

Attendees: Byron Keadle, Howard Taylor, Gary Sorrell, John Babyak, John Kennedy, Tom Tarpley, Malcolm Peterson, Bob Turner, Jim Wilcox, Steve Neal, Ted Ifft, Charlie Fieldhouse, Tom Taylor, Don Ewalt, Dick Crone, Errol Myers and non-Board members Dick Dale and C.J. Myers.

Call to Order - The MISGA President, Byron Keadle, opened the meeting at 04:30 P.M. We had three Past Presidents attending the meeting: Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse and Bob Turner. Byron had all of the attendees introduce themselves. As the introductions finished, two more Past Presidents came in, Tom Tarpley and C.J Myers. The use of the internet has greatly facilitated the Board communications so that most of our Board actions are resolved ahead of time using e-mail so we have to spend very little time at Board meetings for the exchange of information. We have a goal tonight to wrap up the meeting by 6:30 P.M. Byron encouraged everyone to read the e-mail reports and unless something requires further discussion, we can let the reports stand as they are.

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting were previously distributed via e-mail and were published on the web site. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented on the website. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report – A Treasurer's Report was distributed via e-mail. Gary Sorrell said that he was leaving as Treasurer. The new Treasurer will be Dick Schwinger of Holly Hills. Gary would be staying on the Board as the Audit Committee Chairman. His report contained two reports, a Year-to-date actual income and expenses vs. 2009 Budget and Division Operations allotments. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Division Reports

Division I – No Report

Division II – A report was distributed via e-mail. A discussion about a Ladies MISGA Division was delayed until the New Business portion of the meeting.

Division III – Malcolm Peterson reported that the qualifying tournament run by Div I and Div III had some problems and was two teams short of a full field. We didn't have enough carts for the Two-Man Tournament. He suggested that in the future, it would be a good idea to have guidelines prepared for those that are running the division tournaments. Also a list of contacts that could provide guidance and support would also be useful.

Division IV – A report was distributed via e-mail.

Division V – Steve Neal reported that one of the clubs in his division is considering dropping out of MISGA. The division is trying a new system to try to generate better attendance. This would be discussed later under New Business.

Division VI – A report was distributed via e-mail.

Committee Reports

Associates – Ralph Cruikshank did not attend the meeting but a report was submitted via e-mail to Byron and John Babyak. He had expressed concern about the sluggishness with which the dues and roster updates are done. He did not get the last roster update until August and they are supposed to be in by the first of June.

Audit – Howard Taylor submitted a report via e-mail. He reported that there are some residual funds in Division I from the last two years. Gary Sorrell will take over the committee next year.

Counsel – Jim Ewalt was not at the meeting, no report.

Events – Pete Sorge was not at the meeting but a report was submitted via e-mail to Byron and John Babyak. The Fall Frolic will be held at Little River in Carthage, N.C. (Pinehurst Area) on November 1-7, 2009. There are 98 attendees and there is room for a couple of more applicants if they contact Pete and have their applications received no later than 9/30.

Historian – Charlie Fieldhouse sent out a report and two attachments. Charlie will be retiring from the MISGA Board in December.

Membership – Tom Taylor submitted a report via e-mail. The report showed that 41 clubs showed a decline of 384 members. This was offset by 19 clubs showing an increase of 140 members, two new clubs with 72 members and one reinstated club, the Bay Club, with 32 members. At the end of 2008, there were 7 clubs with fewer than 32 associates. In 2009, there are 13.

Policy and Planning – Earl Gayler did not attend because of health issues.

Rules and Handicap – Dick Crone submitted a report via e-mail. He will be, at Byron's request, emphasizing rules this year. He has submitted rules related articles in the April and September issues of the Misgagram. He is using the article titles that were developed by Sam Hall, a past president, in 2001. Thirty-five pages of rules articles were created but they never put into the MISGAGRAM. Dick is starting with the titles and revising the articles. He has checked the scores from the State ABCD and Two-Man Tournaments. Over 90% of players in both tournaments have posted their correct scores. In April, Dick asked the Board to suspend the Ineligibility Rule for a year and he would randomly check scores. Based on the results, he would be inclined to not recommend the reinstatement of the rule. A discussion about on-line posting followed. Dick Dale felt that we need some guidelines about some clubs allowing members with an age plus handicap over a certain number, being allowed to play from the forward (Red) tees. Another problem is with associates with a 50 index playing to the maximum handicap index of 36.4 and not being able to contribute in a mixer.m

Tournament Chairman – Tom Tarpley submitted a report via e-mail. The ABCD and the Two-Man Tournament were highly successful. Use the regular mixer tees were not a problem, the long hitters did not dominate. He plans to use the regular mixer tees again next year. The ABCD at Manor had spotters to help locate balls. That was very helpful. C.J. Myers' guidelines of tournament preparation were very helpful. There was a low gross prize in the two-man team tournament and there was competition for this prize. C.J. pointed out that there is a scheduling

problem with the ABCD Tournament in July 2010 because most divisions will not have time to hold a division qualifier. A discussion about the location of the State Tournaments followed. In 2010, the State ABCD will be held on July 26th and the State Two-Man will be held on August 16th at Holly Hills.

Misgagram – Herb Hanson was not at the meeting but sent a report via e-mail. The next issue will be about a week late because of a problem converting the format of one of the submissions. Herb would like to be replaced as editor of the Misgagram.

Website – Errol Myers reported that he is staying up with changes. He is no longer able to use Mapquest and has converted to Yahoo.maps for all of the club websites. Fall projects will be to put in some new capability with Photo Gallery so that if someone takes a lot of pictures, we can load them up in bulk. He will be consolidating all of the club information on one page with links to the club websites.

