

Attendees: Byron Keadle, Howard Taylor, John Babyak, Malcolm Peterson, Bob Turner, Jim Wilcox, Steve Neal, Ted Ifft, Ralph Cruikshank, Pete Sorge, Charlie Fieldhouse, Tom Taylor, Herb Hanson, Earl Gayler; Tom Tarpley, Errol Myers.

Call to Order - The MISGA President, Byron Keadle, opened the meeting at 09:30 A.M.

President's Remarks – Byron thanked Prospect Bay for hosting the MISGA meeting and thanked Bert Bigelow and Malcolm Peterson of Prospect Bay for making the arrangements. The past presidents that were in attendance were acknowledged: C.J. Myers(1997), Charlie Fieldhouse(2001), Tom Tarpley(2006), Ralph Starkey(2007) and Bob Turner(2008). All of the attendees were then asked to individually stand and identify themselves and to state their MISGA position (club rep, asst rep, etc.).

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting were previously distributed via e-mail and were published on the web site. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented on the website. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Sorrell distributed copies of the actual expenses for 2008 and a budget for 2009. There was a question concerning the \$10,000 dues rebate in 2008 and why we did not reduce the associate dues from \$10 to \$5 for 2009. It was explained that we would only be able to reduce the dues to \$8 and then would not have enough to keep one year of expenses in reserve for contingencies. We also require about \$10,000 for expenses before the reps dues are collected. Another questioned concerned the \$13,000 expense for the Misgagram and why we don't distribute the Misgagram via e-mail. It was stated that we reduced the number of Misgagrams distributed via the mail to 2700 with 1300 reps looking at it on the website. The procedure for getting off of the Misgagram mailing list was explained, having a "W" put next to the name of an associate on the club's associate roster. It was suggested that we should make the website the default and let associates request a mailed copy. Division VI puts the "W" in for all of its associates. All of the associates at Quail Valley have a "W" placed next to their name on the club's roster. Club dues were due on April 1st and Gary read the names of the clubs that were delinquent. Gary is looking to retire as Treasurer and is looking for a replacement.

State of MISGA –Membership in MISGA is declining each year, from 4830 in 2000 to 3843 in 2008, a 20% drop in eight years. The number of clubs continues to increase, to 64 clubs, the most that we have ever had in MISGA. Participation in mixers and frolics remains our biggest problem. For 2008, MISGA activity accounted for \$951,000 of revenue to 61 clubs. With the economy in turmoil, we won't know if the downtrend in membership will continue in 2009. Hopefully, the addition of three new clubs will offset any loss. But, several clubs are reported to be on life support. Volunteerism is alive in MISGA, last year we filled the positions of Associates Chairman(Ralph Cruikshank), Webmaster(Errol Myers) and Tournament Chairman(Tom Tarpley). Two major awards were given out last year: a green jacket was awarded to Pete Sorge who is in his eighth year as Events Chairman and a new Canon G10 camera was given to Charlie Fieldhouse for his unofficial role as MISGA Photographer. For 2009, we are going to have an emphasis on golf rules. A pamphlet, "Golf Rules in Brief" is available at this meeting to be taken back to the clubs. There will also be an emphasis on recruiting, for new clubs and members. We have a promotional brochure on the website and we have an active membership committee. The e-mail distribution system is an important vehicle for communication within MISGA. All club reps should maintain an up-to-date e-mail address

group for their associates. Byron was disappointed by the failure of the effort to solicit attendance information for the Reps Meeting. The Global E-mail only went to the club reps, not the entire whole population of MISGA. Was it indifference or a lack of technical knowledge?

