

Attendees: Jim Beisler, Earl Gentry, Dick Schwinger, John Babyak, Clarence Moody, Carl Lazar, Pete Sorge, Tom Taylor, Byron Keadle, Bob Brewer, Lloyd Stimson, Errol Myers, Mike Mason, Ian Sumner, John Crovo, Tom Rowlett, Bob Burd, Howard Taylor.

President – Since we have a number of new members on the Board, Jim Beisler asked that everyone introduce themselves. The members introduced themselves stating their club affiliation and their job on the Board.

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the previous meeting were taken by Tom Tarpley and are on the website.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Schwinger handed out copies of his reports. The report showed what is in the bank. The accounts have been audited and all bills have been paid. He submitted a budget and the allocation requests. The budget for 2014 shows a 3% increase in expenses and also shows a deficit of \$1855. That's for 3200 members and 60 clubs. There is no excess over the budget for 2013. The allocations for the six divisions, based on the 2013 numbers are listed. He has 5th the first set of checks if the allocations are approved. Dick was asked how these numbers compared to previous years. In 2011 we had a surplus of \$1300 and in 2012 we had a proposed surplus of \$600. A question was asked if anyone saw a need to raise the five dollar dues to something other than five dollars. It was decided to discuss this again in September. A discussion about dues followed. The budget and the allocations were approved by a vote of the Board.

Vice Presidents Report – Earl mentioned that Cross Creek is having a rules seminar on April 8th from 5:30 to 7:30. If anyone wants to attend, call the club and get on the list. It's a no-charge seminar.

Division Director's Reports

Division I – We're still waiting on Wild Quail, we have a meeting next week to find out about the ABCD tournament. Howard Taylor said concerning the Spring Fling, at this point we have 66 golfers and 18 non-golfers. Registration will be open till about the 20th of April. It's the 13-14-15 of May in Williamsburg. We will be playing the Green Course at Golden Horseshoe on Tuesday, the Gold Course on Wednesday and Kissiak on Thursday. Dinner on Wednesday will be at the Crowne Plaza. All of the information is on the website.

Division II – We lost Rolling Road C.C, they is no MISGA rep this year. Play-It-Forward has caused some problems in our division. A lot of clubs don't have slope and ratings for the forward tees. We have decided that each club would provide this info for the tees they will be playing at. Now when you sign up to play you have to say what tees you are going to be playing at. A lot of clubs don't have red tee ratings for men. A discussion about using various tees followed. Tom Taylor talked about the Summer Frolic. The Frolic is September 10 and 11. It was scheduled for Harbour Town but that fell through. He called an organization called Genesis and we ended up at the Links at Gettysburg and Mountain View. The Board meeting is set for the 9th of September. The meeting will be in the Marriott Courtyard in Gettysburg at about 3 PM. On the 9th, we will be playing at Quail Valley in PA. .

Division III – We're a little shaky on Caroline C.C. but it looks like they are going to be O.K. We have a lot of guys that just won't play with MISGA. They don't want to play five hour rounds. There is a website, Play 2-40 golf the encourages you to be finished in under four hours. There are a lot of tips about speeding up golf. We got all of the clubs in the division to agree on one date for each club so that there would be no scheduling conflict with other clubs. Division V has done that for a couple of years and it's working real well. Division V does this for two dates for each club.

Division IV – At Hobbitts Glen, the clubhouse is totally demolished. We are operating out of a trailer but we have been assured that we would have food provided. He said that we should look at recruiting clubs from Northern VA. It was mentioned that we have talked about this before. N. VA. has its own seniors group but they can't get the members to play in their own events. If someone can find a club or clubs that are interested, we would love to have them.

Division V – The division has a Spring meeting on April 1st. Topics are two flights for tournaments and gross and net prizes. At Ocean Pines, we have a new yacht club. If we get a large crowd at a MISGA event, we can always take them to the yacht club.

Division VI – Waldon is out of MISGA and South River has shown no interest in joining. Crofton is still not interested in having women golfers at MISGA events. It was mentioned that if your club is invited to Crofton and you have a female member, they have to be allowed to play. Carl Lazar said they can but they must play the white tees.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Associates – Mike Urquhart is not at the meeting. He has sent out a report. There was a discussion about forms to be used.

Auditor – Jim Wilcox was not at the meeting. His audit is complete for everything up to this date.

