



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes U. S. Naval Academy Officers Club 12/03/98

President **George Shenk** called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. as scheduled.

In attendance were **John Babyak, Jim Bell, Harry Breitbach, Warren Dean, Paul Desmond, Charlie Fieldhouse, Sam Hall, Sam Hastings, Dick Hunt, Ray Kroeger, George Lipscomb, Bob Ludwig, Bob McMinn, C.J. Myers, Sam Nisbet, Nick Parker, Duke Rowdon, George Shenk, and Dick Walsh.** Absent was **Jack Nichols**, who had indicated by letter that his proxy was to be carried by **Paul Desmond.**

Secretary's Report

C. J. Myers's motion to dispense with reading minutes of the previous Board meeting was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Breitbach distributed the *Financial Statement as of 11/30/1998*, including the proposed budget for 1999. He reported that income exceeded budget by \$1,518, primarily because of higher than expected events revenue. Expenses are close to budget with mailing costs below by about \$500 and computer costs up by about \$500. The net result is avoidance of the budgeted deficit of \$2,575.

The *1999 budget proposal* shows increased revenue over 1998 of \$4,850 because of the increase in member dues. Computer expense will increase by \$750 and insurance decrease by \$200. The proposed budget will have a surplus of \$1,725. **C. J. Myers's** motion to *approve the 1999 budget* passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report

Paul Desmond reported that the *Annual Meeting* will be held April 5 at Chester River Country Club. The State 2-man Tournament will be at Ocean Pines. Paul has obtained a video, *"Understanding Play,"* covering elements of golf from speed of play to care for the course. He will supply copies to all the Division Directors.

Committee Reports

Associates - **John Babyak** distributed a written report. He indicated there are currently 4661 members on the roster, and dues have been received for all but 5. Dues have been received for an additional 39 persons who were deleted from rosters during the year. John offered his services to discuss roster maintenance at Division meetings.

Audit - **Sam Nisbet** said there would be no *Fall Audit Report*.

Events - **Sam Hastings** led discussion of the following items:

C. J. Myers reported 54 people (49 golfers) attended *Sunset Beach*. A write-up will appear in the coming MISGagram.

Jim Bell reported 114 people (100 eighteen hole golfers) attended *Seabrook*.

Paul Desmond said 63 have paid so far for *Cape Coral*. 16 starting times are set and the MISGagram will have an article soliciting more participants.

Sam Hastings said that 92 people attended *Sea Trail* in perfect weather. The 9-hole ladies especially enjoyed the event and **Tami McMinn** had a *hole-in-one*. Entertainment featured a 40s/50s live combo band.

Sam proposed that in order to improve attendance by making the events more of a sellers market, there be *only two Fall Frolics held in 1999 rather than three*. **C. J. Myers's** motion to that effect was passed unanimously. Being considered are Sea Trail, Lake Lure (NC), Palm Coast (Jacksonville), Beacon Ridge, and Sea Pines. Seabrook will not be available.

Tom Tarpley reported that the *Board Bash*, which can handle 116 people (overnight) had 100 in attendance and was both a social and financial success. He indicated that Division 2 will host the event again in 1999 and that care will be taken to be sure it does not conflict with the Jewish holiday as, regrettably, it did this year.

Ray Kroeger reported that the *Spring Fling* May 17 and 18 (Mon/Tues) will be at *Maple Dale* and *Wild Quail* with *Eagle Creek* for the ladies.

General Counsel - **Bob Ludwig** said he was working on possible solutions to the problem of low mixer attendance on the part of some clubs.

Historian - **Otis Jefferson** was not present. **George Shenk** announced that later in the meeting he intended to name a committee to follow up on Otis's earlier efforts with regard to the problem of attendance at MISGA mixers, tournaments, and events.

MISGagram - **Dick Hunt** said the current edition will go out this week. It was delayed in order to include event results. Cut-off for material to be included in the next edition will be 2/1/1999.

Policy and Planning - **Warren Dean** distributed a document which suggests new wordings for several areas in the *Constitution and Bylaws*, including the change, previously adopted by the Board, making succession from Assistant Director to Director automatic rather than Division option. He asked members to review, and make any comments on these or other areas in time for the next Board meeting.

Warren proposed that the Board consider separating items of MISGA management into the Guidelines document, leaving the *Constitution and Bylaws* with only the critical organizational items for which changes should be ratified at annual meetings. **Duke Rowdon** suggested making this distinction simply between the *Constitution* and the *Bylaws*.

To accomplish this, Duke offered a motion, seconded by **Ray Kroeger**, to *delete the words "or bylaws" from the second sentence of Article 5, Paragraph A*. This would have the effect of empowering the Board to change the Bylaws without Annual Meeting approval. It also would allow such changes without the current requirement of a majority (6) approval of voting Board members after a two-week notice period. An amendment offered by **Bob McMinn** to first move appropriate bylaws items into the constitution was not adopted. The voting was 5 to 4 with one abstention on the original motion. To be taken to the annual meeting this item will have to be on the agenda and receive at least 6 votes at the next board meeting.