President's Remarks – Byron commented on the History situation that we have. Only one division has a historian. We should have division historians as well as club historians. He also felt that the Plans and Policy Committee should review the by-laws and guidelines to recommend changes that are required to correspond to the way the Board does business. References should be made to the website rather than pages in the by-laws or guidelines. All of the MISGA documents should be looked at regularly to see if they should be updated. He would like to have the Past Presidents look into the issues of low participation in mixers, why the Rules of Golf are not followed, why it is so hard to get volunteers to take positions of responsibility and why does the Global E-mail System fail to reach all associates.

Old Business -

Spring Fling – Dick Dale said that he has run the spring Fling for six years, four in Ocean City and two at Williamsburg, and generally has about \$50 left over from an event. Over time, he now has \$430 left over. He would like to keep that money for the next Spring Fling rather than returning it to the MISGA treasury. Tom Tarpley made a motion that Dick could keep the money for use in the next Spring Fling. The motion was passed.

New Business

Associates Roster Due Date – At the March 2008 Board Meeting, the due date for the Associates rosters was set as May 1st. We are now using June 1st as the due date but have never officially changed the date. By rescinding the 2008 action, the date would revert back to June 1st. A motion was made to rescind the March 2008 action. The motion was passed.

Realignment of Clubs – This was suggested as a topic because Division II is getting a number of new clubs. Tom Tarpley said that his division is in no position to say how many clubs will be in the division because several clubs are on the borderline of going away. He does not feel that any action is required at this time.

State Tournament Costs – The Tournament Chairman said that costs would not go down in the future and might hit \$100 in 2010. The cost did not influence the participation in these events. It was suggested that the tournament hosts could provide a list of overnight accommodations in the area of the State Tournaments.

Division V Mixers – The Division V reps had a meeting on September 8th and they discussed how they could increase attendance at mixers. It was agreed that they would assign exclusive home dates on which the other division clubs would not schedule either home or away mixers. It was further agreed that the other clubs would not schedule another mixer either the day before or the day after the exclusive date. Then they assigned the dates for next season. They hope that by doing that, it would bring more people to a given mixer. Steve Neal added some comments. Out of the ten clubs in the division, we have four or five that have attendance problems. The division decided to try the exclusive dates for a year to see how it works. They did this to weed out the competition in Division V. There are twenty-six weeks of the season and two days for each of ten clubs still leaves six weeks that are untouched. Two of those would be used for the Division ABCD and Two-Man Tournaments. So our clubs can still schedule out of division clubs during the remaining four weeks. The idea is that we will not compete with others in our own division. There was a concern about existing clubs having fewer than 32 associates but it was pointed out that once a club is in MISGA, there is no minimum number of associates required.

Ladies MISGA Division – In the Division II Report, Tom Tarpley reported that “Several females wanted to know if MISGA is interested in entertaining the idea of a separate Women’s MISGA Division operating under MISGA rules and having their own organization, but not inter-mixing with the men. Was MISGA interested in pursuing or offering guidance? C.J. Myers pointed out that about ten years ago, Montgomery C.C. women formed a Women’s Interclub Senior Golf Association. At that time, MISGA said that we wouldn’t have anything to do with it, if they want to do it, do it. A long discussion, most of it on a different issue, followed without a response to the question of a women’s division.

New Clubs in MISGA – Tom Taylor proposed that we accept two new clubs into MISGA, Cress Creek C.C. in Shepherdstown, WV with 20 associates and Musket Ridge in Myersville, MD with 17 associates. A separate motion was made to accept each club on a provisional basis, lasting 3 or 4 years. If they do not reach the 32 associates in that time, they would have to drop out. Each motion was passed. VFW will continue in MISGA, playing at the VFW course.

Banking Resolution – The Board approved a resolution to designate Eastern Savings Bank as a depository of MISGA funds (primarily certificates of deposit). The bank asked MISGA to approve this resolution as part of updating signature cards to add our new Treasurer.

Wrap-up – There was a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at Patuxent Greens.

Board Meeting
Carroll Valley Golf Resort
September 15, 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Certain unfavorable trends are cropping up in MISGA. We need to improve in these areas in order to make MISGA an all-inclusive and respected organization to be proud of, as it has been in the past and can be again.

Participation – Low participation in MISGA events is one of our most vexing problems. Clubs should strive to send at least ten players (20 would be better) to away mixers, while home participation should exceed twenty (30 would be better). Otherwise, the Reps have to invite five or six clubs to have a decent turnout.

Shotgun starting times – Some clubs are instituting earlier starting times for the mixers, the reason being, presumably, to get MISGA off the course sooner so that more tee times are available for club members or for the paying public.

Dues payment and roster updates – Some clubs are not meeting the deadline. Submit associates' dues and roster updates by June 1 or your members are not entitled to participate in MISGA events.

Cheating – It may be (has been) a losing battle to get MISGA associates to play by the rules of golf and to post all legitimate scores, but we must continue to demand no less. It's not just a case of fairness, it's a matter of honor.

Slow play – Here the basic advice is, "Get out of the way!" It's as simple as that. Keep up with the group ahead, not just ahead of the group behind.

Elitism – MISGA is evolving toward a two-tier organization. Some clubs, as a matter of club policy, are refusing to schedule mixers with other clubs (people?) that are considered "inferior." Even though *individuals* may choose to participate or not, according to their own criteria, the *clubs* are not afforded that same freedom. Besides, this behavior is counter to the spirit of MISGA and should not be rewarded.

