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Attendees: Earl Gentry, John Babyak, Bob Burd, Clarence Moody, Tom Rowlett, Frank Tighe, Gary Manion, Ian Sumner, Clarence Johnson, Robert Fjelstad, Greg Morris, Mike Urquhart, Jim Wilcox, Pete Sorge, Carl Lazar, Bob Brewer, Tom Tarpley, Lloyd Stimson, Errol Myers, Tom Taylor, Ed Masood, and Jeff Hild.

President – Earl Gentry said that he had an interesting and unique year. He once had a rep tell him that all the Board Presidents do is go to functions and have their pictures taken. Not this year.

Vice President – Joe Baily was not at the meeting. Bob Burd had information about the Spring Fling. The Spring Fling would be the 3rd to the 5th of May. We'll play the Kingsmill Plantation course on the 3rd, the River course on the 4th and Kiskiack on the 5th. The dinner will be at Kingsmill on the 4th. On the subject of using fixed dates for the frolics, the coordinators should get the dates established and published 8 or 9 months before the events. If we set firm dates every year, the coordinator has no flexibility to deal with things like the LPGA event at Kingsmill. The LPGA has an event at Kingsmill in the middle of May so we had to select different dates. If Joe had known the issue with timeshares he could have done things differently. Some associates had already obtained timeshare rentals for the second week of May.

Secretary's Report – John Babyak read the minutes of the September 8th meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Introductions – Since there were a number of new people at the meeting, Earl asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Schwinger was not at the meeting. He sent word that he had sent out the rebate checks to the divisions.

Division Director's Reports

Division I – Bob Burd said that Rookery has completed the purchase of Shawnee. So we are officially Rookery North and Shawnee has been dropped. They are only going to have one mixer this year and if it goes well we might have more. The problem is the cart fees, they have two groups, Indian River and Longneck, who come in and pay about \$40 to play with no lunch included. They have seventeen events scheduled with 80-100 players. A lot of players on the Eastern Shore do not like to travel. Caroline C.C. is closing at the end of this month. Harbourtowne has been purchased by a hotel and they are going to be a resort, like the Hyatt Regency, possibly with no memberships.

Division II – Clarence Moody said that the division had a good year. There is still a possibility that Hollow Creek will come back into MISGA. They changed the name of the club to Richland. Div II will have new directors next year. Tom Rowlett will move up to Director and Ed Masood will be Asst Director. In the annual report for our Division you can see that we had pretty good representation by most clubs.

Division III – Caroline CC is gone. Harbourtowne will be closed for 2016 but they plan to participate in away events. River House is up for sale but the rep is scheduling MISGA events as if it will be business as usual. Frank Tighe is leaving as Director and his Asst director has also resigned. They have someone for the Director position. Prospect Bay will host the Annual Reps meeting on April 11th.

Division IV – Gary Manion said that there is a rumor that Argyle CC may be interested in rejoining MISGA. There is a Div IV luncheon in December. Besides Div IV reps there are other people, including the Board, that are invited. There will be nine Past Presidents at the luncheon. Ian Sumner will not be able to take over as Director so Jim Wilcox will be the Div IV director and will become the MISGA Vice President in 2016.

Division V – Clarence Johnson said that the division had a pretty good season. The Bay Club is closed. Clarence will be stepping down as Div Director and Bob Fjelstad will step down as Asst Director. Div V will select new leadership sometime after the 1st of the year.

Division VI – Earl Gentry said that the Div VI ABCD will be at Patuxent Greens and the Two-man will be at Tantallon. In 2015 the division generated \$153,677. Timbers at Troy, in four events, generated \$18,180.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Associates – Mike Urquhart distributed a membership report. The number of associates is down 129 members from last year, to 2942. The number of clubs is down to 56. Membership is aging and we are not getting younger members to join. In the report, Caroline CC is not included. Timbers at Troy is included and they have 65 members. Lloyd Stimson said that he uses this report to do his allocations for the state tournaments.

Audit – Jim Wilcox said that he has audited all of the reports that has come into him this year. He just got the Carroll Valley report and will be working on that. At Hobbits Glen they are getting a lot of younger golfers into the senior group and MISGA.

Events – Pete Sorge said that for the Fall Frolic at Seabrook he had four other, beside himself, Board members attend, Manion, Morris, Myers and Babyak. The event went well, with a little bit of rain. We had a good turnout. He had more non-golfing women than he has ever had. They had a pretty good time. He has several venues in mind for the Fall Frolic in 2016. He is talking to Kiawah and Jekyll Island.

