

## MISGA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 2, 2006  
Prospect Bay Country Club  
Grasonville, Maryland

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members** 7 of 12 Board members were in attendance.

**Division I**, Dick Dale; **Division II**, Tom Tarpley & Tom Taylor; **Division IV**, Dick Hunt; **Division V**, Paul Phillips; **Division VI**, Bob Nicholson & Lloyd 'Stim' Stimson.

### **Officers & Committee Chairmen:**

**President**, Tom Tarpley; **Secretary**, Chuck Ebbecke; **Treasurer**, Gary Sorrell; **Counsel**, Jim Ewalt;

**Committee Chairs: Associates**, Charlie Fieldhouse; **Audit**, Howard Taylor; **Historian**, Bill Brown; **Membership**, Arnold Simms; **Mixers**, Dan Williams; **Plans & Policy**, Ken Wallgren; **Rules & Handicaps**, Jim Brittingham; **Trips/Events**, Peter Sorge; **Tournaments**, C. J. Myers; **Web Master**, Byron Keadle.

**Past President**, Paul Keiser

**Visitor**: Will Hall, Ocean City, as a guest of Paul Phillips.

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

Tom Tarpley announced the procedures for signing up for lunch and golf, and then asked people to introduce themselves around the table.

He then introduced Milton S. Zepp, a MISGA golfer from Division II who is also a first EMT responder with over 30 years experience. Milton is a member of the AED Instructors Foundation, a non-profit to assist and support golf courses in Maryland.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** Chuck Ebbecke's reading of the minutes of December 8, 2005 at Maple Dale CC was waived. The minutes were published on the MISGA website and a notice of publication was sent to all Board participants three months before this meeting; no changes were requested to the final version as published on the MISGA Website.

**Treasurer:** Gary Sorrell handed out a report on the status of 2005 expenditures, with a proposed staged allotment by each Division for 2006, and a draft and current status budget report for 2006. He also reported the cost of printing the MISGA history was within parametric norms. However, in order to handle the cost of printing and shipping

the new MISGA History, he requested timely payment in May of Associate dues and approval of the two-stage allotment to the Divisions.

To aid in the preparation of future budgets, Committee Chairmen should take greater care in reporting increases or decreases over normal and ordinary expenses from year to year.

*The proposed 2006 budget was approved by unanimous vote.*

Finally, on the advice of the Auditor, Howard Taylor, IRS Form 990 will be filed for 2005.

**President's Remarks:** Tom thanked the officers and committee chairmen for their efforts and hard work in keeping MISGA running well and mentioned there were others present who would give a presentation later on his proposal to supply AEDs to all MISGA clubs.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Printing of MISGA History:** Using cost validation techniques, the Treasurer agreed to cap the current estimate at \$19,450. Some additional editing reduced the estimate to \$16,295. The actual printing cost is firm at \$15,395. Shipping costs have not yet been locked in. The Histories will be sent to the Club Reps (Attention to MISGA Club Representative) at their Clubs during the first week in April. Board Participants will receive their copies at the annual Reps meeting at Chester River in April.

**Optional Use of Tees:** Ken Wallgren, Chairman of the Plans and Policy Committee, offered a motion developed in conjunction with the Rules & Handicap Chairman for discussion and approval. He emphasized these were guidelines, which may be used as an option in MISGA mixers by Club Reps, or in other MISGA events such as state tournaments or trips by the tournament committees at their sole discretion. Ignoring his introduction, the resulting discussion went into full debate mode as if this motion were a mandated requirement for all MISGA play. After a very lengthy and wide ranging debate, the motion was amended and approved to delete references to specific handicap and age ranges as proposed and to replace them with a reference to follow the current USGA guidelines, as follows:

*MISGA Guidelines on Optional Use of Forward and Rearward Tees*  
*The use of alternate tees in MISGA Mixers, State Tournaments and other events, such as Frolics and Flings, is optional and is to be determined by the Club, the Club Rep or the Event/Tournament Chairman. All golfers may choose to play any of the optional tees if optional tees are offered. When optional tees are offered, participants must be informed in advance and the USGA Handicap Manual must be used to rate the use of all tees offered.*

**Standards for Annual Report:** Ken Wallgren, Chairman of the Plans and Policy Committee reported that he saw no need to set definitions for the annual report. Because the reports come from the Club Reps through the Division Directors, they are un-auditable and on examination are frequently internally inconsistent; thus they may contain bogus numbers that the President has to collate into an annual summary. Ken

said there was no need to provide comparability from year to year and that the President should be the one to decide the definitions and categories for the annual report. After some discussion on the value and use of the annual report and the need to educate the club reps on its use, no action was taken on this item. The general consensus was to: "Leave the President to do, what the President needs to do".