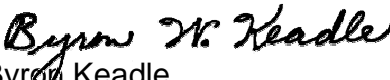
Volunteerism – We need skilled volunteers to step up and contribute to the effective operation of MISGA. A number of positions are vacant or about to become vacant, some at Board level and others at Division level. Although some positions are more critical than others (e.g., Associates Chairmen), I would like to emphasize the position of Division Historian, which is vacant in all but one division. It has been almost four years since the last history was produced. That means that important information is not being recorded in anticipation of producing the next ten-year history. The history published in April 2006 was initiated as a project in February 2003. If the next history is due out (to printer?) in January 2016, then it would be started by February 2013. However, waiting until 2013 to start is too late. The history of each club should be updated continually. Then when requested by the MISGA History Chairman, it is essentially already prepared. This implies that there should be an Historian at each club, not just a Division Historian.

Except for the above minor problems, MISGA is in great shape and should continue to thrive. Let's work hard to keep it that way.

Let's resolve to complete the annual reports and send them to the president by December 1, 2009.

Let's also resolve to complete the associates' roster updating and dues payment by June 1, 2010 – no excuses.

Two studies that I would like to see undertaken are attached.


Byron Keadle
MISGA President

ATTACHMENT 1

1. Plans & Policy Committee

TASK: Update Bylaws to reflect how MISGA is currently operating.

Roster Maintenance – refer to the web site as source for tutorial, guidelines, and forms.

Annual Reports – refer to the web site as source for tutorial, guidelines, and forms.

Distribution of documents – minutes, entry forms, MISGAGRAMs, event flyers.

Web site – Reference to guides on tournaments, roster maintenance, forms, flyers.

Board Actions document “published” and distributed at annual meeting!?!? The Board Actions documents are no longer printed.

All forms are available from web site, not Reps Handbook.

Attached File (Electronic only) “CR_Handbook-half-update-2_to edit.doc” contains many annotations as suggested areas to consider for updating, blue – current but needs thinking about; blue strikeout should be considered for removal; red – indicates suggested reason or type of revision needed.

SUB-TASK: Survey all documents in Guidelines and Forms for possible updating requirements.

Use Cumulative History of Board Actions as guide. Rewriting may be assigned to appropriate Committee Chairmen.

EXAMPLE:

Policy for Conduct of MISGA Events (Revised 3/1/2005)

As an example, the following needs to be brought into conformity with MISGA Board Actions and USGA guidance:

16. “Tee placements: ~~White-normal=~~ ~~Gold-if age + handicap>90~~ (Subtract 1 stoke from player’s handicap if he plays from Gold tees) ~~Red-~~ladies (the Events Chairman or Events Coordinator can amend Tee placements if the course or weather conditions indicate the need for change).”

BM-20060302:

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.

ATTACHMENT 2

2. Questions for a Past Presidents ad hoc Committee to study

Why is participation in MISGA events so low, especially in mixers?

Why do many MISGA associates refuse to follow the Rules of Golf? Why is it tolerated? (e.g., Golf Rules in Brief)

Why is it difficult to get volunteers to take positions of responsibility and performance?

Why does the global email system fail to reach all associates? Where does it break down?



[The following article was extracted from the official program for the at&t National Tournament at Congressional Country Club, 2009.]

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Since its inception in 2007, the AT&T National has quickly become one of the premier stops on the PGA TOUR. Our dedicated volunteers have played a vital role in that success. The AT&T National has over 1,500 volunteers who work on more than 20 different committees to produce the best event possible for the Washington, D.C. community. Although the majority of volunteers are from the greater Washington, D.C. area, several come from as far as New York, Texas, California and Florida to participate annually. Additionally, we have a large number of active duty and retired military personnel who volunteer during the week as well as numerous students from local area schools who come to help out. Volunteers work at least three days during the tournament week, with a number of them working all seven.

The AT&T National is extremely lucky to have such a great group of volunteers and we would like to thank them for their dedication to the tournament and the community. A number of volunteers have been nominated by their peers for their commitment and dedication to the tournament. We'd like to tell you a little more about them.

Bill Dempsey - Shotlink Co-Chair



Bill Dempsey has been a fixture in Washington, D.C. golf volunteer programs for many years. He has served as Shotlink Chairman in his three years with the AT&T National. He embodies the theme of "selfless volunteer service" and is always willing to help whenever he is needed. His enthusiasm is reflected in every aspect of his chairman position and in his interaction with his fellow volunteers. Bill goes out of his way each year to know all his volunteers by name and by face, welcoming them to the event and thanking them for their commitment. The Shotlink committee is one of the largest committees of the event, and would not run as smoothly without the help of Bill, his co-chair John Shinkoff, as well as the numerous hard working volunteers on his team. Thank you

Bill and all of the Shotlink crew!

Bill Dempsey is the Ft. Meade club representative for MISGA. He has built the MISGA membership up to over 75 in this their second year. Congratulations, Bill, for your excellent and continuing volunteer services. That goes as well for your "volunteer" position as club rep.

DIVISION IV

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

1. A meeting of club reps was held on April 1. Most in attendance said they preferred a spring meeting rather than a meeting in January. Near perfect attendance.
2. Successful tournaments were held as follows:
 - Two-man qualifier at Lakewood June 16
 - ABCD qualifier at Hobbits Glen June 25
 - State ABCD at Manor August 13
3. The Division pro-am will be held at Norbeck October 19
4. A meeting of club reps is scheduled for October 13 at Montgomery CC
5. Division IV does not reimburse for travel, so the Division Director will pay for the expense of golf and lunch at the upcoming meeting
6. Ed Harkleroad has retired as Associates chairman, and has been replaced by Dave Keefe.
7. There have been no reports of serious problems/issues within the division.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Turner
Division Director

Division VI Report
MISGA Board Meeting – 9/15/2009
Carroll Valley Resort, Fairfield, PA 17320

Division VI membership went from 736 to 794, an increase of 58, or 7.8 %, with Ft. Meade showing the largest gain, 33.

