

Attendees: Jim Wilcox, Greg Morris, John Babyak, Dick Schwinger, Tom Rowlett, Malcolm Peterson, Wayne Rowland, Jim Ewalt, Pete Sorge, Bob Brewer, Tom Tarpley, Byron Keadle, Lloyd Stimson, C.J. Myers, Tom Taylor, Dick Dale and C.J. Myers.

President – Jim said that one thing that he wanted to talk about is the state of MISGA. Looking at Mike Urquhart's statistics membership went from 25409 last year to 24081 this year. However we have added some new clubs that aren't reflected in his counts. After adding Woodmore we should be above last year. He thinks that there is still some hope that former associates from Division V will join MISGA. We will have to figure out a way to get them to be able to play. At the last Board meeting we decided to not do anything about them.

Secretary's Report – John Babyak read the minutes from the April 22nd meeting. After John finished Bob Brewer said that John had read the minutes from the April Annual Rep's meeting. He said that today is not a reps meeting so we can't be approving the minutes from a rep's meeting. Bob Brewer said that all of the minutes are not on the website. What he would like to suggest is that when the secretary does the minutes from the Board meeting and gets correction, changes or additions, just prior to the next Board meeting, he will sent out the corrected minutes to everyone on the Board. Then the minutes will not have to be read at a Board meeting. Reading the minutes is just a waste of time. Jim Wilcox agreed but said that a lot of people don't read email that gets sent to them. The Secretary should have read the minutes from the February 22nd Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Schwinger said that we have \$1490 in the checking account, \$4455 in savings and \$21,216 in CD's for a total of \$27.161 dollars. All bills have been paid and 2017 Division budget checks have been distributed today or will be mailed. Division I is the only division for which he has submitted no club dues.

Vice President's Report – Greg Morris said that he enjoyed working with everyone and fulfilling his responsibilities. He has a responsibility to make sure that those people leaving the Board get appropriate recognition. The only thing that he is concerned about going forward is, at the next meeting, determining who is going to be the Vice President.

Division Director's Reports

Division I – Bob Burd was not at the meeting. Jim Wilcox asked if anyone knew what was going on in the division. Someone commented that Division I is pretty solid. They paid associates dues for 353 members this year. There are 9 or 10 clubs in the division. Someone asked if this information should be on the website. The response is that it is all there. Someone said that for 2016 and 2017 that none of that info is out there. There is a section on the website that shows every club. There is one sheet for each club that shows the club and the number of members. That info was used for the Summer Frolic. Jim said that he noticed that some of the clubs listed in Div III are no longer in MISGA. Div I had a problem filling the tournament slots. There is a lack of enthusiasm for traveling. A lot of people said that they would not go to Wild Quail again. Jim said that we know that Div I is in good shape but there is a problem getting people into leadership positions.

Division II – Tom Rowlett handed out a report. He said that his division has 13 active clubs and we had a couple of changes. WestWinds club has been sold and the developer is going to put up housing. Ruggles G.C. will have to be approved as a Div II club. Ruggles is located in Aberdeen MD. Someone said that they didn't think Ruggles wasn't going to be approved yet. There was a question about whether Carl Lazar felt that they should be approved. Carl sent out an email that was sent to the Board that said that he has not had a positive response from Ruggles so that we will delay a vote on them at this time. The email did not get to all of the Board members. The Division had 453 associates but we have a club, Cress Creek, which has not reported but should have about 35 more members. Tom then asked if anyone had any

