

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday December 11, 2003
Rolling Road Golf Club

President Ken Wallgren called the meeting to order at 9:55 A.M. and thanked Bob Colvin, Rolling Road Rep, for his hospitality. Ken introduced those members in attendance who will be on the Board next year: Dick Dale, Earl Gayler, Fenton Martin, Paul Phillips and Ralph Starkey. Board and committee members in attendance were the following:

Dick Crone, Paul Desmond, Chuck Ebbecke, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Dick Hunt, Byron Keadle, Paul Keiser, Jim Lee, Bob McCready, Jim Mitchell, C.J. Myers, Bob Nicholson, Arnold Simms, Pete Sorge, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, Dick Walsh, and Dan Williams.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September 16 meeting at Carroll Valley Resort were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Tarpley distributed copies of his report covering activities through the eighth of December. The report was modified by decreasing the proposed 2004 MISGAGRAM expenses from \$12,000 to \$9,000 to reflect the decrease in the number of MISGAGRAMS from four to three. His report was accepted as modified. Tom had available a copy of our insurance contract for perusal and Arnie Simms borrowed it for review. Tom suggested that it would be advantageous to MISGA to appoint an assistant treasurer as a backup in case of emergency. Ken Wallgren said he may volunteer but would first investigate one alternative.

Vice President's Report: Don Ewalt said that Bob Dernoga has resigned as associates chairman and asked for help in finding a replacement for next year. Charlie Fieldhouse volunteered and was appointed. Arnie Simms noted that he may be willing to take over the following year. The history for the Bay Club was given to Charlie Fieldhouse.

President's Report: Ken Wallgren distributed copies of the annual report and thanked the directors for their help in compiling the information. Ken noted that because of weather we had a total of 25 less mixers and 1900 fewer rounds of golf than last year. Also, total revenue was down about \$60,000. Ken said that, since one of the main uses of the annual report, is to show new clubs what goes on in MISGA and the potential income to new clubs, he questioned whether we should include the Spring Fling and the winter mixers on the shore. After discussion it was agreed that we should include the Spring Fling and the Annual Meeting. Ken suggested that a form be included on the web site for those who do not want hard copies of the MISGAGRAM.

Division Reports:

Div. 1 - Arnie Simms introduced Dick Dale as the new Assistant Director in Division 1 and noted that Paul Keiser will be Director. As reported in the September minutes, Garrison will not be a member of MISGA as of Jan. 1, 2004. Arnie reminded the Board that the new Divisions will take effect January 1, 2004. Fenton Martin will head the new Division 3 and Paul Keiser will head Division 1. Paul Keiser handed out a Spring Fling entry form update with the correct street number for Dick Dale. The ABCD State Final Tournament will be held August 16, 2004 at Maple Dale.

Div. 2 - Dick Walsh announced that the new Assistant Director in the Division is Dick McCurdy from Glade Valley. The Division Pro-Am in 2003 was successful and will again be held in 2004 at Holly

Hills. The Board Bash planning is on tract and the Board meeting is scheduled for September 7. The Division 1, 2 and 3 Directors will work together to insure a reasonable time lapse between Division Pro-Ams. The current Pro-Am schedule is as follows:

Div 2 - 10/4 at Holly Hills

Div 4 - 10/18 at Norbeck

Div 6 - 10/13 at Patuxent Greens

Div 1, 3, 5 - 9/27 - site TBD

Chuck Ebbecke suggested that the MISGA calendar be posted on the web site and Dick Walsh agreed to implement same.

Div. 3 - Dan Williams said that the state final for the Two-Man Team Tournament will be held on August 12, 2004 at Walden. There is one club in the Division with a membership problem. It has less than 20 members and is likely to be asked to resign from MISGA after an upcoming meeting. Two associates have been expelled from MISGA by their club for cheating. The Policy and Planning Committee will clarify the MISGA position regarding suspension of associates.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that, for this case, the Board ratify the Division decision to suspend two members and that the individuals be notified of their right of appeal. Furthermore, the Policy and Planning Committee will examine this issue and make a clarifying recommendation at the next Board meeting.