Committee Reports

Events – The 2009 Fall Frolic will be on Sunday November 1st to Friday November 6th. The Board voted to have only one Fall Frolic this year because of the economy and because the turnout at the last two were about 40% less than we normally have. This year, we should fill all spots quickly. We are going to the Pinehurst area. We're going to be staying and playing at Little River Golf Club and we will also be playing at Seven Lakes. All of the accommodations will be two-bedroom suites, all only with queen size beds, with a living room, dining room and kitchen between the two bedrooms. The forms are on the website. There are two gift certificates, four days and three nights at Amelia Island, that will be given, via a raffle, at Williamsburg. The proceeds go back into prize money. Division VI is having a pro-am on the 29th of June. There will be a shotgun start at noon and a lobster and steak dinner after golf. The division would like to extend an invitation to other divisions to attend. The registration forms are on the website under local events. The Summer Frolic will be held at Carroll Valley on Wednesday and Thursday, September 16-17.

Membership – We have three new clubs in MISGA for 2009. We welcomed back the Bay Club, and we added the Links at Challedon in Division II and Hunters Oak in Division III. If any club wants to play at these clubs, contact the club reps. If any rep knows of a club that is interested in joining MISGA, let Tom Taylor, the Membership Chairman, know about it.

Policy and Planning – The Board has agreed to centralize the location of State Tournaments. Sixteen clubs, within 50 miles of the Bay Bridge were identified as eligible to hold a State Tournament. This will eliminate the long trips between the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland.

Tournament Chairman – Tom Tarpley thanked C.J. Myers, the former Tournament Chairman, for making his job easy by creating a regimen that he is to follow. The State ABCD Tournament will be at Manor C.C., in Div IV, on Thursday August 13th and will cost \$90. The Two-Man Team event will be at Prospect Bay, in Div III, on Monday August the 24th and will cost \$85. There will be sixty carts available which will limit the field to 120 players. For those that have complained about being unable to compete in State tournaments because of the course lengths, both tournaments will be played from the same tees that are used for mixers. The long hitters are waiting to “clean the clocks” of the short hitters.

Spring Fling – The Spring Fling was held in Ocean City for eight years but was moved to Williamsburg, Va. last year. In 2008, there were 96 golfers and 124 for dinner, with a lot of non-golfing ladies who had a good time. This year, the Fling will be two nights and three days of golf. Currently there are 70 golfers and twenty non-golfing ladies registered. Confirmations will be sent out via e-mail which will save about \$50 which will be added to the prize money. Attendees can stay anywhere that they choose, they are not required to stay at the Hospitality House. The cost will be about \$750 for two golfers. If attendance stays low, the Board might consider non-MISGA attendees.

Awards for Retiring Members of the Board - Pewter plates were presented to: Lloyd Stimson, Director of Div VI, Charlie Fieldhouse, Associates Chairman, Ken Wallgren, Past Presidents Chairman, C.J. Myers, Tournament Chairman, Byron Keadle, Webmaster, and Bob Turner, MISGA President. Ken Wallgren, was absent, so he will receive his award later.

Old Business - None

New Business

Net/Gross Prizes – A question was raised about the lack of gross prizes at state tournaments and mixers. A number of low handicap players do not want to participate because they can't compete successfully against high handicap players. Tom Tarpley said that there may be gross prizes in the two-man in 2010. It was suggested that we have at least one gross prize in the two-man for 2009. At Tantallon, using 50/50 funds, they provide an individual low gross and low net prize every week. Another club plays AB and CD players in two groups and award prizes in each group. Most players enjoy this format. It was pointed out that individual mixers are run at the discretion of the home club and can use any format that they choose. The frolics and Spring Fling events are run under different formats and the Tournament Chairman has some leeway in how the State tournaments are run. It is not a one choice fits all. It was suggested that the format be publicized in advance of the tournaments. There was a motion that at the Two-man Tournament in 2009 there will be one prize for low gross score. The motion is only a recommendation to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved. If anyone has an item that they would like to be bought before the Board, send an e-mail with the information to the Secretary or to the President and it will be placed on the agenda for a Board meeting.

Misgagram – The Board will try to set up something where associates can have an option of sending an e-mail to the Misgagram at misga.org to opt out of getting the Misgagram via the mail but via e-mail only.

