

MISGA BOARD MINUTES
MEETING AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
DECEMBER 2, 2013

ATTENDING:

Mike Urquhart, Jim Biesler, Mike Mason, Dick Crone, Bob, Brewer, Tom Taylor, Dick Schwinger, Tom Rowlett, Byron Keadle, Carl Lazar, Jim Wilcox, Earl Gentry, Clarence Moody, Joe Baily, Pete Sorge, Lloyd Stimson, and Tom Tarpley

The meeting was called to order at 9:52 AM by President Mike Urquhart. The President called for introductions and MISGA positions occupied.

The Secretary's Report was provided via previous email.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as amended.

The Division Report's were called for and given.

Committee Report's were sent via email, prior to the meeting and discussed. All report's provided will be attached(folder) to the minutes as submitted.

The discussions were wide ranging and are summarized in no particular order as follows:

1. Investigation of refund on 2-man team awards is ongoing. Mike U to report to Jim Beisler on results.

2. Letter to be sent to all DD's re: appropriate method for doing handicaps for 2 best balls of the foursome competitions. Under USGA guidelines and MISGA policy, strokes are to be awarded based on 90% of handicaps. New Rules and Handicap Chairman to draft letter. DD's should forward letter to all club reps to be shared with their club pros.

3. Different format's for mixers were discussed. Focused on ways to increase participation of "A" players. No recommendations were formalized. The clubs are encouraged to experiment with different formats to encourage lower handicap player participation.

4. Discussion of a simpler method for handling blind draws in mixers. Carl Lazar suggested a method to simply assign strokes to be deducted from 3 person score as follows: 3 for A player, 4 for B

player, 5 for C player, and 6 for D player. This would speed up the scoring process and in a survey of scores appears to be fairly accurate, thus saving the process of selecting a blind draw and comparing scores hole by hole. No recommendation was taken, but some clubs might want to experiment.

5. Maintaining food quality at State Tournaments to a level established by Norbeck CC. \$100 charge per player for a State Tournament is within the normal and expected/accepted range. **The Board endorsed the Tournament Chairman's proposition that the two MCTs should continue as high class, regal golfing championships with enhanced amenities and their prominence should not be downsized.**

6. The Membership Chair will be sending a “new package” soon with the revised guidelines for club entry.
The prospect of showcasing the proposal stirred the imagination.

7. There are openings for the Florida Winter Fling Feb. 23-March 1. Please encourage attendance and post information/application in your club.

8. A method for posting/listing club MISGA golf dates should be available for both the Eastern and Western Shore. This would allow clubs to better plan for those members who might choose to visit. This especially applies for those visiting the shore.

9. 2014 -- The Summer Frolic will be September 9,10 and 11 (3days) at Harbourtowne??? (Site not confirmed)

10. The Audit Committee needs/requires receipts/ documentation for ALL expenditures. See individual reports folder.

11. The closure date for articles for the Dec. 20th publication of the MisgaGram is Dec. 15. Please contribute.

12. Attendance at the Fall Frolics is down. Encourage your Division Directors to distribute and attend. The Virginia Beach non MISGA event was presented as a possible conflict. The leaders of these two events are encouraged to coordinate the dates and have sufficient time so no overlap occurs.

13. Williamsburg Spring Trip will be May 13—15.

14. If you have to cancel a Mixer do not rely on email, make direct contact with the visiting Club Rep. or Pro so info can be disseminated.

15. Rules & Handicap Committee – Chairman Dick Crone reported that after nine years as chairman, he will be leaving the committee. After summarizing the issues dealt with during his tenure, he stated his belief that one of his main goals for the committee – to achieve an acceptable level of score postings for the MISGA Championships – has been accomplished. He noted that the level of a fifty percent score posting record for one division's qualifiers in 2003 has been increased to a tournament-typical ninety percent level for the Championships during the last few years (88 percent this year). He further said that because of this solid progress in this important and challenging area, he feels very comfortable leaving the chairmanship to Bob Brewer, the very capable Rules & Handicap Committee Chairman for Division II, and an Assistant Club Rep at Rattlewood and Compass Pointe. Thank you Dick for a job well done.

16. Consider placing printed material with dates of all Qualifiers and State Tournaments, Flings and Frolics on all carts at each mixer and/or on your sign up sheets/web sites to keep members aware of these events.

16. Jim Beisler was installed as the new President of MISGA for 2014, and Earl Gentry was elected Vice President.

President & Director--Jim Beisler, Ocean Pines—Div V

Vice President & Assist. Director-Earl Gentry-Cross Creek- Div VI

New Board members are:

Div I Bob Burd—Assistant Dir.---Rookery North at Shawnee

**Div II Clarence Moody—Director--Rattlewood
Tom Rowlett---Assist. Dir.—Musket Ridge**

**Div III Frank Tighe, Jr---Director—Prospect Bay
John Crovo---Assist. Dir.—River House at Easton Club**

**Div IV Gary Manion—Director—Norbeck
Ian Sumner—Assist. Dir.---Hobbit's Glen**

Div V Mike Mason --Assistant Director—Ocean Pines

New Committee Chairs:

Mike Urquhart -- Associates Chair

Bob Brewer—Rules & HACPS Rattlewood Div II

The other appointed chairman were asked to continue in their present positions.