Historian – No Report, Earl Gayler was not at the meeting. It was mentioned that we may need a new Historian because Earl is in Florida a lot of the time.

Membership – Carl Lazar said that Queenstown and Rolling Road have no interest. Oak Creek might be interested. Whiskey Creek has four outings per week and has no interest. Walden might be interested in coming back in. There was a discussion about traveling members from private and public clubs.

MISGAGRAM – Bob Hodges was not at the meeting.

Tournament Chairman – Lloyd Stimson sent out a report. The first item in his report was the expenses that he incurred for the tournaments. The total of expenses was \$796.52. The 2016 tournament schedules are posted on the website. The Two-man will be at Wild Quail on Aug 14th and the ABCD will be at Norbeck on Aug 11th. On the Tournament Information section of the website contains a ton of information about the tournaments.

Web Master – Errol Myers reminded everyone that a lot of positions on the Board are changing so he would like to have that information. The same is true for changes to club reps. This also applies to information from Committee Chairmen.

Policy and Planning – Bob Brewer said that the committee has done the work on trying to sort out changes. They have written a new constitution but the by-laws are a little more complicated. He made a motion to accept the new constitution as written on 11-21-2015. Tom Tarpley suggested that someone else make the motion. The motion was made and seconded. The motion was accepted. Bob thanked the committee and those that communicated with him about changes. Earl commended Bob for the effort that he put in and said that he did an outstanding job. Bob made a comment about bonding of officers and the MISGA liability policy.

PP ad hoc – Tom Tarpley said that he had no report.

Rules and Handicap – Bob Brewer submitted a report. Jeff Hild is taking over from him as the new chairman.

Tom Tarpley – Tom said that he had an award from the President and MISGA for dedication and perseverance. It was given to Bob Brewer. It consisted of two glasses with the MISGA emblem on them.

Old Business

Timbers at Troy – Earl said that we need a vote to accept Timbers at Troy to permanent status in MISGA. They have 69 members and total revenue for the year was over \$15,000 for Div VI. Earl made a motion to accept Timbers at Troy. It was seconded and approved. Earl said that he would send a e-mail to the rep stating that they are a full member of MISGA.

New Business

Winter Fling and Ocean Pines

Earl said that he has sent the Board copies of the history of dealing with Nelson Fenwick. When Nelson assumed the duties as coordinator of Ocean Pines and in February of 2014 he signed a contract with Plantations Resort for the 2015 Fling, without fully understanding what was in the contract. He was told to sign the contract and perform administrative duties for the balance of the Fling. Nelson signed the contract but the contract had some major issues in it, i.e. a \$10,000 deposit, a set number of rooms, and several dollar penalty clauses if the numbers were not met. Ocean Pines wrote a memo requesting the Board to provide about \$8,000 to cover the difference in the cost of Ocean Pines going to the Plantation Resort. The contract called for 35 rooms and Ocean Pines only had a commitment for 17 rooms. The Board turned them down so Nelson was hanging out there saying he signed the contract and is personally liable. Earl sent a memo to the divisions asking if they could increase the number of participants. Because of that memo the number of rooms increased from 17 to 23. Pete Sorge gave Nelson guidance on how to deal with the resort to accept 23 rooms without a penalty. Nelson got the resort to accept it. The Fling took place with no problems. In February of 2015 Nelson get the same contract for 2016, 35 rooms, \$10,000 deposit and penalty clauses. In the past we have told Nelson that he has to send the contract to the Events Chairman. He did. Pete came back with a page of things that need to be adjusted. There were three major things that needed to be adjusted, the number of rooms, damages and the deposit. Nelson had discussions with Plantations and we have an e-mail from Plantations that they reduced the room number from 35 to 20 and eliminated the cancellation clause. Earl has a statement from Plantations that stated any other reduction would require a change in the price to the individuals coming. Pete had recommended zero as the number of rooms and also recommended that we eliminate the liquidation and cancellation penalties. In March, Nelson asked Ocean Pines how many people would be going in 2016. He got very little response. Earl suggested that Nelson contact all of the Division Directors to ask all of the reps about going. He