Div. 4 - Ken Wallgren noted the successful Division Christmas luncheon held at Manor and thanked the Manor Reps. Division Associates chairman, Ed Harkleroad, was honored as 'Rep of the year'. The Division training seminar will be held on January 2, 2004. He thanked those clubs who are providing tee times for clubs closed for renovation.

Div. 5 - Bob McCready said that the winter mixer program is successfully underway. The Division has lost Nassawango because new management is not interested in MISGA. Paul Phillips was introduced as new Assistant Director of Div. 5.

Committee Reports:

Associates - Ken Wallgren reported for Bob Dernoga that membership is 4,444 and that there are 17 Associates unpaid. It was noted that there is a decrease in membership and increase in new clubs implying that younger members are not joining MISGA at existing clubs.

Audit - No report.

Events - Pete Sorge said that the fall events were very successful. Fripp was sold out with 140 people and Sea Trail had 97 people. He is investigating several venues for next fall's trips. He has proposals from Fripp, Sea Trail, and Jekyll and is also considering Litchfield and Seabrook. He thanked the Divisions for their help in getting handicaps. He also noted that he received complaints from some on the waiting list at Fripp because there were non - MISGA members attending. It was recommended that the non - MISGA members be rejected if they apply next year. Pete is considering a trip to the Dominican Republic and he needs a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 64. This will not be a MISGA event. It was recommended that the policy of assigned seating be extended to all nights of fall events if there are continued seating problems.

History and Ad Hoc Past Presidents - Charlie Fieldhouse reported for Bill Brown that there is progress on individual club histories but considerable editing is required and pictures are needed. Guidelines for the club history have been sent to all Divisions and are on the web. The history should be a history of MISGA at the club and not a history of the club. The Division Directors need to smooth out the reports for consistency. The history will be a major agenda item at the annual Reps meeting.

Membership - Paul Desmond reported that our two new clubs, Bay Club and Winter's Run are ready for next year's events. He recommended that sample mixers be held at proposed new clubs to better determine how many players can be expected.

MISGAGRAM - Jim Mitchell reminded the board that there will be 3 issues next year. The request to determine how many people would prefer the web site version of the MISGAGRAM resulted in only 80 people responding positively. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have a second MISGAGRAM person to act as a final reviewer prior to publication. It was also suggested that the Directors encourage Reps to submit relevant information for publication. It was noted in this context that the Division 3 Pro-Am results were reported but not the Division 2 and 4 results. The MISGAGRAM will be published in the January, May and October time periods.

Policy and Planning - No report.

Tournaments - Jim Lee reported that he is resigning after this meeting because of health problems and that CJ Myers will be the new chairman.

Rules and Handicaps - CJ Myers reminded the Board that 1/3 of our clubs are without a handicap committee and urged the directors to try and get these clubs to organize such committees. As previously reported, next year's co-chairs of the committee will be Terry Stuber for the western clubs and Dick Crone for the eastern clubs. He recommended that Divisions having training seminars include 10-15 minutes to address rules and handicaps and said that Dick Crone and Terry Stuber will be glad to participate. He further recommended that rules and handicaps be addressed at all regular Division meetings. CJ suggested that the budget continue to include funds for committee members to attend USGA seminars. The committee is looking for new members and Directors were asked for recommendations.

Web Committee - Dick Walsh requested that if anyone had ideas about items that should be added to the web site to let him know. He requested updates for the leadership roster for 2004. Dick recommended that we publish a new handbook next year because of the many revisions to the bylaws and guidelines.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to publish a new handbook next year.

New Business - Ken Wallgren thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as president and passed the gavel to Don Ewalt, president for 2004. Don said that the next meeting for the Board and committee chairs will be January 29, 2004 at a site to be announced. He then recognized Paul Keiser as the new vice president. Arnie Simms thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Division Director.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Dick Hunt - Secretary