



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes Holly Hills Golf Club 5/23/2000

President **Duke Rowdon** called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and thanked **Tom Tarpley** for the excellent meeting arrangements at *Holly Hills*. He called for a moment of silence for two past presidents and others of our associates who have passed on recently.

In attendance were **John Babyak, Jim Bell, Jack Devault, Charlie Fieldhouse, Paul Desmond, Sam Hall, Sam Hastings, Dick Hunt, Jim Lee, Bob McCready, Bob McMinn, C.J. Myers, Jack Nichols, Sam Nisbet, Nick Parker, Duke Rowdon, Arnold Simms, Ralph Starkey, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, and Dick Walsh.**

Secretary's Report

Dick Walsh distributed the *Annual Meeting* minutes. Following discussion, it was decided that these minutes should not be mailed to the Reps, but could be distributed within Divisions at Directors' option.

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

Treasurer's Report

Duke Rowdon presented the latest financial report for treasurer **Harry Breitbach**. All but one club (University of Maryland) had submitted their club dues. Both expenses and revenues to date are on track to be consistent with budgeted figures for this year. The report was approved unanimously.

Vice President's Comments

Charlie Fieldhouse presented the following points:

Travel expenses for the *Annual Meeting* should be totaled and collected from the Treasurer by each Division. The Divisions should then handle distribution to individuals.

The *Annual Report*, which chronicles mixer attendance and revenue for each club, is to be collected by each Division but is not needed at the State level.

Each Director is responsible for maintaining the list of *Past Presidents* from his Division.

Division Reports

Div 1 - **Arnold Simms** reported that 240 players (plus 40 others at the banquet) attended the *Spring Fling* May 8th and 9th at *Ocean Pines* and *Nutter's Crossing*. The Board decided not to prepare a MISGA Banner for future events because of the variables such as multiple venues, etc.

Div 2 - **Tom Tarpley** welcomed the Board to Holly Hills and reported that plans for the Board Bash are on track for September 20th and 21st.

Div 3 - **Sam Hall** noted that with *Bay Hills*, there are now ten clubs in Division 3. But he is noting a reduction in membership for most clubs. One possible (hopeful) reason is late returns from winter homes in the South.

Div 4 - **Bob McMinn** reported that the membership application for *Bretton Woods Country Club* in Germantown having been received and approval expected, that club will be an official participant in the 2000 season.

Div 5 - **Jack Nichols** introduced **Jack Unrue** as the new *Associates Chairman* for his Division.

Committee Reports

Associates - **John Babyak** reported that to date, of 4714 total associates, 3100 (from 36 clubs) have paid dues.

Audit - **Sam Nisbet** indicated that no *Audit Report* is due at this time.

Events - **Sam Hastings** said that the Fall Frolics (*Seabrook & Jekyll*) plans are on schedule. He solicited support from Reps and Directors to promote participation. The Events Committee is considering a Portugal trip and possibly a trip to Costa Rica in 2001.

General Counsel - **Bob Ludwig** was not able to attend.

Historian - **Ralph Starkey** requested a Division 4 representative to complete the *Historian Committee*.

MISGAgram - **Nick Parker** reported that *MISGAgram* costs for the year will be well below budget. Printing costs have been minimized. **Dick Hunt** said the item submission cut-off for the next edition will be August 1st. He asked that tournament results be submitted to him as soon as possible.

Policy and Planning - **C.J. Myers** discussed the first meeting, May 22nd, of his committee. Items covered were a possible Bylaws change fixing the date of the Annual Meeting at the 2nd Monday in April, establishing guidelines for management of the *Spring Fling* and *Board Bash*, considering creation of a *Rules, Etiquette, and Handicap Committee*, and potential Division changes. Options in this last item could include adding a Division to the Eastern Shore, adding a Western Division, combining Eastern and Western clubs from near both sides of the Chesapeake, and various realignment possibilities. The committee will next meet June 16st.

Tournaments - **Jim Lee** indicated that allocations of State 2-man and A-B-C-D slots to Divisions is based on paid roster size at the end of the previous year. Each tournament is expected to have 128 participants. Ten slots in the A-B-C-D are reserved for *past presidents*. Those that are not used by past presidents will be added to Division allocations.

Membership & Participation - **Paul Desmond's** report recommending *Bretton Woods* for membership was approved unanimously upon the motion of **Tom Tarpley** and second by **Charlie Fieldhouse**. Paul asked the Board to consider whether MISGA should adopt the position that a club's MISGA status may be endangered if it habitually fails to muster reasonable attendance at mixers.

Old Business

Comments from the Annual Meeting

Duke Rowdon reviewed Annual Meeting notes from **Phil Morton** (Eagle Creek), **Dick Ewing** (Shawnee), **John Burns** (Seaford), and **Joe Ratajczak** (Ocean City).

3rd Fall Frolic Site

Bob McCready presented a summary of the outing offering from Colonial Inn in Virginia Beach for the end of October this year. It was consensus of the Board that a third Fall Frolic site should not be pursued this year but that the potential of Virginia Beach should be considered for 2001 either as a third site or as one of two sites.

New Business

Parliamentarian

Consensus of the Board indicated a parliamentarian was not needed.

Board Bash Site for 2001

The site will remain *Carroll Valley*. **Duke Rowdon** stressed the need for full participation of all clubs in supplying door prizes

Tournament Quotas

Sam Hall noted that the use of previous year-end rosters to determine Division tournament quotas precludes considering rosters of new clubs that enter during the Spring. His suggestion to use a later date was referred to the *Policy and Planning Committee* by **Duke Rowdon**.

Blind Draw Policy

By Board consensus, **Jack Nichols's** suggestion that a MISGA policy on handling blind draws should be formalized was not adopted.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M. Unless a site change becomes necessary, the next Board meeting will be at *Kenwood* September 19th.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Walsh

Secretary