

Attendees: Earl Gentry, Joe Baily, John Babyak, Clarence Moody, Tom Rowlett, Bob Brewer, Jim Wilcox, Byron Keadle, Malcolm Peterson, Mike Urquhart, Ian Sumner, Greg Morris and Pete Sorge.

President – Earl Gentry asked if everyone had read the MISGA Handbook. He referred to page 8, dealing with the events chairman and events coordinator's responsibilities. Pete Sorge would go into that later in the meeting. A discussion of contracts followed.

Secretary's Report – John Babyak read the minutes from the December meeting. There was a question about subsidizing the MISGA State Tournaments. We do not subsidize the MISGA Frolics. It was pointed out that the new Division Director for Div V was Clarence Johnson. In reading the minutes, John mistakenly read it as Clarence Moody. The minutes on the website had Clarence Johnson as the new Director. The Spring Fling would be May 12-14, not May 13-15. The new MISGA club is Timbers at Troy, not Timbers of Troy. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Schwinger was not at the Meeting. Jim Wilcox presented a report. MISGA has a total of \$35,051. Jim had the first installment of division budget checks to be distributed. On the proposed budget, it shows 58 clubs, it should be 60. Piney Branch dropped out of MISGA for 2015. There was a question as to whether they had to pay \$50 to stay viable in MISGA. The decision was that they did not have to and that to rejoin MISGA in 2016 they would not have to go through the new member process.

Vice President's Report – Joe Baily said that he has not had any responsibilities dumped on him.

Division Director's Reports

Division I – Joe Baily said that the Division has lost Rookery North (Shawnee), they could not get a representative to take over for Bob Burd. The division is down to nine clubs. We have 75 associates signed up for Williamsburg and we have approval to go to 100. The sign-up deadline would be April 10th. He worked closely with Pete Sorge on the contract and all numbers have been deleted and all penalties were eliminated. If we go to 100 players, we will have the whole courses.

Division II – Clarence Moody said that the division is back up to 14 clubs. They lost Piney Branch for this year but they picked up Hollow Creek. There was an ad in the paper that said that Hollow Creek is up for auction on March 13th. The club pro said that whoever bought the club, if anyone did, would honor the MISGA agreement for 2015. For clubs that have scheduled an event with them, those events will still be held. They will have an ABCD qualifier at Musket Ridge, a Two-man team qualifier at Holly Hills and a pro-am at Fountainhead.

Division III – The Two-man qualifier will be at Maple Dale, the ABCD will be at Harbourtowne. We are keeping a constant look at Caroline C.C. The annual rep's meeting will be at Prospect Bay on April 13th.

Division IV – Nothing to report. A question was asked about the clubhouse at Hobbits Glen. There was a drawn out yeah. The building is up and they plan to move the pro shop in the first week of April. No mixer is scheduled until May. Kenwood was re-rated but the slope remained the same. At Kenwood, all tees are rated for everyone.

Division V – No representative.

Division VI – Earl Gentry said that the division had their first meeting on March 11. The ABCD will be held at Tantallon on June 15th. They talked about mixed formats because many golfers are unhappy with two best balls. They are going to create a list of different formats and send those lists to the clubs. It will be a club decision as to what format they use. A discussion about various formats followed.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Associates – Mike Urquhart said that we have 60 clubs and 3106 associates. The PGA has been discussing the loss of golfers. Their strategy is to get more members at fewer clubs. We had a problem last year matching the roster numbers to the paid numbers. The procedure that he and Dick Schwinger came up with this year is to make sure that that doesn't happen again. The club dues will be collected by the Division Associates Chairman and sent to the Treasurer. The associate's dues will be collected by the Division Associates Chairman and forwarded to Mike with the rosters. That way Mike can make sure everything matches and he will forward everything to Dick. In terms of rosters, all Mike needs is club and associate's name. If the divisions want to keep addresses, that's fine. Associates dues are due in by June 1st. The Misgagram is sent out via an email tree, it is sent to the Division Directors who then send it out to the club reps. A discussion about dues followed.

