

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 5, 2001
Piney Branch Country Club

President **Charlie Fieldhouse** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance were: **John Babyak, Bill Brown, Ed Compher (Piney Branch MISGA Rep), Chuck Ebbecke, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Sam Hall, Paul Keiser, Jim Lee, Bob McCready, Bob McMinn, Bob Nicholson, Nick Parker, Duke Rowdon, Arnie Simms, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, and Dick Walsh.**

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2001 had been distributed by e-mail, and extra copies were presented at the meeting to those who had not received them. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Tarpley distributed a financial report covering activities through November 30, 2001. The report indicates that the Treasury has a balance of \$27,706.46. Income and expenses appear to be in line with budget projections. **Tom** commented that expenses for 2002 may exceed the amount budgeted by as much as \$3,000 in the MISGAGRAM printing and postage costs, but feels that this amount can be absorbed by the Treasury balance without the need for a dues increase. After a spirited discussion, the Board agreed to leave the dues for 2002 at the existing level.

President's Remarks:

Charlie Fieldhouse noted that **Dick Walsh** had sent thank you letters to those Club Pros who contributed door prize gifts for the Board Bash. Overall, the number of gifts received from Club Pros was not enough to adequately cover the members in attendance, and **Charlie** purchased additional items from the Carroll Valley Pro Shop to cover the shortfall. **Sam Hall** suggested that it is up to the Club Reps to pursue sufficient gifts for next year's Board Bash. **Arnie Simms** suggested that perhaps fewer gifts might be an acceptable way to solve the problem. **Bob McCready** felt that the ladies in attendance should not be the ones to suffer if fewer gifts are available. **Dick Walsh**, whose Division will again run the Board Bash in 2002, asked to continue the Board Bash discussion, since we were already involved in it. He listed next year's Bash dates as September 11 and 12, with the Board Meeting taking place at Carroll Valley on September 10. Fourteen rooms have been reserved for Board Members on the night of the 10th, and eight 9a.m. tee times are also reserved. In answer to **Sam Hall's** question as to how many guests can be accommodated, **Dick** responded that there are 58 double rooms, capable of handling 116 people if all are filled. He also noted that we have not yet had to turn down any applications, but might want to give Reps priority over Assistants if space is short.

Vice President's Remarks:

Sam Hall reported that **Al Isaacs** of Ocean Pines has accepted the position of MISGA General Counsel and will be attending all future Board Meetings.

New Business:

Charlie Fieldhouse described the unfortunate situation regarding two players who because of health reasons were unable to play in the 2 Man Team Tournament. Another team was found to substitute for them, the substitutes paid their fees for the event, but no refunds were issued to the team which dropped out. After discussing the details of the case, the Board agreed to have the MISGA Treasurer issue refunds for those two players plus one in the ABCD Tournament. The fees for the ABCD player have already been received by the Treasurer, as has one of the fees for the 2 man team. Division IV will figure out how to reimburse the Treasurer for the other \$55.00.

Bob Nicholson, on behalf of the Policy and Planning Committee, asked that a vote be conducted on the two recommendations which had been presented at our last meeting: Defining the duties of the General Counsel, and defining the duties of the Mailing Committee. The two recommendations were unanimously approved.

Duke Rowdon, announced for **Paul Desmond**, that the Membership Committee has finished reviewing the applications of two new Member Clubs, Jonathan's Landing will be joining Division I, and Ocean Resorts will be joining Division V. He asked for Board approval of these two new member clubs, and received an affirmative vote.

Division Reports:

Div. I-Arnie Simms reported: The Easton Club which was accepted for MISGA membership on Sept. 11 will submit its first club dues in 2002. However **Arnie** asked that their members be added to the MISGA roster so that they may be part of the Division's allocation for statewide tournaments and so that they may begin receiving the MISGAGRAM.

Div. II-Dick Walsh asked that the Division Directors remind all Reps to send updates for the MISGA web site to him whenever they have changes to make. **Dick** is also working on adding "downloadable" MISGA forms to the web site. **Ken Wallgren** noted that Division IV has already done this with the 5-89 roster form, and **Arnie Simms** reported that he has developed an Annual Report form which is interactive, using an Excel Program.

