

Board Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2016

Meeting held at Chester River Yacht and Country Club — Chestertown, Md.

Members Present:

Voting Members:

Bob Burd	Division I Division Assistant Director	
Tom Rowlett	Division II Division Director	President
Ed Masood	Division II Division Assistant Director	
Mal Peterson	Division III Division Director	
Sam Ray	Division III Division Assistant Director	
Jim Wilcox	Division IV Division Director	Vice President
Ron Wiles	Division IV Division Assistant Director	
Clarence Johnson	Division V Division Director	
Robert Fjelstad	Division V Division Assistant Director	
Earl Gentry	Division VI Division Director	
Greg Morris	Division VI Division Assistant Director	

Nonvoting Members:

Gary Manion	Audit Committee Chair
Pete Sorge	General Counsel, Events Chair
Byron Keadle	Historian
Bob Hodges	MISGAgram
Bob Brewer	Policy and Planning Chair
Jeff Hild	Rules and Handicap Chair
Lloyd Stimson	Tournaments Chair
Errol Myers	WEB
Ralph Starkey	Past President

Eleven voting members were present to conduct business.

Introductions

President's Message: Tom Rowlett welcomed everyone and thanked Joe Clark, club representative for Chester River for hosting the meeting.

Vice President's Message: No comments.

Minutes from the December 7, 2015 Meeting: Bob Brewer had a question about the minutes from December 7 as to the reference of the wording about the election of the president and vice president. Although Bob's question was relevant to correct procedure, the minutes were approved as submitted since it was an accurate account of what went on at the meeting on December 7.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Schwinger was not present. The Treasurer's Report is shown under new business: Annual Fiscal Report. Tom Rowlett summarized the report and deferred discussion of the footnotes to the report until new business is discussed.

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General Counsel's Remarks: No comments.

Division Directors' Reports:

Division I: Bob Burd — Division I ABCD qualifier will be at Maple Dale on July 7. Sussex Pines members may play out of Rookery North for MISGA this year.

Division II: Tom Rowlett — Division II Two-Man Qualifier will be held on June 20 at Rattlewood. ABCD Qualifier will be on July 11 at the Links at Challedon. The Division II Pro Am will be on August 1 at Holly Hills. There is no news from Richland (Hollow Creek) on rejoining MISGA. The next State MISGA Board meeting will take place on September 13 at Liberty Mountain Resort. The Summer Frolic will be at the Liberty Mountain Resort on September 14 & 15. We now have nine clubs using the sign-up system created by Tom and Tantallon is looking at adopting the system. West Winds has applied for readmission to MISGA. They are under new management. Tom is promoting that standard tee information be placed on the MISGA website. See a sample of tee information at http://www.misga.org/club_pages/musketridgea.htm. Division II will work this year to have all of their tee information included on the website.

Division III: Mal Peterson/Sam Ray — Harbortowne is being renovated and may reopen next year. They may not come back as a MISGA member. The annual club representatives meeting will be at Prospect Bay on April 11. Pending the outcomes at Harbortowne and Easton, Division III is considering merging with another division since they are down to four member clubs. Easton Club (River House) will be auctioned on February 26. Some of the MISGA members from Harbortowne and Easton are signing up at Hog Neck and Cambridge Country Club (Clearview at Horn Point Golf Club).

Division IV: Jim Wilcox — Division IV Two-Man qualifier will be at Hobbit's Glen on June 20 and the ABCD qualifier will be at Leisure World on June 29. The Pro Am will be at Manor but the date is still to be determined. Jim stressed the point that we need to do a lot more in publicizing the away tournaments - the Flings and Frolics. Division IV plans to aggressively inform their membership about the Flings and Frolics. Division IV is moving away from age qualifications for tee assignments and actively adopting the USGA Tee It Forward Program. Clubs in Division IV have sponsored Ryder Cup competitions between competing clubs and the response has been very positive.

Division V: Clarence Johnson — Deer Run should know whether it will be open this year by March 1. We still do not know the status at Green Hill. Division V is also considering a move to merge.

Division VI: Earl Gentry — Only change in leadership is Richard Barber who is the new Rules & Handicap person for Division VI. Division VI Two-Man qualifier is scheduled for Patuxent Greens on June 6 and the ABCD qualifier will be at Tantallon on June 13. The next division meeting will be on March 7 at Maryland.