Respectfully Submitted, for Secretary. John Babyak
Tom Tarpley, appointed/volunteer

Attachments:

See Folder Marked Individual Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2013

Status of financial accounts:

a. Checking account	\$13,380.00
b. Savings account	7,469.00
c. Combined CD totals	<u>20,903.00</u>
Total	\$41,752.00

- All bills paid – no bills outstanding.
- 3 of 3 Division Budget checks mailed.

MISGA Division II Report
MISGA Board Meeting – 12/2/2013
U. of MD Golf Club

Div. II held its fall meeting at Westminster National Golf. An election was held for Assistant Director. Tom Rowlett is newly elected. Clarence Moody will assume the position of Director, Jan. 1. Our Division continues to flourish and has leaders that want to serve.

Our Division Annual report has been sent to each of you. Our total revenue is in excess of \$305,860.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Director for yet another term on this Board. For your support and indulgence I thank you. To all who serve MISGA, your time and effort is appreciated. With patience and guidance MISGA can not only survive but also grow stronger in meeting the challenges of organized golf.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Tarpley, DDII

2014 - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS & DIVISIONAL QUALIFIERS



(as of Nov. 4, 2014)

MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Championship	Location	Date	Rain Date
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Wild Quail CC (Div I) Wyoming, DE	Monday August 11, 2014	Thursday September 4, 2014
2-Man Team	Norbeck CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	TBD	TBD

Note: From the Bay Bridge, Norbeck is 52 miles and Wild Quail is 48 miles

DIVISIONAL QUALIFIERS

Qualifier	Location	Date	Rain Date
Joint Div I & III ABCD			
Joint Div I & III 2-Man Team			
Div II - ABCD	Quail Valley GC Littlestown, PA	Monday July 14, 2014	Monday July 21, 2014
Div II - 2-Man Team	Glade Valley GC Walkersville, MD	Monday June 23, 2014	Monday June 30, 2014
Div IV - ABCD			
Div IV - 2-Man Team			
Div V - ABCD	Nutters Crossing GC Salisbury, MD	Tuesday June 17, 2014	
Div V - 2-Man Team	Nutters Crossing GC Salisbury, MD	Tuesday July 15, 2014	
Div VI - ABCD	Univ of MD GC College Park, MD	Monday July 14, 2014	Monday July 28, 2014
Div VI - 2-Man Team	Cross Creek GC Beltsville, MD	Monday June 23, 2014	Monday June 30, 2014

MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
University of Maryland GC, MD - Dec. 2, 2013

MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report

1. 2013 MCTs - Participation

Division	Associates	Past Presidents (ABCD)		2-Man Team	
		Allocation	Finalists	Allocation	Finalists
I (9 clubs)	398 (11.8%)	11	4 (-7)	6	5 (-1)
II (16 clubs)	720 (21.5%)	19	15 (-4)	10	10
III (7 clubs)	336 (10.0%)	9	9	4	7 (+3)
IV (9 clubs)	805 (24.0%)	22	29 (+7)	12	10 (-2)
V (9 clubs)	328 (10.0%)	9	3 (-6)	5	3 (-2)
VI (12 clubs)	764 (22.7%)	20	30 (+10)	11	13 (+2)
TOTAL (62 clubs)	3,351 (100%)	90	90	48	48
Past Presidents	-	8	7 (-1)	-	-
2012 Champs	-	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	3,351 (100%)	100	99	50	50

Divisions	Associates	Past Presidents (ABCD)		2-Man Team	
		Allocation	Finalists	Allocation	Finalists
I - III - V (Eastern Shore)	1,062 (32%)	29	18* (18%)	15	15 (30%)
II - IV - VI (Western Shore)	2,289 (68%)	61	81* (82%)	33	35* (70%)
TOTAL	3,351 (100%)	90	99*	48	50*

***Includes the MISGA Past Presidents & current President (=7) and the 2012 MCT Gross & Net Grand Champions (ABCD=2 & 2-Man Team=2)**

2. 2014 MCTs - Division Quotas

Until the 2013 *MISGA Yearly Associates Dues Report* or the 2013 year-end *Division Associates Reports* have been completed and submitted, I will be unable to calculate the 2014 divisional MCT allocations.

If these reports are unavailable, I recommend that each division's allocation be equal to the number of "associates" each division sent to the two 2013 MCTs. (*refer to participation chart #1 above*)

3. 2014 MCTs & Division Qualifiers Schedule

Refer to the attachment.