received about 14 or 15 maybe responses. We also got very little response at the April Reps meeting. Earl told Nelson that we need to get the contract signed so that we have location, dates and prices in order to advertize the FLING.. A few weeks later on April 29th Nelson resigned stating that “I am not a contract negotiator nor a publicity agent”. Yet Nelson performed these functions for the 2015 Fling. So we needed a new coordinator for the Fling. Earl went to Ocean Pines and Div V and asked for a coordinator. No response. In June, Earl put in the MISGAGRAM that we needed a coordinator. No response so MISGA cancelled the 2016 Winter Fling. Later Nelson comes out with the Winter Bash. He said that this is not a MISGA event and that they were disappointed that MISGA had cancelled the Winter Fling so they went out on their own with the Winter Bash for Ocean Pines and friends. They sent out invitations to all of the MISGA people that participated in the Winter Fling. Nelson said this is not a MISGA event so they don't have to follow MISGA rules. Earl said that there is a responsibility of Div V and/or Ocean Pines to provide a Winter Fling for MISGA. It is in the by-laws. Earl was asking the Board to approve setting up a committee, according to the by-laws, with a chairperson, the Division Director, the Assistant Director and four associates, two from the club and two from the Board. He just wants the committee to get all of the information that Nelson has told Ocean Pines vs support from MISGA. Ocean Pines said that they were tired of going to Plantations. Earl thinks that major damage has been done to the reputation of MISGA with Ocean Pines and maybe other clubs in Div. V. Pete said that he doesn't think that Ocean Pines should be penalized for the actions of people who were running the event. The Board felt that there should no action against Ocean Pines since they had no responsibility for the event. Discussion followed. MISGA reps will meet with Ocean Pines reps to discuss the issue(s).. Ocean Pines will go forth with their Winter Bash.

Rent a MISGA Club Rep Support – Tom Rowlett said that there are clubs that are floundering and can't get a club rep to get them started. He would like to provide them with an experienced rep from a pool of reps to help them go through the process. It would be done under the Membership Committee. Discussion followed.

New President and Vice President – Earl looked for a motion to elect a new President. There was a motion to elect Tom Rowlett as the President in 2016. The motion was seconded and approved. Jim Wilcox will be the new Vice President.

Location of March Meeting- Tom Rowlett is looking at a couple of locations.

Wrap-up – The meeting was adjourned at 12:20..

Division III Report for Board of Directors Meeting

December 7, 2015

Report - Division III ends 2015 with a fairly successful year. Most clubs were very active in hosting home mixers and travelling to other clubs.

Club Status - We began the season with seven clubs – Caroline, Chester River, Choptank, Harbortowne, Hog Neck, Prospect Bay and Riverhouse at Easton Club. There has been activity in the status of our clubs as follows:

1. Caroline has withdrawn from MISGA
2. Harbortowne has changed ownership and is undergoing a major remodeling. The golf course will be closed for the 2016 season. The MISGA club plans to participate by attending only away mixers and will resume full activity in 2017.
3. Riverhouse at Easton Club is being offered for sale. Their MISGA Rep, Larry Patterson, plans to establish a schedule for 2016 assuming that they will be able to gain support for the new owners.
4. The remaining four clubs plan to conduct business as usual and are aggressively establishing schedules for 2016.

Division Status – Frank Tighe and John Robinson will no longer be able to serve as Division III Director and assistant director. Mal Peterson has agreed to assume the duties of Director, but an Assistant Director has yet to be identified. Division financial report has been submitted. Prospect Bay will again host the Annual Representatives Meeting on April 11,, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Tighe, Jr.

Director, MISGA Division III

MISGA ASSOCIATES DUES SUMMARY, BY DISTRICT

DECEMBER 7, 2015

DIVISION	# of Clubs	2013	2014	2015	1 Year Change
ONE	10	431	433	423	-10
TWO	13	708	623	542	-81
THREE	6	286	321	304	-17
FOUR	7	743	738	687	-51
FIVE	8	266	251	216	-35
SIX	12	770	704	769	65
TOTALS	56	3204	3070	2941	-129