Events – Pete Sorge said that for the Fall Frolic, he is trying for Oct 26th. That would be Sunday to Friday morning. He has four possibilities, he has a contract for Jekyll Island. He hasn't signed it yet. He has talked to Little River in the Pinehurst area but he has not received a contract yet. The other two choices are Seabrook where we went last year and Fripp Island. Hopefully he will have everything firmed up by the end of April or the first week in May. He'll take suggestions about locations. Seabrook is a fine location and Jekyll has raised prices somewhat. It was mentioned that MISGA associates have no idea about the Frolics. This has been a continuing problem. Tom Taylor said that this year at all events he attends he is going to put a sheet on each cart with the frolics and MISGA tournaments listed.

Historian – Not at the meeting.

Membership – Tom Taylor said that he sent out a report. Rolling Road is out of MISGA for the year. We sent out a brochure to ten clubs in Maryland to try to drum up interest but haven't had a response.

Rules and Handicaps – Bob Brewer said that he is new and is just trying to get started. His committee will include the division R & H committee chairmen along with the MISGA president. He took a USGA seminar on handicaps at Chartwell. There were not a lot of MISGA people at the seminar. Every club has to take this seminar in order to be licensed by the USGA. He knows there is a difference in Handicap Chairmen at public and private clubs. He sent out a memo about using 90% of handicaps at MISGA events. There is a problem with Equitable Stroke Control because you have to know what the true 100% handicap is. He is going to try to put something together to let people know when they have to put in a score.

MISGAGRAM – Whenever a MISGAGRAM is published we send out an e-mail to the club reps. If the associates don't get an e-mail, they can just check the website.

Tournament Chairman – Lloyd Stimson sent out a report via e-mail. He developed a guidebook for MISGA championship tournaments. It is now on the MISGA website. It contains all of the info needed to run a championship tournament. Division quotas for tournaments are listed on the website. The flyers for the two tournaments for this year are not on the website yet. He doesn't have slopes, course ratings or costs yet. He has a meeting scheduled with Wild Quail. The prices will be the same, about \$100.

Web Master – Errol said that as a reminder, that things need to be updated. Also if any MISGA group at a club wants to put up info they should put the info in a PDF format and Errol will put a link on that club's web-page. They can put in as much as they want, just put it in one document. There was some mention at the December meeting of putting a division schedule on the web. If you want that on the web, put it in a document and send it to him.

Old Business – At the last meeting we talked about players with the wrong handicaps in the championships. Mike was going to look into that but Jim has not heard anything. Lloyd Stimson said that the players were disqualified and the checks for prize money were received. It was determined not to re-distribute the prize money.

New Business – Bob Brewer said that he was looking at the Constitution and By-laws and he found some inconsistencies with MISGA. He would be willing to put together a committee to look at the Constitution and By-laws. A motion was made to allow Bob to put a committee together. The motion was approved. It was suggested that C.J. Myers and Tom Tarpley would help.

Wrap-up – The next meeting would be on September 9th. The meeting was adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE MISGA BOARD MEETING

MARCH 26, 2014

- Status of financial accounts:
 - a. Checking account \$ 5,571
 - b. Savings account 7,481
 - c. Combined CD totals 21,004
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| Total | \$34,056 |
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- All bills paid – no bills outstanding.
 - 2014 budget is submitted for discussion and approval.
 - 2014 division allotments budget submitted for discussion and approval.
 - 1st installment of 3 division budget checks distributed today.
 - No \$50 Club Dues received as yet.

PROPOSED 2014 MISGA BUDGET						
as of 3/ 26/14						
Category Description	2013	Proposed				
	Actuals	2014	Budget			
INCOME						
ASSOCIATE DUES	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	3200 members @ \$5 each			
CLUB DUES	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,000	60 clubs @ \$50 each			
INTEREST - SAVINGS	\$ 244	\$ 329				
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 18,994	\$ 19,329				
EXPENSES						
BOARD MEETINGS	\$ 1,082	\$ 1,114	3% increase			
BUSINESS INSURANCE	\$ 6,135	\$ 6,319	3% increase			
BUSINESS SUPPLIES & FEES	\$ 780	\$ 803	3% increase			
DIVISION OPERATIONS	\$ 8,624	\$ 8,883	3% increase			
MAILING & POSTAGE	\$ 67	\$ 69	3% increase			
TOURNAMENTS	\$ 150	\$ 155	3% increase			
TRAVEL	\$ 3,558	\$ 3,665	3% increase			
TROPHIES & AWARDS	\$ 171	\$ 176	3% increase			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 20,567	\$ 21,184				
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ (1,573)	\$ (1,855)				