4. 2014 Divisional Qualifiers - Alternative

The number of finalists that Divisions I & V sent to the 2013 MCTs were so few (*refer to participation chart #1 above*) the leadership of the two divisions might wish to consider abandoning qualifiers. As an alternative, implementation of the "*first pay, first selected*" procedure might be more practical.

5. MCTs - Entry Fee Complaints

Refer to the attachment for my comments and recommendation regarding complaints concerning the amount of the Entry Fee for the two MCTs.

The Board endorsed the Tournament Chairman's proposition that the two MCTs should continue as high class, regal golfing championships with enhanced amenities and their prominence should not be downsized.

Stim

Lloyd Stimson

MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

ENTRY FEE - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Every year since the two MISGA Championship Tournaments (MCTs) have been played, a few associates have complained about the cost of the entry fee. The perpetual words of protest are - *"The cost to play in the tournament is much too high."* - *"We need to reduce the price."* - *"I won't play in a tournament that costs that much."* - *"Eliminate or reduce the amenities."* - *"We just wanna play golf."*

Gents, one must not look at the two MCTs as just another inexpensive routine weekly coffee & donuts, buffet luncheon MISGA mixer. The two MCTs are designed to be the highlight and pinnacle of MISGA's golfing season. They are MISGA's showcase golfing events of the year. They crown MISGA's gross and net Grand Champions with high quality trophies (*at MISGA expense, not part of the entry fee*). The MCTs are explicitly designed to be first class, high quality tournaments with enhanced amenities. Furthermore, the two tournaments are played at two of MISGA's superior private country clubs. One should not expect to drink a flute of champagne for the price of a draft beer.

Take a realistic perspective of the cost to compete. The entry fee for each of the two 2013 MCTs was \$100. That included your cart fee, range balls, light luncheon, cash bar cocktail hour with light hors d'oeuvres, plated double entree' banquet & a prize pool. Compare that to the week-day *green/cart fee* for the private country clubs in your division. In Division VI, the week-day guest *green/cart fee* at its 3 private clubs is: Chartwell - \$80, Naval Academy - \$70 and National - \$91. That's just the *green/cart fee* without the coffee & donuts, luncheon and prize pool of a mixer. Also, compare it to the entry fee for the Maryland State Golf Association tournaments at \$125. This includes cart fee, range balls, luncheon & prize pool. By comparison, the entry fee for the MCTs is well worth the price of admission. The two MCTs provide more bang for the buck.

Annually, the 62 clubs of MISGA provide literally hundreds of low cost mixers. They are played on a wide variety of superior to pedestrian level courses. It is my opinion these mixers should be more than enough to satisfy the golfing thirst of the membership. Hence, I believe it would be a huge mistake for MISGA to consider downsizing the prominence of the two MCTs to placate a few "cost-conscious" dissenters. MISGA should continue staging the two MISGA

Championship Tournaments (*Past Presidents {ABCD} & 2-Man Team*) as regal golfing competitions.

Stim

Lloyd Stimson

MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

AUDIT REPORT

Gentlemen. Here is the report for our MISGA 2013 ABCD tournament at Norbeck and the 2-Man tournament at Prospect Bay.

Unfortunately, neither submitted report could be audited as neither included the necessary receipts, checks and notes to support all expenditures. However, both reports showed that income matched expenses; thus, there were apparently no overages or shortages.

Those people responsible for our MISGA tournaments and other events must include all involved paperwork. It is not enough to just submit the "tournament/event financial report" form.

Our fall and winter event reports will be due next, along with the end-of-year Treasurer's report.

Jim Wilcox, MISGA Auditor

PAST PRESIDENTS AD HOC COMMITTEE
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The committee awarded during the year newly commissioned glasses with the MISGA Logo to the following for their service:

Dick Dale, Dick Crone, Errol Myers, Lloyd Stimson,
Howard Taylor, John Babyak and Jim Wilcox

The committee continues to solicit and evaluate individuals for meritorious service to our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Tarpley, Chair.

Membership Committee Report
December 2, 2013
University of Maryland Golf Club

This report is a recap of the 2013 year regarding clubs in MISGA.

We have lost 5 clubs, mainly, Talbot, Montgomery Village, Lakewood, Walden and Wakefield Valley. .

We reinstated Seaford CC. under the new name of Hoopers Landing.

The University of Maryland is up in the air as, part or all of the course may be sold for development. We may have more information in the next 6-7 months.

The Golf Club at South River has 16 members who have expressed an interest in joining MISGA. They asked for further time to gather more members. This is expected to be finalized in 2014.

White Tail Golf Club located near Hagerstown, Md. has also expressed an interest, but no details are known at this time.

I am rewriting the entry application for MISGA clubs to reflect the change in required members. I will have the application available as well as streamlined guidelines for Division Directors in proceeding with investigations of prospective clubs at our first meeting in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Taylor
Membership Chairman