Division VI Seminar for aspiring club reps was held at Patuxent Greens on March 24, 2009.

Div VI Tournaments:

ABCD Qual.	Patuxent Greens	6/3/2009
2-Man Qual.	Crofton	6/23/2009
Pro-Am	Tantallon	6/29/2009

For the ABCD State Finals held at Manor, seven Division VI members placed, representing five clubs – U of MD, Patuxent Greens, Bay Hills, Fairway Hills, and Tantallon.

For the Two-Man Team State Finals held at Prospect Bay, two Division VI teams placed, representing only one club - Walden.

Bill Dempsey, Club Rep at Ft. Meade received accolades for his volunteer activity at the AT&T National Tournament as the Shotlink chairman. See attachment.

Ft. Meade may drop the 9-hole course because of maintenance costs combined with under use. If so, they will carve out a new driving range.

U of MD course is open and reported to be in excellent condition for greens and bunkers; fairways may need a little more maturing.

Division VI Associates Chairman vacancy:

Lloyd “Stim” Stimson has advised me that he will step down as Division Associates Chairman at the end of 2009. Normally, shoes his size would be near impossible to fill. However, besides doing an outstanding job of handling associate roster maintenance over many years, he has prepared a tutorial and guide on how to perform roster maintenance. This tutorial, “Guidelines for Roster Maintenance,” has become the de facto MISGA standard on Roster Maintenance, available on the MISGA web site for anyone to download (PDF).

The Division Associates Chairman (DAC) must have a computer, email, and the EXCEL spreadsheet program, or compatible equivalent, to work with the MISGA Associates Chairman’s (MAC) spreadsheet files.

Also Division VI vacancies exist for Historian and Web Master. There seems to be a dearth of volunteers willing to assume responsibility and contribute to division operations with actual work.

Submitted by:



Byron Keadle
Division VI Director

Membership Committee Report

Carroll Valley

September 15, 2009

In 2009 we lost a total of 141 members over 2008. Since 2002 we have lost 803 members.

41 Clubs showed a decline of 394 members which was offset by 19 clubs showing an increase of 140 members and 2 new clubs yielding 72 members (Hunters Oak and Challedon) and our one reinstatement giving us 27 members (The Bay Club).

We have a number of clubs currently at or below our desired number of 32 members.

Division I

Maple Dale	21, a decrease of 43
Seaford	24, a decrease of 14

Division II

VFW	21, a decrease of 16
Wakefield Val.	29, a decrease of 8
Winters Run	31, a decrease of 7

Division III

Caroline	28, a decrease of 2
Clearview	26, an increase of 1

Division V

Elks	20, a decrease of 14
Green Hill	18, a decrease of 10
Beach Club	31, a decrease of 04
Bay Club	27, an increase of 27

Division VI

Bay Hills	27, an increase of 11
Walden	31, a decrease of 1

At the end of 2008 we had 7 clubs under 32 members. This year we have a total 13 clubs, 5 of which were on the list in 2008 and 8 new clubs added for 2009.

New Club Requests:

The VFW Golf Club, a member of Div. II played their 2008 season at Musket Ridge Golf Club in Myersville, Md. On July 22, 2009, **Musket Ridge Golf Club** requested membership in MISGA. The club representatives met with the evaluation committee and all requirements have been met with the exception of the threshold membership of 32. They have 18 members signed for 2010 at this time. **RECOMMENDATION:** Musket Ridge be granted provisional membership in MISGA for a period of three – four years to allow them time to meet their full required membership.

On August 20, 2009 **Cress Creek Country Club** located in Shepardstown, WV. requested membership in MISGA. An evaluation committee met with the club representatives and all requirements have been met with the exception of the threshold membership of 32. They have 20 members signed for 2010 at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Cress Creek be granted provisional membership in MISGA for a period of three – four years to allow them time to meet their full required membership.

Both clubs will be assigned to Division II which has approved them by a majority vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Taylor
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Evaluation of Cress Creek Country Club

Background:

Several years ago Cress Creek Country Club expressed interest in joining MISGA, but could not generate enough involvement among their senior members. Since that time the membership of Cress Creek has grown and MISGA now gives clubs probationary memberships allowing them time to increase their numbers.

In June or July 2009 Free State Seniors held a tournament at Cress Creek. Following the outing, David Wallerstein, a member of the MISGA membership committee met with the Head Pro, Keith Rader to discuss the possibility of his club joining MISGA. David was introduced to the head of the senior group, Larry Strite, and the two of them continued the exploration which ultimately led to a request to join. A date was selected for an Evaluation Team to visit the club.

The Evaluation Team was appointed: Tom Tarpley, Div. II Director, Larry Lewis, Ass't Rep, Quail Valley Golf Club, David Wallerstein, Membership Committee, and Thomas Taylor, Membership Committee Chairman.

Evaluation:

On August 20, 2009, the committee, with the exception of Tom Tarpley, who was excused due to a prior commitment and who had also played the course previously, met with a group of interested seniors led by Larry Strite, Senior Representative. The committee played golf with the seniors and afterwards had a group meeting wherein our requirements were discussed and what was expected of Cress Creek. At the conclusion of the meeting Cress Creek gave us a signed application and a list of seniors (20) who would make up the core membership at this time.

Cress Creek is a full private country club in the classic sense providing swimming, tennis and golf. It also has a fitness center for its members. It is privately owned by a local family who also own the Bavarian Inn and the Locust Hill Golf Course in nearby Charlestown, WV. The Club was built in 1988 and is located at 100 Cress Creek Dr. in Shepherdstown, WV, just on the other side of the Potomac River. It has a full service clubhouse with fine dining facilities, a small pro shop, practice range, and year round PGA golf instruction.