The MISGAGRAM mailing labels are generated from the master roster, which is handled by Associates Chairman, Ralph Cruikshank of Harbourtowne. A "W" in column D of the Excel spreadsheet indicates that no mailing label should be created, as the W stands for Web viewing of MISGAGRAM. To opt out of receiving the MISGAGRAM by USPS, ask your club rep to place a "W" in column D of your club's roster. Updated rosters are due by June 1st.

Wrap-up – There was a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Post	Last updated:	2009 Dues Paid		Notice 4/1	<---Club Dues-->		<-----Associate Dues----->					
3/6 deposit	4/3/2009	For 2008	used Charlie's 11/21/08	roster list	CLUB	Date	ASSOC.	MEMBERS	11/21 ON	OWED	EXCESS	Date
DIVISION	ID(Club Rep)	CLUB	TITLE		DUES	Paid	DUES	PAID	ROSTER	difference	PAID	Paid
1	21731	0101	Cripple Creek		50	2/23		0	83	(83)		
1	24100	0104	Eagle Creek		50	1/28		0	54	(54)		
1	29684	0106	Maple Dale		50	3/20		0	64	(64)		
1	30157	0110	Seaford		50	3/30		0	38	(38)		
1	26173	0111	Shawnee		50	3/9		0	59	(59)		
1	28091	0115	Wild Quail		50	1/29		0	40	(40)		
1	35123	0121	Jonathons Landing		50	1/29		0	56	(56)		
1	34683	0123	Sussex Pines		50	1/31		0	54	(54)		
1	36450	125	Bear Trap Dunes (new in 2008)		50	3/22		0	65	(65)		
2	27322	0214	Beaver Creek		50	3/20		0	82	(82)		
2	28944	0216	Holly Hills		50	3/12		0	46	(46)		
2	34984	0217	Hunt Valley		50	4/1		0	61	(61)		
2	34349	0218	Piney Branch		50	3/13		0	62	(62)		
2	32822	0219	Rolling Road		50	3/12		0	62	(62)		
2	34361	0220	Sparrows Point					0	65	(65)		
2	35185	0221	V F W		50	3/14		0	37	(37)		
2	23141	0222	Wakefield Valley		50	1/26		0	37	(37)		
2	30693	0224	Glade Valley		50	3/9		0	82	(82)		
2	30597	0226	Quail Valley		50	3/6		0	70	(70)		
2	31225	0227	Westminster National (was Bear Creek)		50	3/2		0	43	(43)		
2	34164	0228	Winters Run		50	3/9		0	38	(38)		
2	32715	0229	Rattlewood		50	3/20		0	56	(56)		
2		230	Challedon (new in 2009)					0	0	0		
3	18207	0302	Caroline		50	2/13		0	30	(30)		
3	31396	0303	Chester River		50	1/28		0	77	(77)		
3	18397	0305	Harbourtowne		50	3/10		0	68	(68)		
3	32565	0309	Prospect Bay		50	3/11		0	83	(83)		
3		0313	Talbot		50	1/30		0	33	(33)		
3	32040	0319	Easton		50	3/14		0	72	(72)		
3	33942	0320	Clearview at Horn's Point	Cambridge	50	3/20		0	25	(25)		
3	35964	0321	Hog Neck/Talbot Co.		50	2/18		0	49	(49)		
3		??	Hunters Oak (new in 2009)					0	0	0		
4		0432	Argyle		50	3/27		0	107	(107)		
4	30755	0434	Hobbits Glen					0	77	(77)		
4	31206	0435	Kenwood					0	160	(160)		
4	11336	0436	Lakewood					0	92	(92)		
4	27206	0437	Manor					0	135	(135)		
4	16517	0438	Montgomery CC					0	17	(17)		
4	32288	0439	Montgomery Village					0	80	(80)		
4	30080	0440	Norbeck					0	88	(88)		
4	14121	0441	Leisure World		50	3/21		0	98	(98)		
4	33845	0442	Bretton Woods					0	86	(86)		
5	21294	0503	Eastern Shore		50	3/13		0	33	(33)		
5	29868	0505	Elks		50	1/28		0	34	(34)		
5	35618	0507	Green Hill					0	28	(28)		
5	30800	0511	Nutter's Crossing		50	2/24		0	63	(63)		
5	34878	0513	Ocean City		50	1/29		0	65	(65)		
5	21073	0514	Ocean Pines		50	1/31		0	121	(121)		
5	32395	0519	Great Hope		50	3/28		0	42	(42)		
5	33159	0522	Deer Run					0	52	(52)		
5	33997	0523	Bay Club (back for 2009)					0	0	0		
5	36623	525	Beach Club (new in 2008)		50	1/29		0	35	(35)		
6	32128	0610	Bay Hills		50	3/3	210	21	16	5		3/28
6	32610	0623	Chartwell		50	3/18		0	66	(66)		
6	20210	0625	Crofton		50	3/31		0	108	(108)		
6	34019	0627	Patuxent Greens		50	2/5		0	50	(50)		
6	32595	0629	Tantallon		50	3/2		0	68	(68)		
6	31701	0630	Univ. of Md.					0	55	(55)		
6	30722	0631	US Naval Acadmy.					0	130	(130)		
6	29068	0635	Marlborough		50	3/20		0	29	(29)		
6	33658	0636	Walden		50	2/13		0	32	(32)		
6	31500	0641	Bowie					0	56	(56)		
6	36527	642	Fairway Hills (new in 2008)		50	3/20		0	85	(85)		
6	36639	643	Ft. Meade (new in 2008)		50	3/26		0	41	(41)		
		Still	Total collected		2,350	47	210	21.0	3,840	(3819)	0	1
	Dues Type	Unpaid	4/3/2009				Note to Charlie 6/2, 19,360 is total				210	= Total
	Club	17	Number Club Dues =	47	of	64	clubs		Charlie 9/3 list		47.00	clubs paid
	Associate	63	Number Assoc. =	1	of	64	clubs				1	clubs paid
			Dues paid count 2009=	21	of	3,896	associates paid in 2008 (61 clubs)					at end of 2007 =
			Roster count 2008 =	3,840	as adju	21.0	paid to date for 2009					