Actual Allotments for 2014 Based on 2013 Paid Membership Per Division										
						as of 2/21/14				
Division	2013 Clubs	Paid Up Members	Percentage	Amount of total Allotment	Actual Allotment for March 2014	Actual	Proposed Allotment for June 2014	Proposed Allotment for later (after 6/1/14)		
1	10	429	13.4%	1,191	397	Pd 3/13	397	397		
2	15	704	22.0%	1,954	651	Pd 3/13	651	651		
3	7	286	8.9%	794	265	Pd 3/13	265	265		
4	8	745	23.3%	2,068	689	Pd 3/13	689	689		
5	9	266	8.3%	738	246	Pd 3/13	246	246		
6	11	770	24.1%	2,137	712	Pd 3/13	712	712		
Totals	60	3,200	100.0%	8,882	2,961		2,961	2,961		
				Approved =>	Given to DDs					
				3/26/2014	26-Mar-14					

use	Appendix 10.1					REVISED				
Tab Key	TOTAL CLUBS	62	2013	2014		24-Nov-12	2013	2014		
	DIVISION I	CLUB	PAID	PAID	DIFF	DIVISION IV	CLUB	PAID	PAID	DIFF
	CRIPPLE CREEK	101			0	ARGYLE	432			0
	EAGLE CREEK	104			0	HOBBITS GLEN	434			0
	MAPLE DALE	106			0	KENWOOD	435			0
	SHAWNEE	111			0	MANOR	437			0
	WILD QUAIL	115			0	MONTGOMERY	438			0
	GARRISONS LAKE	117			0					
	JONATHAN'S LNDG	121			0	NORBECK	440			0
	SUSSEX PINES	123			0	LEISURE WORLD	441			0
	BEAR TRAP DUNES	125			0	BRETTON WOODS	442			0
	HOOPERS LANDING	126								
	Division TOTALS	10	423		423	Division TOTALS	8	745		745
	Club Total over paid	423	Club Total not paid		0	Club Total over paid	745	Club Total not paid		0
	DIVISION II	CLUB	PAID	PAID	DIFF	DIVISION V	CLUB	PAID	PAID	DIFF
	BEAVER CREEK	214			0	EASTERN SHORE	503			0
	HOLLY HILLS	216			0	ELKS	505			0
	HUNT VALLEY	217			0	GREEN HILL	507			0
	PINEY BRANCH	218			0					
	ROLLING ROAD	219			0	NUTTER'S	511			0
	SPARROWS POINT	220			0	OCEAN CITY	513			0
						OCEAN PINES	514			0
	WAKEFIELD VALLEY	222			0	GREAT HOPE	519			0
	GLADE VALLEY	224			0	DEER RUN	522			0
	QUAIL VALLEY	226			0	BAY CLUB	523			0
	WESTMINSTER NATL	227			0					
	WINTERS RUN	228			0					
	RATTLEWOOD	229			0					
	CHALLEDON	230			0					
	CRESS CREEK	231			0					
	MUSKET RIDGE	232			0					
	FOUNTAIN HEAD	233			0					
	Division TOTALS	16	704		704	Division TOTALS	9	266		266
	Club Total over paid	704	Club Total not paid		0	Club Total over paid	266	Club Total not paid		0
	DIVISION III	CLUB	PAID	PAID	DIFF	DIVISION VI	CLUB	PAID	PAID	DIFF
	CAROLINE	302			0	BAY HILLS	610			0
	CHESTER RIVER	303			0	CHARTWELL	623			0
	HARBOURTOWNE	305			0	CROFTON	625			0
	PROSPECT BAY	309			0	PATUXENT GREEN	627			0
						NATIONAL (Tantallon)	629			0
	EASTON CLUB	319			0	UNIV. OF MD	630			0
	CLEARVIEW	320			0	US NAVAL ACDMY	631			0
	HOG NECK	322			0	WALDEN	636			0
						BOWIE	641			0
						FAIRWAY HILLS	642			0
						CROSS CREEK	645			0
						COMPASS POINTE	646			0
	Division TOTALS	7	286		286	Division TOTALS	12	770		770
	Club Total over paid	286	Club Total not paid		0	Club Total over paid	770	Club Total not paid		0
	GRAND TOTALS	PAID	ROSTER		UNPaid	TOTAL	Clubs	in		
	2013	3194	0		0	2013	62			
	2011	3582	3573			2011	68	4		
	2010	3667	3662			2010	65	1		
	2009	3710	3716			TOTAL CLUBS	PAID	ROSTER		
	2008	3845	3843			\$ Income Total	\$15,970.00	\$16,755.00		
						NO REFUNDS AFTER	30-Jun			

MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Chester River Y&CC - Wednesday, March 26, 2014

MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report

1. *Guidebook for Conducting a MISGA Championship Tournament*

This new **Guidebook** has been completed and is posted in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website. It contains detailed information and guidance for those who have responsibility for managing and directing the operations of the MCTs and Division Qualifiers. Other MISGA leaders may find the **Guidebook** helpful for the planning, preparation and conduct of their special golfing events.