The golf course is well kept and well bunkered. However some of the bunkers do not have quite enough sand. The course we played was a little over 5500 yards but due to the many hills played much longer. It is an interesting course with many ponds and lakes which add to the adventure of playing this course. The greens are tricky, fast and run true. It was a pleasure to play this course.

We have also ascertained the following:

A. The club has 52 riding carts which are not equipped with GPS. Other carts are available from the sister club (Locust Hill) if needed.

B. Food is prepared on premises and the dining area will sit approx. 124. They would serve buffet style.

- C. The club is licensed by the USGA. They are also members of the WVGA.
- D. The club uses the GHIN handicap system which is provided by the USGA. They are equipped to make-up equitable foursomes and print scorecards with all relevant information.
- E. The club uses a warning horn to clear the course in the event of severe weather.
- F. The club will not block days, weeks or months during the calendar year to prevent MISGA events.
- G. They do not have a smart Automatic External Defibrillator.
- H. They will use the white tees which measure 5500 yards. The slope rating is 120 and the course rating is 66.5
- I. The handicap Chairman is Larry Strite and his phone number is 304-876-6743
- J. They will use Tuesdays for MISGA events
- K. The club's web site is: www.cresscreek.com

Recommendation:

The evaluation team unanimously agrees that Cress Creek Country Club satisfies all requirements with the exception of the number of members necessary for full membership in MISGA. We recommend that they be approved into MISGA as a Division II club with a provisional membership for a period of three – four years to allow time to meet their full required membership.

Respectively Submitted,

Thomas Taylor
Membership Chairman
For the Committee

Evaluation of Musket Ridge

Background:

At the beginning of 2009, member club, VFW, notified their members that they would not be able to play golf on the VFW course as it had been put on the market along with the clubhouse, etc. Their Club Rep, Tom Rowlett as well as several other members visited other clubs in the Frederick area with the intent of moving their MISGA operations to another club for 2009. They picked Musket Ridge which is located about four miles west of Frederick in Myersville, Md. They have played all of their 2009 season at this location.

About two weeks ago, the Club Rep, Tom Rowlett, formally made application for Musket Ridge to become a member of MISGA on their own with no relation to the VFW. At this time a committee consisting of Ken Walgren, PP, Byron Keadle, Pres., Tom Tarpley, Div. II Director and myself was appointed to evaluate their application.

Evaluation:

As all members on the committee have played the course over the past several months it was unnecessary for them to replay it as no changes have been made. In discussions with Tom Rowlett and his assistants we have ascertained the following:

- A. There are over 300 senior (over 50) members at Musket Ridge.
- B. They have 76 riding golf carts which are not GPS equipped.
- C. The dining facility has a seating capacity of 200 which is indoors and air cond.
- D. They have a large kitchen and prepare all food on the premises. It is served buffet style.
- E. They have a manual warning horn that is used to clear the course in the event of severe weather conditions.
- F. They do not have a smart Automatic External Defibrillator.
- G. The club will use their white tees measuring 5884 yards for MISGA events. They can be adjusted to make the course shorter if necessary.
- H. The club uses GOLFNET for maintaining their handicaps which is also equipped to make-up equitable foursomes and print scorecards with all relevant information. They are licensed by the USGA and the MSGA.
- I. The club will not block days, weeks or months during the calendar year to prevent MISGA mixers or tournaments.

J. The club will conduct all its home mixers on Tuesdays.

K. Management is by Affinity Management
Golf professional is David Freiss
Handicap Chairman is Tom Rowlett (temp)
Sr, Club Rep is Tom Rowlett
Sr. Ass't Rep is Pat Allen

L. The club has at present 18 members signed up to become associates.

This is a well maintained golf club in the public domain. The facilities are first class as is the staff. Most holes are surrounded by environmentally sensitive areas that players may enter and play their ball, but no cart may enter the areas.

The club is aware of the \$50.00 annual club dues payable to the state treasurer and of the annual \$10.00 per associate payable to the Div. II treasurer.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the evaluation committee that Musket Ridge be approved for provisional membership in MISGA for a period of three – four years to allow them time to meet their full required membership.

Respectively Submitted,

Thomas Taylor
Membership Chairman

MISGA Treasurer's Report
September 15, 2009 Board Meeting

- Financial condition -- very solvent.
- We e-filed our 990-EZ (we qualified for simpler and easier form this year) for 2008 and it was accepted by IRS on August 4 (extension from May 15 due to changes in the 990 and the Urban Institute filing software we use). Our 990 for 2008 will be available (2006 and 2007 already there) online at www.guidestar.org – type in our full name to see (need to register to view the returns).
- We reduced our insurance coverage to reflect 3,900 members starting in 2009 – may want to reduce further for 2010 since we are ending 2009 with less than 3,700 members.
- The Year-to-Date actual income and expenses versus the Approved 2009 Budget are shown on Attachment 1.
- Actual Division Operations allotments for 2009 are shown on Attachment 2, as approved by the Board. As we did last year, new clubs were given \$2.00 for each paid member – I brought those checks today.
- As we did last year, we should give a rebate to each division to be distributed to the clubs in the division. Since it would keep us about the same as we expected for next year, I recommend we rebate \$2.16 per member to each division for a total of \$8,000 – this is the amount of the proxy we added in March.
- We will soon have a new Treasurer. He is Dick Schwinger from Holly Hills. He is in the process of taking over and should be fully operational by the December Board meeting.