Committee Reports:

Associates: Mike Urquhart was not present. No report.

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Audit: Jim Wilcox — After five years as the Auditor, Jim announced that Gary Manion will be taking over. Gary is looking for two MISGA associates with accounting backgrounds to help him with the auditing functions.

Events: Pete Sorge — Pete is working on getting a venue for the Fall Frolic. Three sites are currently being considered: Jekyll Island (Georgia), Little River (Pinehurst), and Fripp Island (South Carolina). If anyone has any suggestions, contact Pete.

Historian: Byron Keadle — Byron has completed an update to the Board Action History and the Cumulative Board Action History for years 2014 - 2015 and has sent them to be posted on the MISGA website. Byron is also working to reinstate the DVD MISGA Archives which were last done for the 2013 edition. Byron also mentioned that we have missed the opportunity to do a ten-year (2006 - 2015) MISGA history report. If we are going to do a 2006 - 2020 report, we should get started on it soon.

Membership: Carl Lazar was not present. Tom Rowlett gave a summary of his meeting with management at West Winds about rejoining MISGA. **Bottom line is that the Board voted to give tentative approval for West Winds to join MISGA for 2016 as a member in Division II. As long as West Winds formally completes all of the membership requirements, the Board will consider full approval for 2017.** Jim Wilcox said that he has talked to the pro at Argyle and the pro is enthusiastic about Argyle rejoining MISGA. Bob Brewer also mentioned that Hollow Creek (Richland) is also looking to rejoin MISGA. **The Board asks that Carl and the appropriate division directors follow up with Argyle and Richland.**

MISGAgram: Bob Hodges — Bob reminded everyone that the deadline for articles for the next MISGAgram is March 10.

Policy and Planning: Bob Brewer — A draft of the revised MISGA Constitution was approved at the December Board of Directors meeting. The Board-approved Constitution will be sent to the Club Reps in March for approval at the April Annual Reps meeting.

A January 14 draft of the new P&P Committee version of the Bylaws was sent to all known members of the Board for review and comments. Subsequently, February 1 and February 8 drafts, addressing additional concerns from the Board, were sent to the Board. A motion to approve the February 8 draft will be made today. An approval by *2/3 of all eligible voting members of the Board* is required to accept the new version.

“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.*

In IX.D.6 of the Bylaws I’ve listed all of the positions that Division Directors should be making every effort to fill in their Divisions for supporting state MISGA committees. And

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whether or not appointments are made to fill these, the state committees still need your input and support. These appointments are:

- Associates Chair
- Policy and Planning Chair
- MISGAgram Chair
- Tournament Chair
- Events Coordinator
- History Chair
- Rules and Handicap Chair

As for the Policy and Planning Committee, I've included on the next page the current P&P Committee roster. In some cases the Division Director has opted to represent their Division on the committee. For a couple of the other Divisions, I have listed the Division Director to serve on the committee until he can find a chair for his Division.

MISGA Policy and Planning Committee Roster

Chairman	Bob Brewer	Rattlewood and Timbers at Troy	goldenthroat4471@cablespeed.com 410-760-5926
General Counsel	Pete Sorge	National GC at Tantallon Events Chair	pete233@verizon.net 301-292-1597
Ex officio	Tom Rowlett	Musket Ridge	tom.rowlett@gmail.com 301-473-4785
Div. I	Bob Burd*	Shawnee Div. I Director	burdie08@comcast.net 302-422-3501
Div. II	Tom Tarpley	Holly Hills PP Ad Hoc Chair	tomtarpley@yahoo.com 410-775-0109
Div. II	Jeff Hild	Musket Ridge Rep	jeffhild49@verizon.net 410-531-8649
Div. III	Mal Peterson	Prospect Bay Div. III Director	mpeterson14@atlanticbb.net 410-827-6784
Div. IV	C.J. Myers	Manor Asst. Rep	grandpagolf@verizon.net 301-871-6644
Div. IV	Jake Jacobi	Norbeck Rep	jjacobi4@verizon.net 301-989-0558
Div. IV	Mike Urquhart	Kenwood Associates Chair	murquhart00@gmail.com 301-641-9520
Div. V	Clarence* Johnson	Great Hope Div. V Director	cpjohn@comcast.net 410-651-1245

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Div. VI	Earl Gentry	Cross Creek Div. VI Director	earlgentry3@comcast.net 410-799-1121
Div. VI	Byron Keadle	Patuxent Greens Asst. Rep	b.keadle@comcast.net 301-953-2110
Div. VI	Lloyd Stimson	National GC at Tantallon Tournament Chair	Lstimer@comcast.net 301-292-4053

*Holding for appointment of a Division P&P Chair

PP AD HOC: Tom Tarpley was not present. Tom's written comments were: The committee continues to evaluate MISGA members who provide outstanding service to our organization. Awards are presented in a timely manner.