MISGA ASSOCIATE DUES SUMMARY FOR 2013, 2014 AND 2015

TOTAL CLUBS		56	2013	2014	2015				2013	2014	2015	
DIVISION I	CLUB	PAID	PAID	PAID	2 YR DIFF	DIVISION IV	CLUB	PAID	PAID	paid	2 YR DIFF	
CRIPPLE CREEK	101	70	80	80	10	ARGYLE	432	67	53	0	67	
EAGLE CREEK	104	51	55	55	4	HOBBITS GLEN	434	98	108	118	20	
MAPLE DALE	106	24	24	24	0	KENWOOD	435	118	124	118	0	
ROOKERY NORTH	111	52	52	52	0	MANOR	437	112	102	98	14	
WILD QUAIL	115	47	50	50	3	MONTGOMERY	438	103	96	98	5	
GARRISONS LAKE	117	57	42	42	15	NORBECK	440	84	85	82	2	
JONATHAN'S LNDG	121	49	44	44	5	LEISURE WORLD	441	80	84	85	5	
SUSSEX PINES	123	16	15	15	1	BRETTON WOODS	442	81	86	88	7	
BEAR TRAP DUNES	125	58	61	61	3							
HOOPERS LANDING	126	7	10	10	3							
Division TOTALS	10	431	433	433	2	Division TOTALS	8	743	738	687	56	
DIVISION II	CLUB	PAID	PAID	PAID	2 YR DIFF	DIVISION V	CLUB	PAID	PAID	paid	2 YR DIFF	
BEAVER CREEK	214	66	62	51	15	EASTERN SHORE	503	21	21	17	4	
HOLLY HILLS	216	37	28	23	14	ELKS	505	0	10	7	7	
HUNT VALLEY	217	41	33	27	14	GREEN HILL	507	15	17	13	2	
PINEY BRANCH	218	27	25	0	27	NUTTER'S	511	40	47	46	6	
ROLLING ROAD	219	20	0	0	20	OCEAN CITY	513	42	34	31	11	
SPARROWS POINT	220	45	37	28	17	OCEAN PINES	514	68	64	55	13	
GLADE VALLEY	224	68	64	62	6	GREAT HOPE	519	23	24	22	1	
QUAIL VALLEY	226	55	46	44	11	DEER RUN	522	37	28	25	12	
WESTMINSTER NATL	227	37	33	25	12	BAY CLUB	523	20	6	0	20	
WINTERS RUN	228	34	22	23	11							
RATTLEWOOD	229	64	66	66	2							
CHALLEDON	230	44	57	50	6							
CRESS CREEK	231	40	36	36	4							
MUSKET RIDGE	232	80	78	82	2							
FOUNTAIN HEAD	233	50	36	25	25							
Division TOTALS	15	708	623	542	166	Division TOTALS	9	266	251	216	50	
DIVISION III	CLUB	PAID	PAID	PAID	2 YR DIFF	DIVISION VI	CLUB	PAID	PAID	PAID	2 YR DIFF	
CAROLINE	302		17	0	17	BAY HILLS	610	72	69	69	3	
CHESTER RIVER	303		67	67	0	CHARTWELL	623	41	35	35	6	
HARBOURTOWNE	305		44	44	0	CROFTON	625	82	103	103	21	
PROSPECT BAY	309		93	93	0	PATUXENT GREEN	627	32	29	29	3	
RIVER HOUSE	319		36	36	0	NATIONAL (Tantallon)	629	71	72	72	1	
CLEARVIEW	320		22	22	0	UNIV. OF MD	630	43	49	49	6	
HOG NECK	322		42	42	0	US NAVAL ACDMY	631	112	99	99	13	
						WALDEN	636	34	0	0	34	
						BOWIE	641	50	48	48	2	
						FAIRWAY HILLS	642	98	95	95	3	
						CROSS CREEK	645	53	41	41	12	
						COMPASS POINTE	646	82	64	64	18	
						TIMBERS OF TROY	647			65	0	
Division TOTALS	7	286	321	304	18	Division TOTALS	13	770	704	769	1	
YEAR	PAID					YEAR	Clubs					
2015	2941					2015	56					
2014	3070					2014	59					
2013	3204					2013	62					
2011	3582					2011	68					
2010	3667					2010	65					
2009	3710											
2008	3845											

MISGA Board of Directors Meeting – December 7, 2015
Policy and Planning Report

At the September Board of Directors meeting I briefly presented the significant changes expected for the Bylaws and Constitution, but I primarily wanted the opinion of the Board concerning the possible revision to eliminate the four-year term limit for voting members of the Board. The consensus of the Board on this issue was that it was important to keep the four-year term. There were no other objections to the expected changes that were presented.

A draft of the revised MISGA Constitution has been prepared by the Policy and Planning Committee for consideration at the December Board of Directors meeting. All current Board members were sent a copy of the draft, and a motion will be presented at the Board meeting to approve the revised document. An approval by *2/3 of all eligible voting members of the Board* is required to accept the new version, so it is important that as many voting members of the Board as possible be at the December meeting. Should the revisions to the Constitution be approved by the Board, they will need a final approval at the April Annual Reps Meeting to become official.

The Policy and Planning Committee completed its review of MISGA Bylaws. Numerous revisions have been proposed and I am in the process of making the rewrites. This is a pretty large undertaking, but I hope to have the revisions ready for review and approval at the March Board of Directors meeting.