YEAR TO DATE ACTUALS VERSUS 2009 MISGA BUDGET									
as of 9/15/09									
Category Description	Year to Date	2009 Budget	Budget minus	Notes					
	Actuals	Approved 3/18/09	actuals to date						
INCOME									
ASSOCIATES DUES	36,980	37,500	520	Associate numbers down, even with 3 new clubs					
CLUB DUES	3,200	3,150	(50)	One more club than expected					
REBATE	0	(8,000)	(8,000)	Proxy, final to be decided at 9/15 Board meeting					
INTEREST -- CDs + Savings	389	583	194						
TOTAL INCOME	40,569	33,233	(7,336)						
EXPENSES									
BOARD MEETINGS	497	600	103						
BUSINESS INSURANCE	(148)	2,791	2,643	Refund for lower membership, 2010 premium paid in December					
BUSINESS SUPPLIES & FEES	196	42	(154)	\$60 in stop payment charges; printer/mailing supplies					
COMPUTER/TELEPHONE	0	25	25						
COMPUTER SERVICES	25	141	116						
DIVISION OPERATIONS	7,892	7,750	(142)	Added dollars for new clubs members					
MAILING & POSTAGE	208	136	(72)	Rules in Brief distributed					
MISGAGRAM	5,895	12,917	7,022	Two of four issues paid					
PRINTING/BINDING	610	200	(410)	Rules in Brief printed					
TOURNAMENTS	820	615	(205)	\$500 adv. for Carroll Valley; \$150 for ABCD Finals; \$170 refund for 2-man					
TRAVEL	3,828	4,626	798	at 55 cents per mile					
TROPHIES & AWARDS	1,663	2,463	800						
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,484	32,306	10,526	Account Balances					
2009 INCOME LESS EXPENSES to date	19,085	927		Gifted and Added		14,000	Tournament Fund		
				Checking Account		4,650			
Funds available at end of 2008		29,673		Savings & Other CDs		30,214			
Projected funds at end of 2009		31,265		Total		48,864			
		Total expected at end of 2009, with \$8,000 rebate							
		\$8,000 would be	2.16	per member (3,698 members paid as of 9/15/09)					

**MISGA Board Meeting
September 15, 2009
Carroll Valley Resort**

Audit Committee Report

1. 2008 Fall Frolic at Fripp Island GA: 11-2-08 to 11-7-08 Financial Report

All expenditures were supported by receipts or checks and all income was identified by source. Shortage of \$104.11 was covered from lottery sales (\$450.00) credited to the Amelia Island event.

2. 2008 Fall Frolic at Amelia Island FL: 11-9-08 to 11-14-08 Financial Report

All expenditures were supported by receipts or checks and all income was identified by source. Overage of 13.71 retained in checking account.

3. 2009 Winter Fling at Crystal River FL: 2-22-09 to 2-27-09 Financial Report

All expenditures were supported by receipts or checks and all income was identified by source.

4. 2009 Spring Fling at Williamsburg VA: 5-12-09 to 5-14-09 Financial Report

All expenditures were supported by receipts or checks and all income was identified by source. Overage of \$356.71 plus overage of \$52.31 from 2008 Fling was retained in Division 1 checking account.

Howard E Taylor
Audit Committee Chairman

Report of the Chairman
of the MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee
to the Board and Officers of MISGA
for the MISGA Board Meeting
at Carroll Valley
on September 15, 2009

Current Committee Activity - since the April 6 meeting

Inform Membership regarding Rules and Handicap issues

To implement the President's desire that the Committee emphasize Rules issues, especially by disseminating Rules information through the MISGAGram, the Chairman prepared Rules articles for the April and September MISGAGrams:

-- the April article was titled "Don't Touch that Ball"

-- the September article is titled "The Provisional Ball -- Steps to Avoid the Mess."

These articles are to be continued in future 'grams, carrying on the original work of former MISGA President Sam Hall's 2001 Rules and Handicap Project. The articles are based on the 2001 articles, but add information and Rules updates.

Monitoring of Posting of 2009 Championship Tournament Scores

The Chairman is "randomly" checking the Associates' posting of their 2009 Championship tournament scores, to determine the effectiveness of the announcements and notices given at those tournaments. This procedure implements the Board's March 18 vote to suspend the tournament ineligibility provision of the tournament policy for 2009-2010, but to do random checks to determine whether it might be appropriate to reinstate the ineligibility policy.

As of this date, preliminary score checking has revealed that:

-- 21 of the 23 A flight players from Maryland (91 %) posted their scores, of 30 in the ABCD final; and

-- 19 of the 20 Maryland players (95 %), of the 30 players winning money in the Two-Man final, posted their scores.

These numbers are in line with the percentages from 2008. If they hold up throughout the remainder of the fields, the Chairman would be inclined to not recommend the reinstatement of the previous ineligibility rule.

(Beginning in 2009, checking of scores has been made more difficult because:

(1) the scoring record of players from clubs other than your own can't be viewed unless you know the name of the player's home club (and the club names of the Two-Man Finals players, other than the teams which won money); and

(2) the scoring record of players from clubs other than your own will only show the month in which a score was played, not the date (so the only way to check the score posting is by identifying the score and the rating and slope of the course played in August -- Manor (the ABCD) or Prospect Bay (the Two-Man) -- and hoping that the player entered the right score, rating, and slope).