Rules and Handicap: Jeff Hild — Jeff presented a summary of the new Handicap Rules for 2016. The Board asked that these changes be sent to all Division Directors to be forwarded to all club representatives.

In tandem with the 2016 updates to the Rules of Golf, the United States Golf Association has announced revisions to the USGA Handicap System™, effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Six significant changes are among those noted in the new 2016 - 2017 edition.

Those highlighted changes include:

- **Definition of a tournament score:** Additional guidance is provided to Committees conducting competitions regarding the definition of a tournament score, placing greater emphasis on "significant events." The definition excludes fundraising events and regular league play, in favor of designated competitions such as a member/guest or club championship, local amateur tournament or national qualifying and competition. ([*Section 2: Definitions*](#))
- **Adjusting hole scores:** A revised decision provides clarity for acceptable scores in limited situations where the player has not played a hole(s) under the Rules of Golf, but his or her score would be sufficiently accurate for handicap posting purposes. Three areas covered under the examples include: 1) where the Local Rule is not in effect, but a player chooses to use a Distance Measuring Device or preferred lies; 2) where a player does not wish to cause undue delay; or 3) where the situation is outside of the player's control, such as an incorrectly marked golf course. ([*Section 4: Adjusting Hole Scores*](#))
- **Posting scores when a player is disqualified:** To improve alignment with the Rules of Golf, the revised Handicap System is clearer about what scores are acceptable when a player is disqualified. In general, a score is acceptable for handicap purposes even when a player fails to hole out, or apply a Rule that affects the rights of another player. If the disqualification breach is determined to

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provide an advantage for the player, the score is deemed unacceptable for handicap purposes. ([Section 5-1: Acceptability of Scores](#))

- **Anchoring and posting:** A new reference concerns a player who anchors the club while making a stroke during a round and fails to apply the appropriate penalty or an adjusted hole score (Section 4-2). Since the score would not be reflected as playing under the Rules of Golf, it would be unacceptable for handicap purposes. ([Section 5-1: Acceptability of Scores](#))
- **Playing alone and necessary peer review:** To further support the key System premise of peer review, scores made while playing alone will no longer be acceptable for handicap purposes. This change underscores the importance of providing full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability, and the ability of other players to form a reasonable basis for supporting or disputing a posted score. ([Section 5-1: Acceptability of Scores](#))
- **Committee responsibilities:** In an effort to assist the Handicap Committee with its responsibilities, this revision addresses a player with a temporary disability or permanent disability who has a Handicap Index that is no longer reflective of his/her current potential ability. In the particular instance cited, the Committee will no longer assign a local handicap (denoted with the letter "L" for local use only), but instead will issue a (temporary) modified Handicap Index (denoted by the letter "M"). This change supports the portability of a disabled player's handicap, so that it can be used outside the player's home club. ([Section 8-4c: Handicap Index Adjustment by Handicap Committee](#)) **The Board asked that these rules be sent to the Division Directors to be forwarded to the individual clubs.**

Tournaments: Lloyd Stimson — MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report

1. 2016 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.

2. 2016 MCTs & Division Qualifiers Schedule

The **Scheduled Dates** for the 2016 MISGA Championship Tournaments and the Division Qualifiers (*that have been sent to me*) have been established and are posted in the *Tournament Info* section on the MISGA website. The dates for the two MCTs are:

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

3. 2016 MCT Flyers

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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 (*e.g., entry fee*) before they can be posted on the MISGA website.

4. **2016 MCT Entry Forms**

The **Entry Forms** for the 2016 MCTs will **NOT** be posted on the MISGA website. They will be sent directly 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.

