



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes Rolling Road Country Club September 21, 1999

I. Convening

The meeting was called to order by **President Paul Desmond** at 10.00 AM. In attendance were: T. Tarpley, D. Walsh, J. Bell, J. Babyak, S. Hall, B. McMinn, K. Wallgren, C. Fieldhouse, S. Hastings, C.J. Meyers, J. Nichols, D. Schneider, B. Ludwig, G. Lipscomb, D. Hunt, N. Parker, D. Rowdon, A. Simms, P. Desmond, H. Breitbach and J. Beeson.

The **Secretary's Report** was accepted with the amended addition. "The motion to accept the by-law changes recommended by Otis Jefferson's committee was made by Duke Rowdon and seconded by Sam Hall and was unanimously passed."

The **Treasurer's Report** was distributed and accepted. The proposed budget for 1999 appears to be nearly on target.

II. Old Business

The **Costa Rican Trip** was once again endorsed with the knowledge that our insurance does not extend beyond the United States border.

C.J. Meyers reported that his research indicates little difference between use of 90% versus 100% handicap. After lengthy discussion, a motion to recommend the **use of 90% Handicap** by our clubs where the 2 best balls of four format is used. The motion carried with 8 yeas and 1 abstention.

Committee Reports

Associate Chairman, John Babyak reported our membership numbers as less than, but close to, our membership last year.

Sam Hastings disclosed that there are 6-8 spots still available at *Sea Trail*. *Jekyll Island* has a full field. *Costa Rica* has 26 to 28 openings out of a potential 50.

Paul Desmond reported that the *Cape Coral Trip* expects a similar number as last year (around 80 participants).

Historian Arnie Simms reported progress from his committee meeting at **Prospect Bay**. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29th at Ocean Pines. **Tom Tarpley** moved that Doug Moats be accorded honorary status to the history committee (seconded and approved).

Nick Parker reported that **MISGAgram** would follow reports from **Fall Frolics**.

Dick Hunt announced the November 8th deadline for the **November issue of MISGAgram**. He further stated that the Anniversary Issue in the Spring of 2000 will hopefully include the "best 18" of MISGA. Selection from each division will be made. Submission must be received by March 1. Articles for the **Anniversary Issue** must be received by March 15.

George Lipscomb, Tournament Chairman, urged that Division level tournament dates be produced earlier to facilitate planning.

Dick Walsh, Ad Hoc Chairman, reported that Hunt Valley is "back in the fold." Their schedule for next year is in place. Low participation levels have been noted by host clubs at "home mixers."

DIVISION REPORTS

Paul Desmond reminded clubs of Board decision to require cost equity in mixer for host members and visitors.

DIVISION I

Duke Rowdon reported that participation is down in mixers. Suggested explanations are: too few, too many, too early, & aeration. Solutions are under study. A decline in on in participation in the **Spring Fling** may necessitate changes - solutions also under study.

DIVISION II

Tom Tarpley reported that the **ABCD Tournament** (Past Presidents) was a big success. He further anticipates a successful "Board Bash" but expressed concern that all who were eligible may not have been invited.

DIVISION III

Sam Hall encouraged additional participation in the "**Pro Am**" venture, October 6, at Tantallon C.C. Contact him for further details. Mixers involving two Eastern Shore and two Western Shore clubs are in the works.

DIVISION IV

C.J. Meyers introduced **Ken Wallgren**; announced the **Division IV Holiday Party** on *December 14, 1999* and reported that *January 4, 2000* would be the date for Division Training Session for Club Reps.

DIVISION V

Jack Nichols reported the success of the "**Two Man Tournament**" at Ocean Pines. He announced the October 20th meeting of Club Reps.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Creep

Sam Hall expressed concern that each year the scheduling of mixers gets earlier. This may be due to each club's need to establish the entire year's calendar early in the year.

Expense Reimbursement

Clarification of this procedure for both MISGA and the Divisions was explained.

ABCD Tournament

Duke Rowdon expressed concern that *past presidents of MISGA* were ignored in the tournament designated in their honor. He moved that they be invited to participate and be integrated into a flight commensurate with their handicaps. They would pay their own expenses. The motion carried 6 to 3.

Division Expenses

Due to increase in costs, **C.J. Meyers** moved that the *\$300 allocation* be increased to *\$400 per division*. The increase would be financed by upping each club's MISGA dues from \$25.00 to \$35.00. The Motion carried unanimously.

C.J. Meyers also moved that prize money allocation from **MISGA mixer fees** be increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00. Motion passed. 6 yeas - 2 abstentions.

Integrity and Honor

Discussion ensued concerning the failure of some members to abide by the **rules of golf**. Please reiterate the need to "play the game fairly."

Adjournment at 1:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted



John M. Beeson
Secretary

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