suggestions about how to deal with the club. There was some discussion. Tom asked if everyone has been updated with what was happening with Ed Masood. . Ed has had quite a bit of health problems. He has decided to resign as the Assistant Director for the division. Tom accepted his resignation. He still wants to be the club rep for Fountainhead and he has not made a decision about being the coordinator for the Summer Frolic. Tom Taylor took the Frolic over for Ed. So Div II has to replace Ed with an Assistant Division Director. There was a discussion about the Division II Budget checks. The checks should go to Garey Wilmsen. Since Ed resigned on September 3rd, the division has missed the opportunity for Division II to supply a MISGA Vice President for next year. According to the By-laws the person who would become VP has to be in position by September 1st. So Tom is requesting the Board to waive the September 1 requirement for this year so that he could get someone to replace Ed Masood. There was a question about what the number of members voting would be required to amend the By-laws. Bob Brewer pointed out that we could not amend the by-laws at that meeting. A change to the By-laws has to be submitted months before a vote. Bob said that Tom was requesting that we waive the By-laws so that someone could be elected to replace Ed Masood and become the next Vice President of MISGA. The by-laws state that if someone is not available from a division to fill a position on the Board we drop down to the next division to fill the slot. The next division is Div I. The Division Director of Div I does not have the eligibility left because next year is his fourth year. Then it goes to Division II. Then it goes to Division III. A lot of discussion followed. Tom Taylor was asked to give a report on the Summer Frolic. Tom said that they have eight groups, 32 players, playing golf the next day. The participation has been going down for a number of years. He had one interesting thing about the Frolic, and he thinks that the Board should be ashamed of itself. Since 1988 this is the first year that no elected Board member is attending the Summer Frolic. We have three or four committee chairmen but no Board members. And the chairmen that show up are the same ones every year. Tom announced the winners of the day's golf event.

Division III – Malcolm Peterson said that Harbourtowne, which is now the Links of Kerry County, has offered its former members the opportunity to join the club with a \$30,000 initiation and \$750 per month dues. So far the response has been underwhelming. So it doesn't look like they will be the fifth club in our division. The division used to have 8 or 9 clubs but the Easton Club, Caroline and Talbot dropped out. The members from Talbot joined Hogs Neck. The division has 250 associates but they just don't have a lot of clubs. The division has had disappointing involvement in the MISGA tournaments. Malcolm heard a number of people complain about the distance to Wild Quail. Lloyd pointed out that Wild Quail is within 50 miles of the Bay Bridge. There was a discussion about the clubs that could be used for MISGA tournaments. Malcolm said that he does not have an Assistant Division Director. Sam Ray didn't want to be the MISGA Vice President.

Division IV – Jim Wilcox said the division is in good shape. We have two new clubs this year. Argyle is coming in gently because they didn't know how much enthusiasm they would have and Blue Mash is doing very well. Norbeck is being bought by another organization. The group that bought Norbeck, Club Court, is being bought by someone else. We are having a Pro-am on October 11th at Bretton Woods. If your club is interested in participating, call Robin Woollatt who has info on the Bretton Woods website.

Division V – Jim said that he has bought this up before but is there any way that we can invite the associates that were in Division V to participate in mixers? Technically those associates can join Hog Neck or other Division I clubs. There is no other way. Technically we lost about 300 members from Div V. It was pointed out that associates can join Hog Neck for \$40.

Division VI – Greg Morris sent out a report. He is happy to say that Div VI has all of its leadership in place. Their reps are active within the division and their membership is stable. They had a Pro-am this year which was very successful. They also had two good qualifiers. Woodmore C.C. is going to be a new club in the division. The club rep there is familiar with MISGA because he had been at Crofton. The management company at Woodmore wanted senior activity. Patuxent Greens was sold and probably in two or three years they will no longer be a golf course. They have about 40 members. The members are looking to maybe join another club that would be interested in joining MISGA.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Associates – Mike Urquhart was not at the meeting. He did send out a report about associates. We are down from 2509 to 24081 associates. If Woodmore is added we should be higher than last year.

Audit – Gary Manion was not at the meeting. All of the audits are complete.

Counsel – Jim welcomed Jim Ewalt back to the Board as the Counsel. Jim had previously been the MISGA Counsel.