5. **2016 MCT Planning 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 host DD, DAD, DTC, host Club Rep & Asst. Club Reps and host club management staff.

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

6. 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>

Web: Errol Myers — Updates to the website are current as of this morning. Changes to division and club leadership will be solicited at the club representative meeting on April 11.

A prototype has been developed for an individual club's supplemental information sheet. A test webpage has been put together at this link: http://www.misga.org/club_pages/musketridgea.htm. Let Errol know if you have any questions. **Tom Rowlett agreed to send additional information for the rest of division II to Errol for inclusion on the website.**

Old Business:

Ocean Pines and the Winter Fling: Tom Rowlett —

Summary of Meeting at Ocean Pines CC Concerning Winter Fling

Jim Wilcox and I met with Nelson Fenwick (Ocean Pines), Jim Biesler (Ocean Pines), Clarence Johnson (Director, MISGA Division V) at the Ocean Pines Country Club to discuss the issues surrounding the MISGA Winter Fling. The issues we discussed were:

- Tension that developed between MISGA and Ocean Pines causing the 2016 MISGA Winter Fling to be cancelled; and
- From their perspective, the future of MISGA Winter Flings.

Nelson Fenwick explain his view of what caused the tension. My view of what he said was basically everything he had in his email. My understanding is that Nelson believed that the emails were critical of him and they were broadcast to the MISGA Leadership. I reviewed all the emails that Earl Gentry had sent Nelson and from my perspective everything was helpful and non-controversial. My conclusion is that I think we should go forward pass this incident and consider it just one of those things that happens. All five of us at the meeting have done that.

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We reached the following agreements:

- Ocean Pines will conduct their 2016 and 2017 Winter Bash.
- MISGA Associates are welcome to participate in them as well as non-MISGA folks.
- I will designate a contact person within MISGA for Nelson Fenwick to use to spread the word of the Bash within MISGA.
- MISGA has no responsibilities in regards to the Bash other than spreading the word.

The future of the MISGA Winter Fling is still in question. Ocean Pines and Division V do not want to conduct it. Which leaves it a question for the MISGA Board to address this year.

That's all I have to report from the meeting of Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Ocean Pines.

There was a spirited discussion about whether MISGA as an organization should support the Bash. The result of the discussion was as follows:

- **MISGA will not provide organized support for the Bash. We regard the Bash as an event organized by Ocean Pines and if MISGA members go to the Bash, so be it.**
- **MISGA will continue to pursue setting up a Winter Fling for its membership.**
- **Pete Sorge will provide a note for the MISGAgram asking for someone to step forward and volunteer to be the coordinator for the Winter Fling.**
- **Tom will contact the Ocean Pines people to let them know that the Board did not approve providing a contact person within MISGA to use to spread the word of the Bash.**

New Business:

Revisions to the MISGA By-Laws: Bob Brewer — Prior to the Board Meeting, Bob Brewer distributed the proposed revisions to the MISGA By-Laws (see file attached). This represents a year-long effort by Bob's Policy and Planning Committee to review and update the MISGA Constitution, Bylaws, and guidelines. **A motion to approve the revisions was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by the Board.** Bob was commended for his commitment to this assignment.

Annual Representatives Meeting Agenda: Tom Rowlett — The annual club representatives meeting will take place on April 11, 2016 at Prospect Bay. There has been some confusion in the past as to what topics are to be discussed at the club representatives annual meeting each year. The bylaws specify the following:

SECTION VIII - ANNUAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

- A. There shall be an Annual Meeting of Club Representatives, Assistant Club Representatives, and Club Officers from all MISGA Member Clubs held the 2nd Monday in April (1st Monday as alternate) each year, at such time and place as the Board shall determine. All members of the Board should attend the meeting.
- B. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, the Secretary shall provide each Club Representative an agenda setting forth the items for discussion and to be put to a vote

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at the meeting. Any Associate present at the meeting may introduce additional items from the floor; this includes the Club Representative, other Associates representing their Clubs, and Board members. Motions from the floor shall not include motions to amend the MISGA governing documents, i.e., the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, and the Bylaws.