Div. III-Sam Hall stated that the Div. III Pro-Am tournament on October 4 at Walden was very successful, with over \$6,900 raised. Next year it will be held at Bay Hills on October 11. The Division's annual training seminar will be held January 9 at Chartwell.

Div. IV-Ken Wallgren thanked **Chuck Ebbecke** for running Div. IV's first Pro Am event and announced that another Pro Am is being planned for next year. The Division's training seminar is scheduled for January 2.

Div. V-Bob McCready noted that the Annual Report for his Division was prepared on an outdated form and might need to be amended. **Charlie Fieldhouse** who had prepared the summary of Annual Reports indicated that there would not need to be any amended version since he had gotten the correct amount of money for the year, although the number of events held might be off slightly. **Charlie** also remarked that he expected continued growth in Eastern Shore golf clubs and asked whether Divisions I and V were now considering splitting into three Divisions. **Arnie Simms** answered that this question is currently on hold. **Don Ewalt** who had been asked to look into MISGA logo merchandise, reported that he has developed both hats and shirts with the logo, and these could be offered on order at the Annual Rep's Meeting in April.

Committee Reports:

Associates: John Babyak passed out a new roster summary and noted that there are four new clubs, adding approximately 160 new Associates. He commented that payments are coming in better, with fewer discrepancies between roster and payment numbers, and also handed out new 5-89 forms for the Divisions.

Events: Sam Hastings while not present at the meeting, had submitted a report which **Charlie Fieldhouse** presented. The Virginia Beach Fall Frolic had 52 golfers in attendance and was well received. An additional group of players from Leisure World also attended and played separately. Sea Trail and Sea Brook reports were also positive, with Sea Brook in particular being a sell out. **Sam Hall** asked what next year's dates would be, and the answer was Sea Trail Nov. 3, and Sea Brook Nov. 10. **Duke Rowdon** asked whether Virginia Beach would be on the schedule again, and indicated that Eastern Shore Associates would prefer it to be a three day event, not four. **Charlie Fieldhouse** who will become the Events Chairman next year, responded that we have only scheduled two events for next fall, in conformance with the Board's earlier decision. After further discussion, **Sam Hall** stated that the Virginia Beach issue can be left open for further discussion.

Historian: Bill Brown reminded the Directors that he still needs History Committee representatives from Divisions III and V. He also reported that an updated version of Board Actions will be available in February.

MISGAGRAM: Nick Parker reported that the latest issue of the MISGAGRAM is at the printers, and should be mailed late this week. There will also be a February issue, again promoting the Spring Fling. **Duke Rowdon** noted that there had been some discussion of switching the responsibility for the Spring Fling and Board Bash, between Divisions I and II. The general consensus of the Board was that this would not be a good idea, owing to the differing climates of the two regions.

Rules Committee: Sam Hall asked whether the ad-hoc rules committee should be continued as is, or converted to permanent status. After listening to the pros and cons, Sam moved that the Committee be continued as is, and the motion was approved.

Nominations Committee: Duke Rowdon reported that the Committee had selected **Ken Wallgren** as the nominee for Vice President.

New Business: Charlie Fieldhouse thanked the Board for the excellent work they had done during his year as President, and distributed to each Board Member and Committee Chairman, two MISGA logo golf towels, honoring the 2001 Board. **Dick Walsh** praised the outgoing President for "stirring us up and making us think". **Tom Tarpley** added a reminder of the work **Charlie** had done in raising over \$18,000 in disaster relief funds from MISGA and its associates. Incoming President **Sam Hall** praised **Charlie** for his tireless work on behalf of MISGA during his Presidency. **Sam** announced that he would be holding a meeting of Directors and Assistant Directors only, early in January. The purpose of the meeting, which will be run without minutes, is to allow a free and open discussion among the voting members of the Board. **Dick Walsh** asked noted that **Tom Tarpley** would have the dual responsibility of Treasurer and Division Assistant Director, and wondered if this would be a problem. The answer was that there is no prohibition against such dual responsibility, and no objections were raised **Jim Lee** Tournament Director stated that the latest MISGA roster would be used to develop the Tournament allocations for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50, and the next meeting will be at Argyle Country Club on February 20, 2002.

Bob McMinn, Secretary