

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 12, 2003
Chartwell Country Club

President **Ken Wallgren** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He thanked **Gordy McBee** from *Chartwell* for hosting the meeting. Ken introduced **Jim Mitchell** of *Walden*, who is the new *MISGAGram* chairman.

The following Board, Committee Members, and guests were in attendance: **Bob Dernoga, Chuck Ebbecke, Charlie Fieldhouse, Byron Keadle, Paul Keiser, Jim Lee, Bob McCready, Jim Mitchell, C.J. Myers, Bob Nicholson, Sam Nisbet, Paul Phillips, Arnie Simms, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, Dick Walsh, and Dan Williams.**

Secretary's Report: On a motion by **Arnie Simms**, the minutes of the December 12th meeting were unanimously accepted as if read.

Treasurer's Report: **Tom Tarpley** distributed the *2002 financial report*, noting a surplus of \$40.69. Insurance premiums were paid during 2002 for both 2002 and 2003. On a motion by **Bob Nicholson**, the report was unanimously approved.

Vice President's Remarks: **Bob McCready**, filling in for Vice President **Don Ewalt**, introduced **Paul Phillips** of *Nutter's Crossing*, whom Division 5 expects to elect their next Assistant Director.

President's Remarks: **Ken Wallgren** pointed out that the *MISGAGram*, in addition to being mailed, is now on the *MISGA Web Site*. He asked Directors to encourage Club Reps to submit material for publication, photographs being very welcome.

Division Reports:

Div. I - Arnie Simms reminded the group that the *Annual Reps Meeting* at Chester River on April 7th will start at 10:00 after Doughnuts and coffee at 9:30. **Paul Keiser** reported that the *Spring Fling*, scheduled for May 5 and 6, is on track so far with 60 entries, including 95 golfers and 105 diners.

Div. II - Dick Walsh asked for updated Division and Committee personnel information, to post on the *MISGA Web Site* in time for publication before the *Annual Reps Meeting*. His Division will conduct Reps training on Monday March 24th at *Hunt Valley*. Visitors from other Divisions will be welcome. *Rules and Handicaps* chairman **C. J. Myers**, indicated he plans to attend.

Div. III - Dan Williams conducted a Rep training seminar on Feb 8th.

Div IV - Ken Wallgren reported that Division 4 held a Rep training seminar on Jan 2nd.

Div. V - Bob McCready indicated his Division is looking at *River Run* as a potential MISGA applicant.

Committee Reports:

Associates - Bob Dernoga provided proposed roster recording and roster printing schedules. They project supplying collected *forms 5-89* to the database contractor on the firsts of February, May, June, August, and November; and distributing printed listings on the 15th of June, August, and November. The

logic is to have the database ready for *MISGAGram* addressing, but only to print for distribution at appropriate times for MISGA Reps purposes.

Audit - Sam Nisbet reported that he had performed a complete audit of the *Treasurer's* accounts and was providing a "clean opinion". He reconciled all figures and found MISGA to be well based financially for 2003.

Events - in Pete Sorge's absence, **Ken Wallgren** reported that *Fall Frolics* are planned for *Sea Trail* 11/2 to 11/7 and *Fripp Island* (near Buford) 11/9 to 11/14. **Bob McCready** reported for **Paul Desmond** that the *Admiral Lehigh Florida Winter Fling* location has deteriorated and Paul is looking at the *Plantation Inn* at Crystal River as a replacement. The Board indicated he should proceed with the *Plantation Inn* but also should look at *Stony Brook*. There was some concern that any delay might reduce availability of desired dates. Bob will pass that information to Paul at the next opportunity.

General Counsel - Al Isaacs was absent

Historian - Bill Brown was absent

Membership - Paul Desmond was absent, but supplied information on a prospective new club which **Bob McCready** will discuss under *New Business*.

MISGAGRAM - Jim Mitchell reported that the new printing company is very efficient and delivers to the mailing facility in a smooth operation. He requested that members supply more information, including photographs (digital format being best), for publication. If more material is received than can be printed, the excess will still be produced in the *MISGA Web Site* version.

Planning and Policy - Bob Nicholson had no report.

Tournaments - Jimmy Lee distributed announcement letters for the 2003 State Tournaments to the Directors. Each package included copies to be given to the Assistant Directors and the *Division Tournament Chairmen*.

Dan Williams introduced the subject of pleasing low handicappers in the *2-man* competition. The first thought was to consider including gross competition, perhaps on a volunteer basis with prizes from a separate pool. Another alternative suggested was the use of flights, with prize money allocated between flights in proportion to flight population. **Bob Nicholson** will review options (**C. J. Myers** will be available to assist if needed), and report at the *Annual Reps Meeting* in April.

Rules and Handicap - C.J. Myers reported that four members of his committee will attend USGA *handicap* seminars: two in Springfield and two in Philadelphia.

Old Business:

Paul Keiser described the proposed restructuring plan for the Eastern Shore Divisions. It includes adding a third Division on the Eastern Shore (Division 3) and renumbering the current Division 3 (on the Western Shore) as Division 6. In future, it suggests, odd numbers will be used for Eastern Shore Divisions and even numbers for Western. The Eastern Shore clubs would be allocated to Division 1 – East, Division 3 – West, and Division 5 – South.

The Board Presidency, supplied by Division 4 in 2003, would come from Division 5 in 2004, Division 1 in 2005, and then follow the numerical sequence (at least until still more Divisions develop). The restructure would become effective for 2004. **Tom Tarpley** addressed the potential treasury impact. He will review options and make recommendations on that aspect at the June Board meeting. On a motion from **Chuck Ebbecke**, the Eastern Shore restructuring plan was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Reporting for **Paul Desmond, Bob McCready** indicated that the membership committee had found the *Bay Club* (near Ocean City) to be an excellent potential MISGA member and moved to accept the *Bay Club* into membership. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ken Wallgren proposed creating a formal *Web Committee* with responsibility to design, manage, and maintain the *MISGA Web Site* to provide current MISGA information useful to MISGA members. **Dick Walsh** would chair the committee initially as *Web Master*, with *Assistant Web Masters* **Byron Keadle** (*MISGAgram* Web Interface), and **Tom Tarpley** (business interface to the *Web Hosting Company*). On a motion by **Bob McCready** this proposal was unanimously approved. **Ken Wallgren** charged **Dick Walsh** with developing appropriate committee description for the *Reps Handbook*.

Ken Wallgren directed formation of an ad hoc *Past Presidents* committee to be chaired by a recent Past President named each year by the President (2003 chair will be Charlie Fieldhouse) to carry out various projects from time to time as assigned by the President. He requested that they look into the accumulation of MISGA historical material and propose a method of determining what should be kept and how to store it. In addition, he asked the committee to develop a recommendation for a standard “sell package” that could be used when recruiting desirable clubs for MISGA membership.

Future Meetings:

Annual Reps Meeting will be at *Chester River* April 7th. The next *Board Meeting* will be June 4th at *Cambridge*.

Respectfully Submitted

Dick Walsh for Bob McMinn, Secretary