- C. The President shall preside over the Annual Meeting and conduct the meeting in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (11th edition), with emphasis on "Procedure In Small Boards," pages 487-488.
- D. Each Club shall have one (1) vote on issues brought to vote at the Annual Meeting. The number of Member Clubs represented at the meeting (each having one vote) shall constitute a quorum for voting. A simple majority of voting members present at a meeting is required to approve motions, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution or Bylaws.
- E. **The Secretary shall read the minutes from the previous Annual Meeting.** Upon a motion from the floor the minutes may be approved. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as if read is also in order.
- F. The President shall present an annual State of the Association report.
- G. The Treasurer shall present the annual fiscal report. Upon a motion from the floor the report may be approved.
- H. Division Directors shall report on their Division's activities.
- I. Committee Chairs shall report on the activities of their committees.
- J. Old and new business and any items from the floor will be addressed.
- K. **If any amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or the Constitution are to be considered, Article V of the Constitution shall apply.**

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Annual Fiscal Report: Tom Rowlett — Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE MISGA BOARD MEETING

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- Status of financial accounts:

a. Checking account	\$ 1,432
b. Savings account	7,485
c. Combined CD totals	<u>21,281</u>
Total	\$30,198

- All bills paid - no bills outstanding (checks to Wilcox, Rowlett and Brewer mailed 2/22/16).
- All Divisions 1st of 3 budget allotments mailed 2/22/16.
- Consider discussing the "Notes" at the bottom of the "Proposed 2016 MISGA Budget."

Actual Allotments for 2016 Based on 2015 Paid Membership Per Division											
Division	2014	2014	2015	2015	Amount of	Actual		Proposed	Proposed		
	Clubs	Members	Clubs	Members	2015%	Total	Allotment	for March 2016	for June 2016	for later (after 6/1/16)	
1	10	433	10	422	14.6%	1,416	472	Pd 2/22	472		472
2	14	666	13	554	19.2%	1,860	620	Pd 2/22	620		620
3	7	319	6	260	9.0%	873	291	Pd 2/22	291		291
4	7	738	7	686	23.8%	2,303	768	Pd 2/22	768		768
5	9	251	8	216	7.5%	725	242	Pd 2/22	242		242
6	11	699	12	748	25.9%	2,511	837	Pd 2/22	837		837
Totals	58	3,106	56	2,886	100.0%	9,688	3,229		3,229		3,229
						Approved = Mailed to Division Directors					
						2/24/16					

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PROPOSED 2016 MISGA BUDGET					
as of 2/24/16					
				Proposed	
	Category Description	2014	2015	2016	
		Actuals	Actuals	Budget	
INCOME					
	ASSOCIATE DUES	\$ 15,470	\$ 14,405	\$ 14,430	2886 members @ \$5 each
	CLUB DUES	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	56 clubs @ \$50 each
	INTEREST - SAVINGS	\$ 186	\$ 94	\$ 100	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 18,556	\$ 17,299	\$ 17,330	
EXPENSES					
	BOARD MEETINGS	\$ 681	\$ 1,356	\$ 1,397	
	BUSINESS INSURANCE	\$ 3,234	\$ 3,339	\$ 3,439	3% increase
	BUSINESS SUPPLIES & FEES	\$ 132	\$ 135	\$ 139	3% increase
	DIVISION OPERATIONS	\$ 9,687	\$ 9,981	\$ 9,981	
	MAILING & POSTAGE	\$ 16	\$ 67	\$ 69	3% increase
	TOURNAMENTS	\$ 1,332	\$ 2,307	\$ - 0	
	TRAVEL	\$ 1,997	\$ 4,205	\$ 2,851	
	TROPHIES & AWARDS	\$ 163	\$ 854	\$ 854	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 17,242	\$ 22,244	\$ 18,730	
	INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ 1,314	\$ (4,945)	\$ (1,400)	
NOTES:					
Recommend the state treasury does not contribute to the tournaments. Tournament prizes need to be supported by registration fees.					
Travel expenses were accidentally paid to Divisions 2, 4 and 6 for travel to the Spring Reps Meeting. Expenses should have been paid from Division budget allotment.					
Can discuss whether to reduce 2016 division allotments by such amounts.					
Might consider raising Associates dues to \$6, which would then show a positive balance at year end, if the state does support tours.					
Might also consider cashing in one of the CDs.					

Below is the report made by **Lloyd Stimson** on the effect of the proposed budget on the MISGA state tournaments for 2016.