2. *2014 MCTs - Division Quotas*

The **Division Quotas** for both the *Past Presidents (ABCD)* and *2-Man Team Championship Tournaments* have been calculated and posted in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website.

3. *2014 MCTs & Division Qualifiers Schedule*

The **Scheduled Dates** for the MISGA Championship Tournaments and the Division Qualifiers have been established and posted in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website.

4. *2014 MCT Flyers*

The **Flyers** for the *Past Presidents (ABCD)* and *2-Man Team Championship Tournaments* need a couple more bits of information before they can be posted on the MISGA website. The Flyers include all the relevant information and instructions associated with each tournament.

5. *2014 MCT Orientation Meetings*

The purpose of the two meetings is to: (a) discuss the administrative and operational activities of the two championship tournaments (*format, tee*

placements, handicap allowances & adjustments, schedule, food & beverages, entry fee, prizes, etc.) and (b) review the associated documents for accuracy and adequacy (e.g., website flyer, bulletin board poster, entry form, rules sheet, finance report, etc.). Attendees are the DD, ADD, DTC, host Club Rep & Asst. Club Reps and host club management staff.

- a. *2-Man Team at Norbeck CC - TBD*
- b. *ABCD at Wild Qual CC - Wednesday - April 9, 2014*

You can review all items in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website by opening this link:

<http://www.misga.org/tournaments.htm>

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Lloyd Stimson
MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

Membership Committee Report

Chester River Yacht and Country Club

March 25, 2014

Unfortunately, we have been advised that one of our oldest clubs will not be playing with us in 2014. Rolling Road Country club is unable to find a person to be their Representative and have asked to be dropped for this year. With a little luck they might be able to rejoin us in 2015.

The committee has sent out a letter to 10 non-member country clubs along with a MISGA brochure. As of this date I have not received a response from any of the clubs.

Due to a lack of associate information, I am not able to furnish any data regarding how our clubs are doing. Hopefully, I will have this information by our next meeting.

Thomas Taylor

Chairman

**MISGA State
Rules & Handicaps Report
Bob Brewer**

1. **General**

I'm going over in my mind what can be done to foster fair play. Rules of play are always important along with making sure handicapping is being handled properly. Any suggestions you may have regarding these areas are welcome.

My committee will consist of the Rules and Handicap Chairmen from each division or the director of a division when a chairman has not been appointed.

2. **USGA Handicap Seminar – 25 February 2014**

I attended this seminar, which was held at Chartwell Country Club. Many topics from the USGA Handicap System manual were reviewed and clarified. Although I sent a notice to all MISGA members through the division directors, only a few members attended the seminar. The seminar and accompanying test can be taken online as well. The USGA handicap manual is accessible online at <http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Handicap-Manual/>.

3. **90%/95% Allowance**

On February 7 State MISGA sent an email to be forwarded to all club reps stating that "MISGA endorses the 90%/95% allowance policy for the Two-Best-Ball-of-Four mixer format. Club reps are expected to inform their clubs of this policy." I'm expecting all clubs to follow this policy.

4. **Equitable Stroke Control**

At the fall Division II board meeting a question came up as to whether equitable stroke control is based on 100% of a player's handicap. The answer is "yes." Although a player may/should have an allowance adjustment for our mixers, equitable stroke control must be based on their 100% handicap for the club at which they are playing. This means that it would be helpful if clubs would always put on their official team score cards both the 100% value of a player's handicap as well as their adjusted handicap.

5. **Entering scores into GolfNet**

This has been discussed many times before: MISGA members must enter all rounds they play during the "active season" for the state in which they are playing. Players who do not comply with this code of conduct are violating the rules of golf. Knowing when and how to post a score (or when to *not* post) requires some explanation. I would be happy to discuss the ins and outs of posting scores with anyone who cares to listen. Tom Taylor has asked me to put together some guidelines for when to post a score in a format that would allow clubs to pin it to their bulletin boards. I will do this for the state rep meeting, so that the information can flow down to all clubs.

PP AD HOC, Committee Report
MISGA Board Meeting – 3/24/2014
Chester River Yacht and Golf Club

The committee continues to evaluate MISGA members who provide outstanding service to our organization. Awards are presented in a timely manner. All Past President's are urged to attend the Annual Reps Meeting at Prospect Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Tarpley , Ch.

I will be unable to attend the meeting as my wife will be beginning her cancer therapy. I plan on being at Prospect Bay. Thought this had been submitted earlier.