Audit – Jim Wilcox said that the final report for 2014 has been sent out. He said that we need to update the email list for the Board. It was pointed out that the updated list is on the website. Jim had a question about overages at the various events. Pete Sorge said that he carries any overage to the next year and documents that. Jim was concerned with new members taking over events and how they would handle overages. At Williamsburg the overage was used as an incentive to register early.

Events – Pete Sorge sent out a report. He wanted to emphasize a couple of points. One was bank accounts. His bank account is in a corporate name and in the event of his demise, he has someone else's signature to enable them to get access to the money. Joe Baily said that he has the money with two names. At all of the events, the accounts should be set up with two names. At one event, the person in charge died and no one else had access to the account. It was a big problem getting that resolved. Pete is working on a couple of venues for the Fall Frolic. He is going to talk to Seabrook, Amelia Island and possibly the Pinehurst area. He is looking at a location in WV for the Summer Frolic in September. A discussion followed.

MISGAGRAM – Byron Keadle said that he was given a new club reps name and he tried to contact him and received a reply that his email access is restricted. If Byron wanted to contact him he would have to fill out a request form. Others got this note, filled out the request but still could not send him email. He has never received a Misgagram because of that. Byron's last Mlsgagram is coming out and no one has offered to become the Editor. Earl asked that everyone go out to their clubs and put out a memo about the Editor of the Misgagram.

Membership – Carl Lazar was not at the meeting but he provided a report. John Babyak read the report. His report dealt with five clubs that had been considered for membership. Waynesboro C.C. had been in MISGA but their members are no longer interested. Waverly Woods management was not interested in MISGA. Carl would follow up with Lake Presidential, Potomac Ridge and Ruggles Golf Club in the Spring. A discussion followed.

Policy and Planning – Bob Brewer sent out a report. The bylaws say that there should be someone from every division on the Policy and Planning Committee. He does not have someone appointed from every division. He feels that the committee should be reviewing the bylaws every year to make sure that we are doing everything correctly. He looked at some things in the bylaws and didn't understand them or thought they were wrong. Another thing is that we have policies that the Board passed that are very hard to find. He would like to put all of these policies into one document. John Babyak pointed out that

this was done a few years ago. The website has Board Actions from at least 1985. Bob said that he does not know where it is. He would like to have a Word copy of the reps handbook. Byron offered to send it to him. He had a question about what is a quorum for the MISGA meetings. Bob pointed out that a quorum for our meetings is not defined. Another question dealt with how many reps from each club can attend the annual Meeting. The answer is two but that is not enforced. A discussion of quorum followed.

Rules and Handicap – Bob Brewer submitted a report via e-mail. He said that he would like to work on getting people to properly post their scores from the State tournaments. What he would like to do is get the clubs responsible for their members.

Tournament Chairman – Lloyd Stimson was not at the meeting but he did submit a report.

Web Master – Errol Myers was not at the meeting. It was pointed out that we have a lot of new people and we need to have the website info updated.

Old Business – None.

New Business –

New Members – Earl Gentry said that Div VI is putting together poster boards that will advertise MISGA and will use handouts to potential new members. He had an example of a poster board that could be used. The poster board would be put up in the pro shops. The board would have to be changed to be club specific. The boards and handouts would have prices and the name of the MISGA rep. It cost \$30 to have the board made at Office Depot. There was a question about whether Earl would present this at the annual meeting. Earl said that he could.

New Members – Pete Sorge said that they are going to present something that they have developed to a MISGA meeting the following week. It deals with how to increase participation at the various clubs with existing members. It deals with awarding members for the number of events they participate in. Others said that they already do similar things, awards, luncheons, trophies, etc.

Wrap-up – The meeting was adjourned, the next meeting will be in April.

Division One was very disappointed that Rookery North at Shawnee dropped out of Misga for the 2015 season. They were unsuccessful in finding a volunteer to replace Bob Burd as Club Rep. We hope to bring them back in 2016.

We will undertake a minimal newspaper advertising campaign to attract senior golfers to Misga. Ads, even in weekly community news media, are not cheap so we will be limited to smaller advertisements than desired and black and white not color. Ads will run in late March and early April.