While reviewing the reports for tomorrow's BoD Meeting, the Treasurer's Budget Report really caught my attention. The Treasurer has recommended the MISGA Treasury **NOT** contribute the two MISGA Championship Tournaments (Past Presidents – ABCD & 2-Man Team). He recommends tournament prizes be funded by the tournament entry fees.

If this recommendation is approved by the Board, the negative impact will probably result in the demise of the two MCTs. If the current entry fee (\$105 in 2015) is raised to cover the current MISGA tournament expenses, entrants will probably choose not to participate.

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MISGA MCT Costs

Cost Item	2014	2015
MTC Expenses	\$524.90	\$211.86
Trophies	\$618.00	\$584.00
PP-ABCD Endw	\$150.00	\$150.00
MISGA Subs	X	\$1,360.00
TOTAL	\$1,292.90	\$2,305.86

At the Dec. 2, 2014, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted to approve the recommendation that the MISGA Treasury subsidize the “prize pools” of the two MCTs. On a per annum basis, the PP-ABCD will receive \$640 and the 2-ManTeam will receive \$720 from the MISGA Treasury. It had been reported that the MISGA Treasury had an excess of funds that should be reduced. The MCTs subsidy was the approved solution.

After much discussion a motion was offered, seconded, and approved to accept the proposed 2016 budget as amended. The amendments were as follows:

- **Note number one to the proposed 2016 budget is not approved.**
- **Note number two requires no action.**
- **Note number three will be adopted as described below.**
- **Note number four is not approved.**
- **Note number five is not approved.**

The Board agreed that the proposed budget would be returned to Dick Schwinger to make an adjustment to address any deficit that currently exists by adjusting the allotments going back to the divisions for the balance of 2016.

Division Auditors: Gary Manion — Gary wants to make sure that each Division is taking care to have two signatures for the Division checking accounts. There should be no Division income and expenses run through an individual’s checking account. In addition, each Division should have a second person who audits the income and expenses.

Amateur Status Issue: Jeff Hild — Jeff reported that a MISGA member accepted a trip overseas as part of a tournament held at one of the MISGA clubs in 2015. The value of the trip was in excess of the prize limits for an amateur golfer. As such, that player is in violation of the amateur rules and is declared to be a professional. The question is whether the individual may play in MISGA events while waiting for reinstatement as an amateur and, if so, at what handicap index. After consultation with the USGA, we concluded that the individual must apply for reinstatement with the USGA and while waiting for reinstatement and may play in MISGA events since MISGA does not specifically exclude pros from playing in MISGA events. The handicap index issue needs to be addressed differently. To play at his current handicap index (21.0), the individual needs to get the approval of the committee in charge of the event. For regular MISGA mixers, the club representative will ask for permission from the host club and for MISGA-sponsored events, the MISGA tournament chair will need to approve. **A motion to approve this approach was made, seconded, and approved by the Board.**

Jeff will prepare a message for the Division Directors to send to the club representatives letting them know what to expect if this individual signs up for a mixer at their club.

Rising Costs of Mixers: Jim Wilcox — Jim expressed concern over the rising costs of MISGA events. Jim asked that club representatives spend the time to negotiate with clubs to keep the

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costs under control. At many clubs, the menu may be negotiable. Mal Peterson asked that Tom Rowlett express a sense of the Board to try to keep MISGA food costs down. Tom promised to bring this issue up at the annual club representatives meeting.

Using MISGA resources to Solicit Volunteers for Professional Golf Tournaments: Tom Rowlett — Quicken Loans sent a request to a number of MISGA clubs trying to get volunteers to help out at the Quicken Loans National PGA Golf Tournament at Congressional. MISGA will not post a notice on its website nor will it produce an article in the MISGAgram on this issue. However Division Directors and club representatives may inform their members of the opportunity to work at the event as they see fit.

Other Topics: Jim Wilcox reported he had a discussion with some Argyle members who showed an interest in rejoining MISGA. Bob Brewer reported that he has been in contact with people at Richland (formerly Hollow Creek) about rejoining MISGA. Tom Rowlett promised to follow up on these reports. Bob Brewer also asked for a clarification of whether the club obligation for MIGSA Mixers and Tournaments to waive greens fees extended to other situations like match play events and Ryder Cup competitions. The consensus was that it does not.

Next Meeting: Liberty Mountain Resort on September 13, 2016