Report of the Chairman
of the MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee
to the Board and Officers of MISGA
for the MISGA Board Meeting
at Prospect Bay
on April 6, 2009

Current Committee Activity

Distribution of "Rules in Brief" at the Annual Reps Meeting at Prospect Bay

On behalf of the Chairman, Jim Wilcox will distribute USGA Rules in Brief pamphlets (20 for each MISGA club) at the Annual Reps Meeting at Prospect Bay on April 6.

Informing 2009 Tournament Ineligibles

Several Associates who appealed the determination that they did not post their scores from the 2008 MISGA Championships will shortly be notified of the decision of the Tournament Committees that they would not be eligible to participate in the 2009 MISGA Championships.

Committee Activities in 2009

Inform Membership regarding Rules and Handicap issues

The Chairman will emphasize Rules issues in 2009, particularly in the MISGAgram. Rules and Handicap information will also be sent out, as warranted, through the MISGA Email Distribution System.

Monitoring of Posting of 2009 Championship Tournament Scores

Following the vote of the Board at Crofton on March 18 to suspend the tournament ineligibility provision of the tournament policy for the 2009-2010 period, the Chairman will randomly check of score postings for the 2009 Championships, to assist the Board in determining whether the tournament ineligibility provision should continue to be suspended by the Board, for the 2010-2011 period.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Crone
Kenwood
Chairman, MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee

Membership Committee
Annual Report
Prospect Bay
April 6, 2009

It was a rather exciting year for the membership committee as we picked up three clubs for the start of 2009

We welcome back The Bay Club in Div. V
Their Club Rep is Bill Spann

We welcome to MISGA The Links of Challedon in Div. II
Their Club Rep is Bernie Becker

And also Hunters Oak in Div. III
Their Club Rep is Larry Sharpe

Tom Taylor
Membership Chairman