

Attendees: Tom Rowlett, Jim Wilcox, John Babyak, Dick Schwinger, Bob Burd, Malcolm Peterson, Sam Ray, Wayne Rowland, Clarence Johnson, Earl Gentry, Greg Morris, Mike Urquhart, Gary Manion, Pete Sorge, Byron Keadle, Carl Lazar, Bob Brewer, Tom Tarpley, Lloyd Stimson, Errol Myers, Chuck Woods, Rick Bisker(sp?).

President – Tom Rowlett asked everyone to introduce themselves. After the introductions Chuck Woods, club rep at Crofton, told us of the facilities and plans for the day. Tom then thanked everyone for their attendance and said that he enjoyed being the MISGA President for the past year and that he appreciated the support that he received. He then mentioned the deadline for material for the next Misgagram was December 9th.

Vice President's Report – Jim Wilcox said that he enjoyed working with Tom this year. He will talk later about division realignment and what to do about Division V.

Secretary's Report – Tom asked if everyone had copies of the minutes from the September meeting. If there were no additions or corrections he would skip the reading of the minutes and approve them.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Schwinger passed out copies of his report. He said that we have about \$12,000 in the checking account but we will end the year with about \$8,000. The total for the year will be about \$34,000 or \$35,000. All outstanding bills have been paid. Gary Manion asked if we are about the same in total as last year. Dick said that he would check. Tom declared the Treasurer Report approved as read.

Division Director's Reports

Division I – Bob Burd said that all of the clubs are working on their 2017 schedules. Rookery North only had one event scheduled this year. Next year they are going to raise the price of golf at both courses. They are going to raise the price for golf from \$59 to \$70. We have some of the same problems as Division V, in the winter the prices go down and we have groups like the Indian River group which has about 600 members, they play twice each week and play all winter. Next year at Eagle Creek, we used to give them a list of players on Tuesday for an event the following Monday because of security checks. Next year they will require a list ten days in advance.

Division II – Tom Rowlett sent out a copy of the Div II Annual Report. The total revenue for the division was \$308,000. One club did not report. We only had three divisions submit annual reports. He asked the other divisions to get their reports into Byron. Malcolm Petersen said that he has one club, Chester River, which did not submit anything so he did not submit a division report. Tom said that he has been fighting the Chester River problem for four years.

Division III – Malcolm Peterson said the division is doing better. He mentioned that Sam Ray is the new Assistant Division Director. Hartourtowne is being revamped by Pete Dye. The new club will be called Cheasepeak Links and they moved a lot of dirt, created about five or six new ponds, created an island green, massive drainage and revamped the hotel. They are spending about ten million dollars. The new course is going to support MISGA. The course is going to be open next year for limited play. It is going to be open for perspective members and hotel guests. Most of the members of Harbourtowne are playing at Hog Neck. Malcolm said that the division now has four clubs but they once had eight.

Division IV – Jim Wilcox said that they had a division meeting at Blue Mash. Most of our discussions deal with how we can improve our mixers. He played at Peninsula on the Eastern Shore and one of the pros asked why MISGA doesn't play in the afternoons. So many clubs are looking for players in the afternoon. The division also had one club that didn't report anything, Hobbitts Glen. One thing that was pointed out is that at home mixers a lot of associates are not playing for various reasons. One club, Leisure World, has more of their own players playing than guests. Maybe people don't want to play at Leisure World.

Division V – Five of the six clubs in the division are dropping out of MISGA. Only the Elks Club is looking to remain. The clubs are losing members or don't wish to travel. The future of MISGA in dlvision V is very bleak. Players are interested in playing but no one wants to take a leadership role. We had ten clubs in the division, now we have six.

Division VI – Earl Gentry referred to the division annual report, they had 54 home mixers and had revenue of \$150, 692. Their top revenue course was Timbers at Troy. In 2017, they will have their ABCD at the University of Maryland and their Two-man event will be at Crofton. They will probably have a Pro-am next year.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Associates – Mike Urquhart handed out copies of the Summary Report. Dick Shwinger said that we finished this year about \$3,000 less this year than last.

Events – Pete Sorge said that for the Fall Frolic was very successful. He does not have anything to report for next year.

Membership – Carl Lazar said that Blue Mash is a good addition. It was accepted into MISGA.

MISGAGRAM – Bob Hodges was not at the meeting.

Policy and Planning – Bob Brewer sent out copies of his report. In updating the Club Rep Guidelines it pointed out that we need to make changes to the By-laws. There was a discussion about prize money. Bob read from the club rep guidelines and it was recommended that it be put in the guidelines that prize money would be a minimum of five dollars per player. There was a motion, seconded and approved.

PP ad hoc – Tom Tarpley submitted a report.

Rules & Handicap – Wayne reported that we have no rules and lots of handicaps. No other report.

Tournament Chairman – Lloyd Stimson submitted a report. He did a comparison of clubs participation in the tournaments in terms of their allocation versus their participation. He also compared the Eastern Shore to the Western. He also provided a financial report of his expenses. There is a MISGA subsidy which came out of Lloyds pocket but will be reimbursed to him.

Web Master – Errol Myers said that as of yesterday everything is up to date. As of today, there are some changes that need to be made.

Old Business

Misgagram - Facebook – An email address was put onto the MISGA website.

Tournament Complaint - Tom received a letter complaining about the fact that the same associate wins the Two-man and ABCD every year. Gary Manion and Lloyd Stimson put together a great report on the problem, the player's golf scores and a recommended corrective action. There was a motion to accept the report and recommended corrective action. The motion was approved.

New Business

Division V Status – Do we keep Div V or eliminate it. It was agreed to make Division V Inactive along with its Division Director and Assistant Director.

No Shows – Earl Gentry said that in Div VI if an associate signs up for an event but does not call in to cancel by 9 o'clock on the day of the event, that person can be charged for the cost of the food. It is the responsibility of the club rep to collect this money.

VP Election – Greg Morris was nominated to be the new MISGA Vice-President. There were no other nominations. He was elected.

Wrap-up – Tom turned the meeting over to Jim Wilcox, the new MISGA President. The meeting was adjourned.