

**MISGA Board Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 9, 2004**  
**Elks Club, Salisbury, MD**

President Don Ewalt, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Don introduced Howard Taylor, the new audit committee chairman, Gary Sorrell, next year's treasurer and Arnie Simms, membership chairman. Board and Committee in attendance were as follows: Dick Crone, Dick Dale, Chuck Ebbecke, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Earl Gayler, Dick Hunt, Paul Keiser, Fenton Martin, Jim Mitchell, CJ Myers, Bob Nicholson, Paul Phillips, Arnie Simms, Pete Sorge, Gary Sorrell, Ralph Starkey, Tom Tarpley, Howard Taylor, Ken Walgren, and Dan Williams.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the meeting at Carroll Valley on 9/7/04 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Tarpley requested rapid response for all outstanding expenses for 2004, including trip expenses to this meeting, so that books can be closed. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

**Vice President's Report:** 1. Paul Keiser discussed the issue regarding the Mid-Atlantic PGA charge for the Pro-Ams in Divisions II and IV. A motion about this issue is included under new business. Paul requested that CJ Myers, tournament chairman, act as coordinator and advisor to Pro-Am organizers. It was noted that the Mid-Atlantic PGA must be informed early about these tournaments.  
2. Paul handed out a list of officers and committee chairs for the next year. These will be published on the web site. Paul noted that Jim Brittingham from Maple Dale will likely replace Terry Stuver as the Eastern Rep on the Rules and Handicap Committee.

**President's Report:** Don thanked the board and committee chairs for their help during the past year.

**Division Reports:**

**Div I:** Paul Keiser reported the following items:

1. Divisions I, III, V held a joint meeting to finalize mixer schedules.
2. The leadership roster is available and up to date.
3. The Division Pro-Am is tentatively scheduled for July 20 at Maple Dale.
4. Club pictures and score cards are available for the history committee.
5. The Rep of the year for the division is from Cripple Creek.

**Div II:** Tom Tarpley reported the following:

1. Tom Taylor from Quail Valley will be assistant director beginning 1/1/05.
2. Tom Tarpley will be director beginning 1/1/05.
3. The Board Bash has been rescheduled for September 14 and 15. There will not be a board meeting at the Bash. Since participation has been down the field will be open to other Associates if necessary to fill our quota.
4. The Division's mixer schedule is on the web site.
5. In 2006, the Division will be operating under a matrix system.
6. The Division Pro-Am is scheduled at Rolling Road on 9/26.
7. The State Two-Man Team Final will be held on August 1 at Holly Hills with September 6 as the rain date.
8. **Tom recognized the significant contributions of outgoing director Dick Walsh, including the initiation, development and maintenance of our web site and publication of the leadership roster**

**and the by laws and constitution. Tom asked for a round of applause for Dick.**

**Div III:** Fenton Martin noted the following:

1. The Division's Annual Report shows that attendance at mixers was down last year but income increased.
2. The Division has had a large turnover in Reps and a training seminar is upcoming in the spring.
3. The leadership roster is available for other Directors.
4. Hog Neck Golf club is being investigated as a possible new MISGA club. The membership committee will review their facilities.

**Div IV:** Chuck Ebbecke reported the following:

1. The Division holiday party at Manor on 12/8/04 was well attended and very successful.
2. The mixer schedule is complete.
3. The Division Pro-Am is scheduled on October 17 at Hobbitts Glen.
4. A training seminar is scheduled on January 4 at Manor.
5. Earl Gayler will be Director next year and Dick Hunt Assistant Director.

**Div V:** Don Ewalt reported that the leadership roster is incomplete because of unfilled positions. Don reminded Directors that annual reports are due. Mixer schedules are complete. The Division is in good shape except for some vacancies.

**Div VI:** Dan Williams reported that Lloyd Stimson will be Assistant Director and Bob Nicholson Director next year. The Pro-Am is scheduled on September 21 at Tantallon. A training seminar will be held in March.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Associate:** Charlie Fieldhouse noted that membership decreased 5.8% in 2004 and 13.3% over the past four years. The new W-5-89 form is proceeding well.

**Audit and Council:** No report.

**Events:** Pete Sorge said that attendance at both Fall Frolics was excellent. The bill from Jekyll Island has not yet been reconciled. The venues for next year have not yet been determined. Amelia Island and Seabrook are being considered.

**History:** Charlie Fieldhouse reported for Bill Brown and requested street number, phone number, and zip code for all clubs. The history is proceeding very well. All Directors are requested to read Division histories on the web page. Completion and update are expected by the October board meeting.

**Membership:** Arnie Simms requested appointment of two members from the Western Shore and two from the Eastern Shore to serve on the committee.

**MISGAGRAM:** Jim Mitchell reported that the January issue is ready for the printer. Jim said that the web site alone will not be sufficient for the MISGAGRAM but the June issue will have a few less Associates on the mailing list.

**Planning:** No report.

**Rules:** Dick Crone reiterated his committee goal for 2004 to have a handicap committee at each club and noted that 12 clubs have added handicap committees. This year his committee will work with club committees. He would like a member from each Division on his committee.

**Tournaments:** CJ Myers reviewed committee membership for next year. All current members will continue. Next year's tournament schedule is the following:

August 1 - Two-Man Team Final at Holly Hills

Rain date, September 6

August 11 - Presidents Cup Final at Green Hill

Rain date August 18

**Web:** Tom Tarpley reported for Dick Walsh that transfer of the web site maintenance is expected by April. Dick Walsh will handle the roster until then.

**Past Presidents:** Charlie Fieldhouse said the charge for changing the W-5-89 Form is \$0.10 per change.

**New business:**

- 1. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that Associate dues be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 effective January, 2006 and that club dues be increased to \$50.00 effective January, 2005.**
- 2. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that a committee be convened to develop a budget to account for the increase in dues.**
- 3. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that MISGA send \$350.00 to Holly Hills and to Norbeck to compensate these clubs for the Mid-Atlantic PGA fee for our Pro-Ams.**
4. Don Ewalt noted that there were former Associates who would like to receive the MISGAGRAM and suggested that perhaps we should have honorary memberships to this end. The Planning and Membership Committees will investigate this subject.
5. Paul Keiser was introduced as the new President and Tom Tarpley as the new Vice President. Paul distributed a handout of MISGA dates for 2005 and noted that there will be six board meetings next year. After discussion it was suggested that each Division appoint a coordinator to provide Division input to the Web Site Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.      Respectively submitted - Dick Hunt, secretary