

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 16, 2003
Carroll Valley Resort

President Ken Wallgren called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. and introduced Dick Hunt as the new secretary. The following Board and Committee Members were in attendance:

Bill Brown, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Sam Hall, Dick Hunt, Paul Keiser, Jim Lee, Bob McCready, Jim Mitchell, C.J. Myers, Bob Nicholson, Arnie Simms, Peter Sorge, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, Dick Walsh, and Dan Williams.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 4th meeting at Cambridge Country Club were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Tarpley distributed his report covering activities through September 9th. He recommended that the Board not incur any new, large expenses as he believes MISGA cannot afford them. Tom noted that our largest expense continues to be the MISGAGRAM. Tom's report was accepted.

Vice President's Report: Don Ewalt thanked everyone for coming to Carroll Valley.

President's Report: Ken Wallgren opened a discussion of the possibility of reducing the number of MISGAGRAMS from four to three per year. He recommended the following schedule:

January - to include the Spring Fling announcement

May- to include the Fall Fling announcements

September/October - to include the Winter Fling announcement.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to publish three MISGAGRAMS per year in accordance with the above schedule.

Discussion followed regarding reducing the number of people who receive the MISGAGRAM via mail by encouraging use of the web site. The next MISGAGRAM will contain a note asking anyone who would prefer not receiving the MISGAGRAM via mail to notify the editor. Arrangements will be made to accommodate these requests in the Associates data base. A list of those preferring electronic MISGAGRAMS could be used for distributing the MISGA History and help reduce distribution costs.

Division Reports:

Div. 1 - Arnie Simms reported that Garrison Lake would no longer be part of MISGA as the property will be developed. Paul Keiser opened a discussion about new golfers in MISGA as a follow up to the letter to the editor in the last MISGAGRAM. It was suggested that all players should have an established handicap to play in mixers. Paul also noted that the contract with the Clarion for the Spring Fling stipulates that if we cancel after 9/30 we must pay 25% of

anticipated bookings which could amount to \$2200.00. Paul will discuss this issue with our counsel and

check other area hotels. Arnie led a discussion about adherence to USGA rules and regulations which was referred to the Rules and Handicap Committee. He is also concerned about the issue of charges for no-shows at mixers. This issue is being addressed by the Plans and Policy Committee.

Div. 2 - Dick Walsh said that next year's Board Bash is set for September 8th and 9th with the Board meeting on September 7th.

Tom Tarpley submitted his resignation as Assistant Director of Division 2. Tom will continue as Treasurer.

Div. 3 - Dan Williams reported that the Division Pro Am is not filling up very fast and asked for teams from other divisions. He also noted that two clubs in the division are in trouble - one because the course is poorly maintained and the other because of new club management and cost cutting.

Div. 4 - Ken Wallgren reported that the Division 4 Pro Am is also slow in filling up and that Divisions 3 and 4 may combine Pro Am's. He also noted that Lakewood and Hobbit's are closed for renovations and that Manor will close next July.

Div. 5 - Bob McCready noted that rain-outs have been a major problem this year and reminded the Board that there will be a new Division on the Shore next year.

Committee Reports:

Associates - Ken Wallgren reported for Bob Dernoga that membership is 4,426; there are unpaid dues from six clubs; and roster updates were mailed in August.

Events - Pete Sorge reported that the Florida Fling is very popular and additional rooms have been reserved. Fripp is fully booked with seven on the waiting list. Sea Trail still has openings. Planning for the Dominican Republic continues.

General Counsel - No report

Historian - Bill Brown reported that he is pleased with progress on the MISGA history. All statistical data is in hand thanks to Charlie Fieldhouse. The Piney Branch Golf Club History is on the web page as a model for comment and critique. He also pointed out that we still have to deal with the issue of those who want hard copies.

Past Presidents - Charlie Fieldhouse noted that Bill Brown covered his committee effort.

Membership - Ken Wallgren reported for Paul Desmond.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Winter's Run as a new club in Division 2.

This action is effective immediately but dues will not take effect until January 1.

MISGAGRAM - Jim Mitchell requested more input from the divisions. He also said that there will be a November MISGAGRAM.

Policy and Planning - Bob Nicholson distributed a copy of his committee's report dealing with the

issue of covering costs incurred for mixer no-shows.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to table the committee's recommendation.

Tournaments - Jim Lee announced the winners of the Past Presidents Tournament (Bob Burd and Owen Wise) and the Two-Man Team Tournament (B. Dowling and J. Spataro). It was recommended that score cards for Division Qualifiers and State Finals be kept and given to tournament chairmen to assist in reporting for the MISGAGRAM. The Past Presidents Tournament is scheduled for August 16th, 2004 at Maple Dale. Jim distributed copies of tournament winners for the past 12 years.

Rules and Handicap - C.J. Myers distributed: copies of the committee questionnaire regarding the effectiveness of clubs' handicap programs; a list of MISGA clubs without a handicap committee; a copy of a score card from a mixer which raises doubts about handicap effectiveness; and a copy of USGA requirements and responsibilities for handicap committees. C. J. said that the committee's past recommendation to appoint a handicap monitor for each club should be revisited. His committee will have such a recommendation at the next meeting. It was recommended that Arnie Simms write an article for the MISGAGRAM describing each Associates responsibility regarding his handicap. C. J. said that this is his last year as committee chair. The committee recommends co-chairs for next year - one on the Eastern Shore, Terry Stover, and one on the Western Shore, Dick Crone. C.J. was complimented for a good job.

Web Committee - Dick Walsh noted that the Piney Branch History is the newest item on the web. He also requested that all board and committee members review, and update if appropriate, the leadership roster on the web.

New Business - Dick Walsh recommended that Guidelines be updated to clarify that the state tournament chairman be responsible for insuring that a proper venue is established and booked for the state tournaments and that the host rep and division tournament chairman are properly equipped to run the event.

The next meeting will be held December 11th at Rolling Road.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Hunt - Secretary