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposal to Change the Constitution:** in Article III, B. Associates, to reduce the age of MISGA Associates from 55 years of age to 50 years of age; proposed by Ralph Starkey. A very brief discussion about trying this out at a few clubs and evaluating the results was swept away by a call for a motion (by Nicholson) and seconded (by Dale) and a vote of approval by the 7 Directors present, plus Starkey's proxy voted by Tarpley, approved the change to the Constitution as follows:

***FROM:***

***A MISGA Associate is a person who has attained the age of fifty-five (55), ...***

***TO:***

***A MISGA Associate is a person who has attained the age of fifty (50), ...***

[The requirement for a written proxy from all absent Directors was followed only by Tom Tarpley who had a written proxy delegation from Ralph Starkey. Thus, the requirement that 2/3 of Board Members -8 out of 12- required to approve any change to the Constitution was met.]

This proposed change to the Constitution must now be presented to the Club Reps at Chester River at the annual Reps meeting on April 10, 2006.

**Proposal to Provide AEDs to MISGA Clubs:** This issue came up after the Division and Committee Reports below to provide time for extended discussion but is reported here under New Business to facilitate report retrieval under New Business in the future. Tom Tarpley introduced the topic by saying he proposes to purchase and distribute Automated External Defibrillators with appropriate training to every club in MISGA. He then read into the minutes the following handout given to the Board with the agenda:

**HANDOUT FOR AED PROPOSAL  
PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTE AED'S  
(AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS)  
ONE FOR EACH CLUB IN MISGA  
WITH APPROPRIATE TRAINING PROVIDED.**

**THE RECOMMENDED UNIT IS THE MEDTRONIC LIFEPAK CR PLUS.**

- THE DEVICE SELECTED IS THE ONE MOST UTILIZED BY THE EMS PERSONNEL AND HOSPITALS IN MARYLAND AND SURROUNDING STATES.
- THE DEVICE CAN BE REUSED.
- BATTERY PACKS KEEP THEM VIABLE FOR TWO YEARS.
- TRAINING CAN BE DELIVERED AT REASONABLE COST FROM MILTON ZEPP WHO IS A HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR AND HE IS ONE OF US.

**FUNDED BY MISGA OVER A TWO TO THREE YEAR PERIOD FROM THE TREASURY**

- PLUS ANY EXCESS ALLOCATED DIVISION FUNDS RETURNED AND EARMARKED FOR THIS PROJECT UNTIL ALL CLUBS ARE EQUIPPED AND TRAINED.
- COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$ TBD PER UNIT WITH \$ TBD IN ASSOCIATED TRAINING PER CLUB.
- TOTAL PROGRAM COST IS \$ TBD LIMITED ANNUALLY TO \$ TBD UNTIL PROGRAM IS COMPLETE. [TBDs were filled in during following presentation.]

**THE BENEFITS ARE OBVIOUS:**

- WE ARE THE ONES MOST LIKELY TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE DEVICE.
- ALL CLUB MEMBERS WILL/COULD BENEFIT.
- IT WOULD BE GOOD PR FOR MISGA—IMPROVED VISIBILITY COULD HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS AND SERVE TO KEEP SOME CURRENT MEMBERS ALIVE.

After reading the above handout, Tom introduced Milton S. Zepp, a paramedic with over 30 years experience and a MISGA member, and Mike Schlegel, an Account Executive with Medtronic. They presented well over an hour's worth of video & slides information with Q&A from the Board throughout the presentation.

Key data on costs included: \$1,595 per unit (a manual unit is \$1,370), \$50 biannual battery pack replacement, plus training cost by Milton Zepp at his (travel) cost only. The general consensus was this was a good idea, the assumptions about surplus funds after the increase of dues needs a reality test, and many clubs already have AEDs in place. Many other ideas and options were raised indicating a lengthy discussion is needed to sort it all out and come to a final decision.

*To carry this issue forward, Division Directors are requested to poll their member clubs and determine which of the clubs in their Division already have AEDs and where they are placed in relation to the golf shop/golf course. Division Directors should also explore other ways MISGA might encourage clubs to acquire their AEDs. Directors should report their results to the President before the next Board meeting at Carroll Valley in September in order for the President to present a consolidated database and agenda for our next discussion.*

**DIVISION REPORTS**

**Division I:** Dick Dale had 56 applications in hand with five weeks to go for the Spring Fling in Ocean City which was pretty much on track with prior years. Cost is about \$100 less because the Clarion lodging and banquet were eliminated. The Division I meeting will be held later in March.