Dick Crone
Kenwood
Chairman, MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee

		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Plus or Minus 2008 vs. 2009		Plus or Minus 2007 vs. 2008		Plus or Minus 2002 vs. 2009	
TOTAL CLUBS		64	63	62	59	59	58	60	58	1.6%	1	1.6%	1	10.3%	6
MISGA TOTALS		3702	3843	3948	4007	4073	4211	4366	4505	(3.7%)	(141)	(2.7%)	(105)	(17.8%)	(803)
		-141	105	-59	-66	-138	-155	-139	28						

		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Plus or Minus 2008 vs. 2009		Plus or Minus 2007 vs. 2008		Plus or Minus 2002 vs. 2009	
DIVISION I		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002						
MAPLE DALE	106	21	64	67	70	70	76	73	87	(67.2%)	(43)	(4.5%)	(3)	(75.9%)	(66)
SEAFORD	110	24	38	46	49	62	65	75	83	(36.8%)	(14)	(17.4%)	(8)	(71.1%)	(59)
CRIPPLE CREEK	101	69	83	84	85	89	94	93	87	(16.9%)	(14)	(1.2%)	(1)	(20.7%)	(18)
SUSSEX PINES	123	50	54	58	69	78	79	91	99	(7.4%)	(4)	(6.9%)	(4)	(49.5%)	(49)
EAGLE CREEK	104	53	54	67	58	56	49	54	46	(1.9%)	(1)	(19.4%)	(13)	15.2%	7
BEAR TRAP DUNES	125	65	64							1.6%	1	#DIV/0!	64	#DIV/0!	65
JONATHAN'S LNDG	121	60	56	53	71	70	72	50	64	7.1%	4	5.7%	3	(6.3%)	(4)
SHAWNEE	111	67	59	61	76	79	78	92	76	13.6%	8	(3.3%)	(2)	(11.8%)	(9)
WILD QUAIL	115	46	40	48	43	40	39	38	36	15.0%	6	(16.7%)	(8)	27.8%	10
Division Total		455	512	484	521	544	552	566	578	(11.1%)	(57)	5.8%	28	(21.3%)	(123)

		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Plus or Minus 2008 vs. 2009		Plus or Minus 2007 vs. 2008		Plus or Minus 2002 vs. 2009	
DIVISION II		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002						
VFW	221	21	37	35	42	54	50	49	60	(43.2%)	(16)	5.7%	2	(65.0%)	(39)
PINEY BRANCH	218	42	62	73	71	65	65	69	66	(32.3%)	(20)	(15.1%)	(11)	(36.4%)	(24)
ROLLING ROAD	219	44	62	64	55	65	77	99	111	(29.0%)	(18)	(3.1%)	(2)	(60.4%)	(67)
WAKEFIELD VALLEY	222	29	37	34	33	33	40	37	34	(21.6%)	(8)	8.8%	3	(14.7%)	(5)
SPARROWS POINT	220	51	65	78	75	79	90	82	88	(21.5%)	(14)	(16.7%)	(13)	(42.0%)	(37)
QUAIL VALLEY	226	57	70	69	73	72	62	60	58	(18.6%)	(13)	1.4%	1	(1.7%)	(1)
WINTERS RUN	228	31	38	39	37	44	47	0	0	(18.4%)	(7)	(2.6%)	(1)	#DIV/0!	31
HOLLY HILLS	216	38	46	47	52	47	54	62	58	(17.4%)	(8)	(2.1%)	(1)	(34.5%)	(20)
RATTLEWOOD	229	48	56	57	0	0	0	0	0	(14.3%)	(8)	(1.8%)	(1)	#DIV/0!	48
GLADE VALLEY	224	74	82	83	90	87	108	109	98	(9.8%)	(8)	(1.2%)	(1)	(24.5%)	(24)
HUNT VALLEY	217	57	61	51	62	74	67	72	73	(6.6%)	(4)	19.6%	10	(21.9%)	(16)
WESTMINSTER NATL.	227	41	43	45	44	51	52	50	50	(4.7%)	(2)	(4.4%)	(2)	(18.0%)	(9)
BEAVER CREEK	214	86	82	81	93	98	110	102	100	4.9%	4	1.2%	1	(14.0%)	(14)
CHALLEDON	230	40	0							#DIV/0!	40	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	40
Division Total		659	741	756	764	807	871	848	847	(11.1%)	(82)	(2.0%)	(15)	(22.2%)	(188)

										Plus or Minus 2008 vs. 2009		Plus or Minus 2007 vs. 2008		Plus or Minus 2002 vs. 2009	
DIVISION III		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002						
HARBOURTOWNE	305	58	68	69	62	63	63	67	71	(14.7%)	(10)	(1.4%)	(1)	(18.3%)	(13)
EASTON CLUB	319	63	72	87	90	89	79	80	80	(12.5%)	(9)	(17.2%)	(15)	(21.3%)	(17)
CAROLINE	302	28	30	28	31	31	44	56	62	(6.7%)	(2)	7.1%	2	(54.8%)	(34)
PROSPECT BAY	309	80	83	86	78	78	79	97	83	(3.6%)	(3)	(3.5%)	(3)	(3.6%)	(3)
CHESTER RIVER	303	80	77	64	60	66	75	74	76	3.9%	3	20.3%	13	5.3%	4
CLEARVIEW	320	26	25	22	20	30	29	30	35	4.0%	1	13.6%	3	(25.7%)	(9)
HOG NECK	322	51	49	52	41	0	0	0	0	4.1%	2	(5.8%)	(3)	#DIV/0!	51
TALBOT	313	43	33	51	58	51	55	64	74	30.3%	10	(35.3%)	(18)	(41.9%)	(31)
????	323	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	32	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	32
Division Total		461	437	459	440	408	424	468	481	5.5%	24	(4.8%)	(22)	(4.2%)	(20)