The Spring Fling Williamsburg for May 12-14 has 72 golfers signed and paid as of 3/9. The original target was 72 which is in line with the past few years participation; I have arranged with the courses in Williamsburg to move to a limit of 100. The deadline for entry will be 10 April 2015.

Joe Baily, DD1

MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sparrows Point CC - Thursday, March 12, 2015

MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report

1. *Guidebook for Conducting a MISGA Championship Tournament*

This **Guidebook** has been revised and updated (*Rev. #1 - Jan. 14, 2015*). It contains detailed information and guidance for those who have responsibility for managing and directing the operations of the MISGA Championship Tournaments and Division Qualifiers. Other MISGA leaders may find the **Guidebook** helpful for the planning, preparation and conduct of their special golfing events. It is posted in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website.

2. *2015 MCTs - Division Quotas*

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

3. *2015 MCTs & Division Qualifiers Schedule*

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

Championship	Host Club	Date	Rain Date
Past Presidents	Norbeck CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	Thursday August 6, 2015	Monday August 31, 2015
2-Man Team	Manor CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	Thursday August 20, 2015	Thursday August 27, 2015

4. 2015 MCT Flyers

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

5. 2015 MCT Entry Forms

The **Entry Forms** for the 2015 MCTs will **NOT** be posted on the MISGA website. They will be sent direct by the MISGA Tournament Chairman to the six Division Tournament Chairmen (*via the internet*). The DTCs are responsible for completing and submitting the Entry Forms to the host club Tournament Coordinators. Hopefully, this will prevent unauthorized individuals from downloading and submitting MCT Entry Forms.

6. 2015 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 normally the DD, ADD, DTC, host Club Rep & Asst. Club Reps and host club management staff.

- a. *2-Man Team* at Manor CC - TBD
- b. *PP-ABCD* at Norbeck CC - TBD

7. You can review all documents associated with the two MCTs (*Entry Forms excepted*) in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website.

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

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Lloyd Stimson
MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

MISGA Board and officers.

Here is the final audit report for MISGA activities in 2014. All MISGA events have now been audited for the year.

Regarding the MISGA event held at Fripp Island Resort in South Carolina from October 26 to October 31, 2014:

The audit shows that all income and expenditures were supported by receipts, checks and notes. An overage of \$237.77 was found, and it is assumed that amount will be applied to the income for the 2015 event.

Regarding the MISGA Treasury audit: All income and expenditures were supported by receipts, checks and notes. Expense vouchers totaling \$3,732.55 still need the signature of the MISGA President.

James Wilcox, MISGA Auditor

MISGA EVENTS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT-3/12/15:

During the past couple of months it was brought to my attention that the Winter & Spring Flings had signed contracts or were to about to sign contracts committing to providing a certain number of attendees. Also, the contracts required the event coordinators to guarantee payment for the number of attendees specified in the contracts.

I discussed this with both event coordinators and advised them to contact their respective venues and renegotiate the contracts. I advised them that I have never committed to a fixed number of people to attend an event, in as much as how can anyone know, months in advance how many people will attend. I suggested that they tell their venue representatives that MISGA has been coming there for a number of years and based on economic conditions, our aging & declining membership that they should agree to not requiring a specific number of attendees. If not, we have other venues that will comply with this requirement.

I'm happy to report that they were successful in doing so and the events were or are to be held with those conditions removed.

PLEASE NOTE: "Review of contracts by the MISGA legal counsel & or the Events Chairman & Events Committee is required per THE MISGA BYLAWS" (please refer to the MISGA Handbook). This information has been discussed at past board meetings and is noted in the minutes. Apparently, when event coordinators have changed this information hasn't been passed on. It is incumbent upon all MISGA members to be aware of the MISGA guidelines and requirements. This information is online for anyone's review.

These events are for the pleasure of those attending and are not to be subsidized by MISGA, since only those attending receive those benefits.

I am working on the Fall Venue and hope to have a contract before the end of April.

Events Chairman, Peter Sorge Jr.