Events – Pete Sorge said that the next event will be at Amelia Island, assuming that it is still there. He has 40+ people going to the event with some people “still sitting on the fence”. Dick Dale said that he had four couples from Division V that attended the Williamsburg event and they wondered if they could attend the event next year. These couples attend every year. Someone talked to Dick about Virginia Beach as an event location. Pete said that four or five years ago he had 140 people at Fripp Island. The last time we were at Amelia Island we had 135 people. No one wants to go to events anymore. Dick pointed out that cost is a problem. At Williamsburg everyone gets their own lodging. Pete said that the cost relative to past years is not that different. Dick Dale and Ralph Starkey were thanked for stepping in and taking over the Williamsburg event this year. They have two people who will take over the event next year. The people taking over the event are Bob Fitzgerald and Bill Duncan.

Historian – Byron Keadle said that there was only one Board action this year.

Membership – Carl Lazar was not at the meeting. Jim asked if anyone had a problem with Woodmore coming into MISGA. There was a motion to accept Woodmore. Woodmore was accepted. Based on Carl's email that said that there was no positive response from Ruggles, the Board decided to not vote to accept them into MISGA. We will discuss Ruggles at the December meeting.

MISGAGRAM – Bob Hodges was not at the meeting. September 20th is the deadline for getting info into the next MISGAGram. Jim said that we were playing a MISGA Tournament event at Wild Quail and people wanted to know why we weren't playing at a club that is in MISGA. A lot of associates know nothing about MISGA. At every event Jim tells associates to please read the MISGAGram. The associates don't access the website either. There was a question about what happened with Facebook. Bob was looking for someone to be responsible for Facebook but it is not believed that he was able to get someone.

Policy and Planning – Bob Brewer said that he did not send out a report. A lot of things are going on. He has one possible change to the By-laws and one change to the Guidelines. He will try to get those ready by the next meeting. But on December 15th he is leaving the country for 141 days and will return in May. If the Board wants, he is willing to step down as the Policy and Planning chairman.

PP Ad Hoc – Tom Tarpley had no report.

Rules & Handicap – Wayne Rowland said that they had an issue at the ABCD with a player that didn't know the rules of golf. The individual did not qualify for a prize. There was a problem with a drop after hitting into a water hazard and there was a problem with his score so Wayne said that he would not sign the players scorecard. There are new Rules of Golf coming out next year. Would the Board like to have someone from the USGA come to a meeting and explain the rules as they get adopted. They will probably adopt the rules in July or August of next year. Wayne will work on trying to get someone to come to the Annual Reps Meeting.

Tournament Chairman – Lloyd Stimson said that the reports and photos for the two tournaments for this year are now on the website. He also mailed out participation statistics. He also sent out a list of four criteria for clubs that wish to host a tournament. A comment was made that Lloyd did a great job.

Web Master – Errol Myers was not at the meeting. Division VI has a new club, Woodmore. We need to notify Earl of the changes so that he can update the website and John B. will talk to him about the minutes.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

December Board Meeting – Jim said that he would like to have the meeting on the Eastern Shore because we haven't had one there except for the reps meeting. After some discussion it was decided to have the December meeting at Hobbits Glen. He will have to talk to Hobbits about a date for the meeting.

Division IV Annual Holiday Event – C.J. Myers said that the event will be on Tuesday December 5, 2017 at Manor C.C. All Board members and committee chairmen will be invited.

Master Schedule – Wayne Rowland said that he has no idea about when mixers are being held in other divisions. His proposal is that we build a master schedule which we would put on the website. This would allow people to know what mixers are going on in any week. It was agreed that this would be helpful to the reps and the associates. Wayne will take responsibility for doing this. Bob Brewer suggested that Wayne should present the idea at the Annual Reps Meeting.

Realignment of Divisions – There was some discussion. It was suggested that a committee be formed to look into realignment.

Wild Quail – Lloyd said that he got the impression that people don't want to go back to Wild Quail. He said that he would like to have one tournament of the Eastern Shore and one on the West. But the Eastern Shore is not participating. If the Board can give Lloyd the name of a club that meets the criteria that he spelled out he will use it. We could also hold both tournaments on the Western Shore. There was some discussion about Chartwell. Lloyd said that if the Board wanted the tournaments at Chartwell and Norbeck that he would do it. No one seemed to disagree.

Wrap-up – The meeting was adjourned.