

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 7, 2004
Carroll Valley

President Don Ewalt called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Don thanked Dick Walsh for the excellent arrangements for both the Board Meeting and the Board Bash. Board and Committee members in attendance were the following: Bill Brown, Dick Crone, Dick Dale, Chuck Ebbecke, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Earl Gaylor, Dick Hunt, Paul Keiser, Fenton Martin, C.J. Myers, Bob Nicholson, Pete Sorge, Gary Sorrell, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, Dick Walsh, and Dan Williams.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the meeting at Walden Golf Club on 6/21/04 were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Tarpley distributed the financial report as of September 1, 2004 which reflects total funds available of \$35,110.80. Tom recognized the certificate of deposit previously contributed by Merle Shumaker and suggested an obituary be written for him to be published in the MISGAGRAM. Dan Williams volunteered to prepare same.

Vice President's Report: Paul Keiser said that next year he plans to have 6 board meetings- one in each division. Also, he would like a complete calendar for next year by the December meeting which will then be published in the MISGAGRAM and on the web site.

President's Report: Don Ewalt said he received a letter from Norbeck CC inviting a team or teams from the board to the Division 4 Pro-Am on 18 October. He also read a letter from Jim Lee, former tournament chairman thanking the board for the plaque he received for his service to MISGA.

Division Reports:

Div I Paul Keiser reported that club histories have been given to Bill Brown and there is on going review of some write-ups. The ABCD final tournament was successfully carried out at Maple Dale with 124 players. A training session for new Reps was held July 14th. Dick Dale reported on the results of the questionnaire regarding the Spring Fling. Of the 240 players, 52 responded and 25 want one extra day and 27 want 2 extra days. All respondents liked the Ocean City Club but would like to play elsewhere. The Division likely will add one day next year at a club to be determined.

Div II Dick Walsh said that 3 clubs had not yet submitted histories. Tom Tarpley will be the new assistant Division Director effective 16 September. The Board Bash is scheduled for September 7 and 8 in 2005. In 2006 the Bash will be the third week in September. Less than 80 have signed up for this year's Bash compared to about 100 last year. The Division Pro-Am will be held on October 4 at Holly Hills.

Div III Fenton Martin noted that the Division will hold a meeting in November to review Division status and develop plans for next year. Two club histories have previously been submitted and 5 more are available.

Div IV Chuck Ebbecke noted the Division Pro-Am to be held on October 18. Seven of ten histories are in good shape and three need more work. Hobbitt's Glen has reopened. Manor and Lakewood are closed for renovations.

Div V Don Ewalt said all club histories have been submitted. The Division has had an issue regarding

players at non-MISGA clubs participating in mixers. He sent a letter to all Division clubs noting that this is contrary to our By-laws and is an insurance risk to MISGA.

Div VI Dan Williams said the Division continues to recruit Old South. Carts are currently allowed off the paths in a test mode and if the club lifts the cart path only rule they are a good MISGA candidate. Bob Nicholson commented on the successful Two-Man State Tournament held at Walden. 128 players participated. Players played at 90% of handicap unless the team indices differed by more than 8 points in which case they played at 80% of handicap. This resulted in good scoring for the tournament with a low score of 61, second place at 62 and two scores of 63.

Committee Reports:

Associates: Charlie Fieldhouse reported that together with the Division Associates Chairmen he is attempting to develop electronic means to transmit roster information. In the future, Division roster data will go directly to Associates Chairmen. The 5-89 form has been revised to reflect Associates who will not receive hard copy of the MISGAGRAM.

Audit: Tom Tarpley reported that Sam Nisbet will conduct an audit this year if a new chairman is not found prior to year end. Paul Keiser is looking for a new chairman.

Counsel: Don Ewalt spoke with Al Isaacs who said he is available if needed.

Events: Pete Sorge said that 96 people have signed up for Fripp Island and 122 for Jekyll. He has received solicitations for 2005 and is considering Seabrook and Amelia Island among others. He has 12 players signed up for the Dominican Republic.

Historian: Bill Brown said the history is coming together and his goal is to have all histories by the December meeting.

Membership: No report.

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Planning: Bob Nicholson distributed copies of his committee report containing three recommendations which resulted in the following:

1. It was moved and unanimously passed that By-laws Section VI.E.2 "Membership Committee" be amended to add a new Subsection (i) to read:

i. Have a formal and active handicap committee and maintain this committee under the USGA Handicap System.

2. It was moved and unanimously passed that By-laws Section VIII.D be amended to add a new subsection as follows:

10. Appoint a handicap chairman for the division. This chairman should be responsible for informing the Division Director of any member club in the Division that fails to maintain an active handicap committee which monitors the club handicap system for all Associates under USGA Handicap Guide Lines. The Division director shall report, at least once a year, to the MISGA Board on the status of member club handicap committees.

3. It was moved and unanimously passed that the MISGA Constitution be amended as stipulated in Article V of the constitution, at the annual meeting of MISGA Reps as follows:

A MISGA Associate is a person who has attained the age of fifty-five (55), is a golf member in good standing in a MISGA member club under the normal and usual conditions for membership established by that member club, has paid the MISGA Association dues and if such member club has a senior men's organization through which members become MISGA Associates, remains in good standing in that senior men's organization.

Rules and Handicap: Dick Crone distributed copies of his report.

1. The Committee's main goal for 2004 is to have a Handicap Committee at all MISGA clubs.
2. The main goal for 2005 is to assist MISGA club Handicap Committees in administering their functions.

Dick noted that in Divisions II, IV and VI, of the eight clubs that began the year without a Handicap Committee, four have established Committees, two have started the process and the other two plan to have committees by the end of the year.

Tournaments: C.J. Myers distributed copies of his report. Both state final tournaments were successfully held as scheduled. Two - Man team tournament winners were Tom Devlin and John Kovalchick from Winters Run. The Past Presidents tournament low net winner was John Tomasi from Green Hill and low gross went to Tim Linck from Harbourtowne. C.J. complimented tournament organizers and noted highlights from each tournament together with observations intended to improve next years tournaments. C.J. handed out a list of tournament winners since 1992. Division V is responsible for the ABCD tournament in 2005 and Division II for the Two - Man team tournament. The place and date for these tournaments will be determined by the December meeting.

Web: Dick Walsh made the following comments:

1. Please notify Dick when something needs to be removed or added to the Web site.
2. His objective by early 2005 is to have Byron Keadle take charge of the Web.

Past Presidents: Charlie Fieldhouse requested the following additional information from each club: street address, city, state, zip code, phone number and an unwrinkled score card. A summary of history submissions prior to this meeting is as follows:

Div I - 8 clubs and 8 submitted

Div II - 13 clubs - missing are Hunt Valley, Rolling Road and Winters Run

Div III - 7 clubs - missing are Chester River, Harbourtowne, Prospect Bay, Talbot, Cambridge, (

Write-ups were provided at the meeting)

Div IV - 10 clubs - major computer problem

Div V - 10 clubs and 10 submitted

Div VI - 10 clubs- missing are Chartwell, Crofton, U. of MD, Naval Academy, Marlborough and Walden

Old Business: It was agreed to table consideration of providing funds for CD's for the MISGA history.

New Business: *The next Board meeting will be 9:30 AM, Thursday, December 9 at the Elks club in Salisbury.*

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectively submitted - Dick Hunt- Secretary