**.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Walsh
Secretary



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DIVISION DIRECTOR'S CHECKLIST

Applicant Club Criteria Guideline

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| 1 | Waive Greens Fees for MISGA Mixers and Tournaments | <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |
| 2 | Host and Attend at Least the Minimum Matrix Mixers | <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |
| 3 | Maintain Minimum of 32 Members (Attach Initial List) who:
Are at least 55 Years Old
Pay at Least an Annual Greens Fee to a Golf Club | <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |
| 4 | Have Ability to Pay Such Dues, Fees, and Other Charges as
May be Established by the MISGA Board | <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |
| 5 | USGA Rated 18 Hole Golf Course of at Least 5500 Yards
(Attach Score Card) | <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |
| 6 | Permit Shotgun Starts and Have Carts for All Participants | <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |
| 7 | Adequate Dining Facilities for All Participants | <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |
| 8 | Ability and Willingness to Host Division and MISGA
Tournaments (Maximum 128 Participants) | <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |

Senior (MISGA) Rep _____ Phone _____

Assistant Rep _____ Phone _____

Division Director _____
Signature Date

Comments of Review Committee:
