Minutes - MISGA Board Meeting June 8, 2015 Printed – June 20, 2015

Attendees: Earl Gentry, Joe Baily, John Babyak, Clarence Moody, Gary Manion, Clarence Johnson, Greg Morris, Pete Sorge, Bob Hodges, Tom Tarpley, Lloyd Stimson and Errol Myers.

President – Earl Gentry thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He was trying to pick a place that was halfway between the Eastern Shore and Tantallon. A number of people said that they could not make the meeting for various reasons. He just found out that we have never had a June meeting. We have always gone from the reps meeting in April to September.

Secretary's Report – Before reading the minutes of the April meeting John Babyak said that his wife passed away seven weeks ago and he wanted to thank those that came to the wake/funeral, sent condolence cards or expressed their concern. Marie was a wonderful lady and she will be missed. John then read the minutes but it turns out that the minutes were mostly the March minutes. John's wife passed away before he was to send out the minutes for April and he never completed them. And apparently he never sent them to the Board. They will be completed and sent out.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Schwinger was not at the Meeting. Earl presented his report. As of June 8th, we have \$5,476 in the checking account, \$7,455 in savings and a combined CD total of \$21,216 for a total of \$34,147. All bills are paid and all club dues has been received except for Div VI. The check for Div VI was mailed on June 4th. A question was asked if the first distribution of Division checks was made. The checks were given out. Div V said that they did not receive a check. Maybe it went to the Div V treasurer.

Vice President's Report – Joe Baily said that the Spring Fling went well, they had 59 men and 22 women. The weather was good. Some of the women had to play more that one round with the same ladies and they weren't happy with that. He is going to run the event again next year but he will let the women set up their own pairings. The problem with going back to Kingsmill is that we have to schedule two weeks before the LPGA event.

Division Director's Reports

Division I – Joe Baily said that Rookery North (Shawnee) is back in MISGA. The Div I and III qualifier for the two-man is next week. They have twelve or thirteen teams playing. It's disappointing that people are not supporting these events. Nelson Fenwick ran the Winter Fling in Florida, He had some problems with the contract and he did not look into some of the things that a chairman of an event has to do. When a former chairman of an event leaves he passes information on but some things get lost in translation. We have that straightened out now and we do not commit to any numbers as far as cancellations or guarantees. Nelson felt that the coordinator could be held fiscally responsible for the event. This year there were only 17 people signed up but Nelson had signed a contract with 28 people. Plantations finally accepted the 17 people. Plantations was asking him to sign a contract in March committing to a number for February of 2016. Nelson has resigned and we have no coordinator for next year. Tom Tarpley asked if we anyone has considered canceling the 2016 event and try for 2017 to consider a different place. We are going to put a notice in the Misgagram to say that we need a coordinator for 2016. If we don't get a coordinator by July 15th we will cancel the event for 2016.

Division II – Clarence Moody said that rumor has it that the sale pf Hollow Creek did not go through. We are in the middle of our qualifying rounds for the State Tournaments and our Proam. Our division events have been rained out many times.

Division III – No report.

Division IV – Gary Manion said they would be holding their Two-man team qualifier at Montgomery C.C. and the ABCD will be at Bretton Woods.

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Division V – Clarence Johnson said that the Division has lost 39 members since last year. The Bay Club did not join MISGA this year. We have three clubs that do not travel. They go to Div I and III but nowhere else.

Division VI – Earl Gentry said that the ABCD qualifier is next week and the Two-man qualifier will be held at Crofton in July. They have 49 people signed up to play. Some of the feedback that they are getting is it costs to much. It was pointed out that with the meal and prize money it is a very good deal. At Norbeck you get a heck of a meal for lunch, then golf and for dinner it is usually surf and turf. Tom Tarpley said that it is always disturbing to him and upsets him to hear people talk about money. To complain about the cost of playing at a first class club in a first class tournament is just appalling. A discussion followed.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Associates – Mike Urquhart was not at the meeting.

Audit – Jim Wilcox was not at the meeting.