George Shenk (and **Paul Desmond**) asked **Duke Rowdon** to chair a work effort including **Bob McMinn** and **Bob Ludwig** to review which items should be moved into the *Constitution* and what *bylaws procedures* (eg: Board majority vote for amendments) should be adopted. These results should be available for the agenda and a vote at the next Board meeting.

Tournaments - **George Lipscomb** asked the Divisions to supply next year's tournament plans by the Spring meeting. **Duke Rowdon** suggested moving the State Tournaments to August in order to avoid conflicts with club aeration plans. **Tom Tarpley** said that Division 2 will host the State A-B-C-D tournament in August. **Paul Desmond** reports that the State 2-Man tournament will be held September 13 but all the aeration will have been completed earlier.

Division Reports

Div 1 - **Ray Kroeger** proposed a new club, *Garrison Lake*, which meets all the requirements for MISGA membership. It was approved unanimously. The Division 1 Reps meeting will be held in February.

Div 2 - **Tom Tarpley** reported the loss of *Hunt Valley*, whose current management is unwilling to hold the required number of mixers. He also indicated that *Chestnut Ridge*, an earlier applicant, will not join, citing member reluctance to play from senior tees at other clubs. His Reps meeting will be in March.

Div 3 - **George Shenk** indicated that the 9 clubs of Division 3 are now matrixed with the 10 of Division 4 and (now 11) of Division 2 in an appropriate manner. The Division 3 Reps meeting will be in December 1998. Division 3 is planning a *mini-pro-am tournament* for early October and is interviewing club pros about that subject.

Div 4 - **C. J. Myers** reported that participation is increasing in Division 4 mixers. Division 4 will hold its Reps meeting January 5th and other Board members are welcome to attend.

Div 5 - **Paul Desmond** said his members are coming under pressure from some clubs to reduce committed mixer dates but that the problem is under control to date.

*Note: from this point these minutes are transcribed from notes
Charlie Fieldhouse kindly supplied in the absence of the secretary.*

Old Business

Guidelines for admission

Tom Tarpley's motion to accept the distributed *Division Director's Checklist* as the official guideline of Applicant Club membership criteria was approved unanimously.

Criteria for Tournament Play

Sam Hall presented official interpretation of the USGA handbook criteria for entering "tournament" scores for handicap purposes. Although 4 of the 5 criteria are met by MISGA mixers, the 5th is not. His USGA contact recommended that *MISGA mixer scores should NOT be entered as "tournament" scores for handicap purposes*. **Duke Rowdon's** motion to accept this recommendation was approved unanimously and will be reported in the February MISGAgram. Scores from annual events such as A-B-C-D and 2-man qualifiers, member-guests, etc, are still to be reported as "tournament" scores.

Membership Change Form

C. J. Myers will provide Division Directors and Associates Chairman **John Babyak** an updated form for distribution at the Spring Division meetings.

New Business

Events Participation

George Shenk (and **Paul Desmond**) announced continuation (**Dick Walsh** chairing) of the ad hoc *attendance committee* to address the on-going problem of low member participation in some mixers and other MISGA events. Additional comments on this decision were provided by **C. J. Myers** who disagreed and **Sam Hastings** who agreed with the need for such a committee.

Annual Report

C. J. Myers and **Warren Dean** presented the view that annual reports were devised for mixers and should not include other MISGA related events. **Paul Desmond** indicated that all events should be included so that one of the original purposes, showing club managers the financial value of MISGA, will have greater impact. **George Shenk** suggested that only regular in-house senior functions should be omitted from the reports. No motions were offered.

Election of Officers

C. J. Myers (Nominating Committee Chairman) distributed secret ballots listing **Paul Desmond** as unopposed candidate for President and listing **Duke Rowdon** and **Bob McMinn** as candidates for Vice-President. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The votes, tallied by **Harry Breitbach** and **Warren Dean**, resulted in the election of **Paul Desmond** as *President* and **Duke Rowdon** as *Vice-President*.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Walsh
Secretary



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December 18, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: MISGA Board of Directors
Voting Members

SUBJECT: Addendum to Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday December 3, 1998

1. It has been noted by General Counsel **Bob Ludwig** and others that Article V, Section A of the *MISGA Constitution* requires that any proposed motion to modify the *Constitution* or *Bylaws* must be furnished to all voting members at least **15 days before the meeting** at which it is to be proposed. To be adopted it must then be approved by a **majority (6) of the ten** voting members.

The December 3rd motion to *eliminate the words "or bylaws"* from Article V section A of the Constitution did not meet these requirements. Therefore **it must be proposed and voted on again** in order to be adopted.

Since the next Board meeting is scheduled for late February, the wordings of any motions members wish to propose should be given to me by **February 1st**. I will distribute them along with the meeting agenda.

2. Any voting member who will not attend a Board Meeting should **assign proxy in writing**, copy to the secretary, before the meeting. Proxy can be directed (vote a certain way on certain items) or general. If not otherwise stated it is general.

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