“The Guidelines” section of the current MISGA Club Representatives Handbook is also under review. This section of the Handbook will be revised by the committee and revisions do not need approval by either the Board or the Club Reps. Jeff Hild is taking the lead on making those revisions, and the committee would welcome comments from the Board and from the Club Reps. I am requesting that Division Directors pass on this request for comments to the Club Reps in their divisions.

Bob Brewer
MISGA Policy and Planning Chairman

12/7/2015

MISGA Board of Directors Meeting - Rules & Handicap Report

Bob Brewer

As Chairman of the Rules and Handicap Committee for the past two years this is what I've learned:

Rules:

I play with a lot of golfers who don't like to follow the rules. MISGA mixers are a hot bed of offenders who put winning the little prizes above being fair with the other competitors. It's not that hard to learn the basics, and, if you don't understand a rule, you have 1) support from your peers, 2) support from the division and state rules and handicaps chairmen, and 3) the easily accessible *USGA Rules of Golf*. There are a few Associates interested in playing according to the rules, but I've learned that most guys (and girls) just wanna have fun.

Handicaps:

In spite of those who complain about Associates who are not correctly (or honestly) maintaining their handicaps, very little progress has been made to assure that everyone is correctly entering all of their scores. The core of this problem is at the club level, where it should be. Peer reviews are not happening, and many club handicap committees are not particularly vigilant.

Good luck to Jeff Hild, who will be taking over for me.

Bob Brewer
MISGA Rules and Handicap Chairman

MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Cross Creek Golf Club - Mon., Dec. 7, 2015

MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report

1. Financial Report - 2015 MCTs

Expense Item	Amount
Binders & Insert Tabs <i>(for Tournament Coordinators)</i>	\$10.98
Envelopes <i>(business & bubble wrap)</i> - 1 box each	7.98
Postage	25.20
6 Trophies <i>(incl. engraving)</i>	584.76
Travel <i>(3 round trips)</i>	167.70
TOTAL	\$796.62

2. 2016 MCTs Schedule

Championship	Host Club	Date	Rain Date
2-Man Team	Wild Quail CC <i>(Div I)</i> Wyoming, DE	Thursday August 4, 2016	Thursday September 1, 2016
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Norbeck CC <i>(Div IV)</i> Rockville, MD	Thursday August 11, 2016	Monday August 29, 2016

3. 2016 Division Qualifiers Schedules

As each division establishes its 2016 qualifiers schedule, the Division Tournament Chairmen (DTC) should forward the dates to me for posting on the MISGA website. Open the link below

http://www.misga.org/Tournaments/2016_tournaments.pdf

4. **MISGA Championship Tournament Information**

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> The currently posted documents are list below.

1. MISGA Tournament Guidelines
2. Guidebook for Conducting a MISGA Championship Tournament
3. 2016 MCTs & Divisional Qualifier Schedules
4. 2015 Past Presidents (ABCD) Tournament Results
5. 2015 2-Man Team Tournament Results
6. MCTs Past Results & History
7. Tutorial - Interrupted Tournament Procedure

The documents for the **2016 Divisional Allocations** and the **Flyers** for the two 2016 MCTs will be posted in the *Tournament Info* section in early 2016.

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Lloyd Stimson
MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

Rent-A-MISGA Club Representative Proposal

There have been a number of instances in the last few years where we have heard that a club would join MISGA if only they could identify a club representative willing to put in the time and effort to make it possible.

With declining numbers in MISGA clubs and overall membership, I recommend that the Board approve an initiative to identify which golf clubs would be interested in joining MISGA provided a club representative could be provided to help them.

The proposal has been referred to as the Rent-A-MISGA Club Representative initiative.

The idea is to find several present or former club representatives to volunteer to work with prospective clubs looking at MISGA membership but lacking someone from within to become a club representative. We do not underestimate the role of the club representative, but rather are looking for additional club membership with an eye to recruiting an internal club representative in the future. Jeff Hild, the club representative at Musket Ridge has volunteered to try this approach with a prospective club.

The idea is to provide minimum service to the interested clubs using the sign-up and correspondence system that is being used at eight current member clubs and providing long-distance support for other things necessary to meet MISGA standards.

If this approach is approved, I recommend that the Chairman of the Membership Committee be charged with identifying clubs that may fit this initiative and set up a meeting with a designated Rent-A-MISGA Club Representative volunteer to see if we can make this work.