**Division II:** Tom Taylor announced his Division meeting will be on March 27 and Board Participants are welcome. He deferred the Pro Am announcement details to Division VI. He reminded us that Division II will host the renamed Board Bash, now called the 'Summer Frolic' at Carroll Valley in September. It will be preceded by Board Meeting.

**Division IV:** Dick Hunt reported the Division Seminar in January went well, all the clubs have their season's schedules set, and his best news was: Manor's new course will be open this year.

**Division V:** Paul Phillips said the Division meeting on February 20th went well; they emphasized the need to post handicap scores at the local club or on Golfnet, a website which Jim Brittingham also presented to the Division.

**Division VI:** Bob Nicholson will hold their Division's Training Seminar later in March for the Club Reps and Assistant Reps with an emphasis on how to do things right. Qualifiers for State Tournaments are set up at the Naval Academy and the University of Maryland. Of special note he announced a jointly hosted Pro-Am by Divisions II & VI has been scheduled at the well regarded Chartwell CC for Tuesday, September 26.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Associates:** Charlie Fieldhouse reported on his visits to Division Meetings in his drive to educate the Club Reps on the new internet procedures for maintaining the MISGA membership roster.

He also reported on the distribution of the MISGA History 1996-2005 as noted above under Old Business.

**Audit:** Howard Taylor reported on his audits of:

- Florida Winter Fling had a good report of players, income and expenses; supporting documentation was missing and they should be included in the future.
- Summer Frolic 2005 supported expenditures with hard copy documentation and all income was identified by source. Tom Taylor identified hotel billing errors and ensured contract prices were honored saving over \$500.
- MISGA Treasurer Records for 2005 reported all income and expenses properly and all recommendations from the 2004 audit were in place. Howard said it was a pleasure to review these records.
- The Guidelines for Fiscal Conduct of MISGA Golf Tournaments & Special Events have been revised and posted on the MISGA website.
- Finally, as mentioned above, the IRS Form 990 will be filed for 2005.

**Historian:** Having completed the 1996-2005 History, Bill Brown said for the first time in two and a half years he had nothing to say. After a vigorous round of applause it was unclear whether the applause was for completing the history or for having nothing to say.

**Membership:** Arnie Simms had nothing new now that the revised guidelines for club membership has been published on the MISGA website.

**Mixers:** Dan Williams announced he will offer suggestions for dealing with slow play to be handed out at the Annual Reps Meeting and to be posted on the website.

**MISGAgrams:** Jim Mitchell was not present, but Bob Nicholson took the opportunity to remind the Directors to ask the Club Reps to think like reporters and send in items and photos for the MISGAgram. The 'gram is improving and relies on input from Reps. Inputs to Jim Mitchell are due by March 15, 2006 from Divisions II, IV, and VI.

**Plans & Policy:** Ken Wallgren raised the issue of former MISGA members who, for example, have moved south but are close to events like the Fall or Winter Frolics and would like to join in those events on a space available basis. To clarify eligibility for MISGA-wide trips such as the Frolics, after some discussion, a motion was made and passed that we add to the Conduct of MISGA Events guidelines:

*Former MISGA members may be included on a space available basis.*

**Rules & Handicaps:** Jim Brittingham asked that each club have a handicap contact and again stressed that Associates must use identical names when posting scores. (For instance, James Smith, Jack Smith and J. Smith utterly defeats his attempt to monitor handicaps on Golf.net.) His request for a MISGA roster was easily met by Charlie Fieldhouse. A late email report from Dick Crone confirmed the last minutes from our meeting of 12/8/05 that all MISGA clubs have been approved to issue USGA handicaps.

**Trips & Events:** Peter Sorge reported he worked with Howard Taylor to update the guidelines for Fiscal Conduct of Tournaments and Events mentioned above under audits. Venues for the fall trips are in negotiation and will be announced soon and will be available for the Annual Club Reps meeting on April 10th.

**Tournaments:** C.J. Myers repeated the dates and locations of the final state-wide ABCD & Two Man tournaments: ABCD at Harbourtowne and the Two Man Team is at Manor. The ABCD at Harbourtowne cannot be held on the announced date of August 21st. It will be rescheduled to Monday, August 14th. The rain date of August 28th remains. C.J. then polled the Divisions to find if this change will impact the schedules of any Division qualifiers.

In 2007 Division VI will host the ABCD Tournament and Division I will host the Two Man Team Tournament; C.J. asked the two Division Directors to identify the clubs that will host these events so some early planning might take place.

**Web Master:** Byron Keadle is attempting to update the Leadership Roster on the website and requested updates from Division II and III. He was promised a quick response.

**Closing:** With dark clouds fast approaching from the east, any desire to start playing golf so late in the day began to fade. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and quickly approved at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Ebbecke  
MISGA Secretary  
March 16, 2006