										Plus or Minus 2008 vs. 2009		Plus or Minus 2007 vs. 2008		Plus or Minus 2002 vs. 2009	
DIVISION IV		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002						
MONT. VILLAGE	439	63	80	85	83	92	98	114	121	(21.3%)	(17)	(5.9%)	(5)	(47.9%)	(58)
NORBECK	440	74	88	208	163	91	91	108	121	(15.9%)	(14)	(57.7%)	(120)	(38.8%)	(47)
KENWOOD	435	139	160	167	168	164	164	169	173	(13.1%)	(21)	(4.2%)	(7)	(19.7%)	(34)
ARGYLE	432	95	107	119	125	126	136	143	148	(11.2%)	(12)	(10.1%)	(12)	(35.8%)	(53)
LEISURE WORLD	441	89	98	107	105	116	118	126	123	(9.2%)	(9)	(8.4%)	(9)	(27.6%)	(34)
MANOR	437	128	135	143	140	132	143	169	177	(5.2%)	(7)	(5.6%)	(8)	(27.7%)	(49)
LAKWOOD	436	88	92	91	102	102	103	120	124	(4.3%)	(4)	1.1%	1	(29.0%)	(36)
BRETTON WOODS	442	85	86	82	85	86	86	90	93	(1.2%)	(1)	4.9%	4	(8.6%)	(8)
HOBBITS GLEN	434	85	77	80	90	93	84	80	84	10.4%	8	(3.8%)	(3)	1.2%	1
MONTGOMERY	438	49	17	28	41	45	44	56	70	188.2%	32	(39.3%)	(11)	(30.0%)	(21)
Division Total		895	940	1110	1102	1047	1067	1175	1234	(4.8%)	(45)	(15.3%)	(170)	(27.5%)	(339)

										Plus or Minus 2008 vs. 2009		Plus or Minus 2007 vs. 2008		Plus or Minus 2002 vs. 2009	
DIVISION V		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002						
ELKS	505	20	34	42	45	49	51	53	63	(41.2%)	(14)	(19.0%)	(8)	(68.3%)	(43)
GREEN HILL	507	18	28	33	35	38	37	33	40	(35.7%)	(10)	(15.2%)	(5)	(55.0%)	(22)
DEER RUN	522	42	52	57	48	41	49	32	0	(19.2%)	(10)	(8.8%)	(5)	#DIV/0!	42
OCEAN CITY	513	55	66	77	93	96	79	88	99	(16.7%)	(11)	(14.3%)	(11)	(44.4%)	(44)
GREAT HOPE	519	36	42	36	33	37	17	36	32	(14.3%)	(6)	16.7%	6	12.5%	4
BEACH CLUB	525	31	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	(11.4%)	(4)	#DIV/0!	35	#DIV/0!	31
OCEAN PINES (1&2)	514	110	121	139	189	201	214	216	251	(9.1%)	(11)	(12.9%)	(18)	(56.2%)	(141)
NUTTER'S	511	64	63	77	75	75	81	90	93	1.6%	1	(18.2%)	(14)	(31.2%)	(29)
EASTERN SHORE	503	35	33	32	36	42	46	47	52	6.1%	2	3.1%	1	(32.7%)	(17)
BAY CLUB	523	27	0							#DIV/0!	27	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	27
Division Total		438	474	522	588	636	635	630	668	(7.6%)	(36)	(9.2%)	(48)	(34.4%)	(230)

										Plus or Minus 2008 vs. 2009		Plus or Minus 2007 vs. 2008		Plus or Minus 2002 vs. 2009	
DIVISION VI		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002						
CHARTWELL	623	57	66	55	58	61	62	59	63	(13.6%)	(9)	20.0%	11	(9.5%)	(6)
TANTALLON	629	65	69	78	69	60	75	74	74	(5.8%)	(4)	(11.5%)	(9)	(12.2%)	(9)
PATUXENT GREEN	627	49	51	54	60	58	58	69	66	(3.9%)	(2)	(5.6%)	(3)	(25.8%)	(17)
WALDEN	636	31	32	38	51	66	67	67	61	(3.1%)	(1)	(15.8%)	(6)	(49.2%)	(30)
UNIV. OF MD	630	54	55	68	67	84	91	87	97	(1.8%)	(1)	(19.1%)	(13)	(44.3%)	(43)
CROFTON	625	109	108	84	49	58	63	62	62	0.9%	1	28.6%	24	75.8%	47
US NAVAL ACDMY	631	136	130	135	111	111	103	100	111	4.6%	6	(3.7%)	(5)	22.5%	25
BOWIE	641	61	56	56	61	67	64	76	72	8.9%	5	0.0%	0	(15.3%)	(11)
FAIRWAY HILLS	642	97	86							12.8%	11	#DIV/0!	86	#DIV/0!	97
MARLBOROUGH	635	34	29	31	26	33	38	41	43	17.2%	5	(6.5%)	(2)	(20.9%)	(9)
BAY HILLS	610	27	16	20	40	33	41	44	48	68.8%	11	(20.0%)	(4)	(43.8%)	(21)
FORT MEADE	643	74	41							80.5%	33	#DIV/0!	41	#DIV/0!	74
Division Total		794	739	619	592	631	662	679	697	7.4%	55	19.4%	120	13.9%	97

years 1975 thru 2009 taken from Associates Reports 10.1 using Roster # PAID

	Roster
1975	0
1976	200
1977	500
1978	800
1979	1000
1980	1500
1981	1700
1982	2200
1983	2500
1984	2700
1985	3000
1986	3300
1987	3500
1988	3600
1989	3650
1990	3850
1991	4000
1992	4100
1993	4250
1994	4295
1995	4454
1996	4480
1997	4615
1998	4666
1999	4677
2000	4830
2001	4660
2002	4567
2003	4444
2004	4211
2005	4097
2006	4018
2007	3969
2008	3845
AUG 2009	3702
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