Events – Pete Sorge said that he had been contacted by a person at Crystal River. They sent Pete a contract for 2016. He hasn't responded back because he wanted this meeting to discuss it. The contract has numbers in it but if we get a coordinator we will negotiate those out. They also want too much money up front. If we get a coordinator, Pete will contact Crystal River and we will have to make changes to the contract. Where we are on Seabrook, in the first two weeks he has had an excellent response. He is hoping to hear from some Board members. The one-bedroom ocean view are gone, he has some one-bedroom scenic (golf course view) and some two-bedroom units. He also has one three-bedroom ocean view and one three-bedroom golf course view. There was a question about what is available for the wives that don't play golf. Pete said that he has 11 or 12 of them. He sends them on a tour that includes lunch. They will be going to Historic Charleston. We will pick them up and they will tour famous houses and gardens. Pete pays for them to have a nice lunch. They will also go to Kiawah. The other days they will carpool to shopping or whatever. People can also stay the previous Saturday night and the last Friday night at Seabrook at no additional cost but Pete has to know who is planning to take advantage of this. The dates are October 25-30. Carroll Valley is building a new clubhouse and our meeting there will be on September the 8th at 10:00 A.M.

Membership – Carl Lazar was not at the meeting but he provided a report. He has been in contact with Rolling Road with a new pro as well as Eisenhower in Crownsville. There was a person from South River, Jay Resnick, that inquired about MISGA for South River. There are MISGA members that play at Maryland National and the pro there was interested but they do not have a senior group. There was a discussion about a MISGA article in a local paper.

MISGAGRAM – Bob Hodges said that he has received very little for input into the Misgagram. The deadline is June 11th. It was mentioned that Howard Taylor's wife passed away about two weeks ago. Howard is a former MISGA President.

Policy and Planning – Bob Brewer was not at the meeting but submitted a report. He wants to submit a final group of changes to the Board by the March 2016 meeting.

PP ad hoc – Tom Tarpley said that there is nothing to report.

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Rules and Handicap – Bob Brewer submitted a report via e-mail. He has resigned as chairman. He put out a procedure and was unhappy that it was not disseminated properly. He was asking for a lot of information, persons index, slopes, etc. We need a new rules and handicap person. Earl said that if Lloyd does his job, the division directors and the division tournament chairmen have to assure the tournament scores are posted. Sam Hall who was the MISGA President in 2002 established the Rules and Handicap Chairmanship. His concept was to make it an educational position as opposed to an enforcement position. Bob Brewer seems to be treating it as an enforcement position. If the Division Director and the Division Tournament Chairmen do their job, then posting scores should not be a problem. Dick Crone, the former R&H Chairman would check all of the winners, and some players that did not win, of the State Tournaments to see that they had posted. For those that did not post, he and Lloyd Stimson put out a letter to all of the Division Directors, Assistant Division Directors and Division Tournament Chairmen which would be forwarded to the club reps to correct the problem. The system worked pretty well. Some discussion followed.

Tournament Chairman – Lloyd Stimson sent out a report. Because of some problems that they had with Manor that were unresolvable we switched the tournament to Norbeck. So we will have both State Tournaments at Norbeck. And Norbeck does a fantastic job. Manor wanted to raise the rate from \$105 to \$107. Then they wanted to get rid of some of the events, closest to the line. They wanted to go to one closest to the pin on each side as opposed to two. They also did not want to pay for golf balls that would be handed out. We were supposed to have a planning meeting but Manor didn't do that so Lloyd switched the event to Norbeck. Next year we are going to Wild Quail and Norbeck.

Web Master – Errol Myers said that everything that has been sent to him is up-to-date. He asked that John Babyak sort out the April minutes because he never got the April minutes.

Old Business – It was pointed out that in reading the minutes it was mentioned how much money was in the treasury. At the last meeting it was mentioned that with the amount of money people might get a wrong idea. Some of that money was donated years ago and are restricted funds.

New Business –

Cart Paths Only – One of the clubs in Div VI asked a question about 'cart paths only'. Since members are getting older, should a MISGA event be cancelled 24 hours in advance if it will be "cart path only'? The consensus was that it is an individuals decision.

Minutes – It was bought up that at the reps meeting the Secretary read the minutes of the March meeting. Bob Brewer thought that it should have been the minutes of the previous reps meeting from April 2014. The concern was for the reps to get the minutes of a Board meeting. It was pointed out that any rep can attend any Board meeting that he chooses to attend. And the minutes of all meetings are on the website. It was suggested that something could be put in the Misgagram that any rep can attend any meeting.

Wrap-up - The meeting was adjourned.