

# MISGA BOARD ACTIONS - 2019

(as of December 31, 2019)

## A. CONSTITUTION

\* **Terms of Office (DD & ADD)** - Policy & Planning Chairman Jeff Hild proposed revising paragraph 4 of Article IV, A - Administration to read as stated below. A motion was made and approved by the Board of Directors and ratified at the 2019 Annual Club Reps Meeting. (BoD Meeting - 12/13/18 & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19)

*The terms of office for Division Directors and Assistant Division Directors shall be determined by the individual Division."*

## B. BY-LAWS

## C. GUIDELINES

## D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

\* **President** - With the approval of the Board of Directors, 2019 President Malcolm Peterson (Prospect Bay - Div. 1) passed the "Presidential Gavel" to 2019 Vice President Jeff Hild (Musket Ridge - Div. 2) who will serve as the MISGA President for 2020. (BoD Meeting - 12/3/19)

\* **Vice President** - By unanimous vote, Wayne Rowland (Montgomery - Div. 4) was nominated and elected to serve as the MISGA Vice President for 2020. (BoD Meeting - 12/3/19)

\* **Position Descriptions** - President Malcolm Peterson instructed Auditor Errol Myers and Treasurer Gary Manion to develop two "position descriptions" that will more definitively delineate the specific duties and responsibilities of each of the two chairmanships. (Club Reps Meeting - 2/6/19)

\* **Past Presidents ad hoc Committee** - Past Presidents ad hoc Committee Chairman Tom Tarpley discussed the status of the *Past Presidents ad hoc Committee*. Over the years, the committee has been an on-again, off-again committee. Currently it is not listed as an official committee in Section VI of the MISGA By-laws. Originally, it was established to develop and publish the paperback **MISGA History (1996-2005)**. After the book was published and distributed, the committee was disbanded. However, the committee has reemerged with the objective of identifying and selecting MISGA officials for awarding the prestigious *Sam Hastings Green Jacket*. The Board voted to

formally re-establish the committee and that specific duties and responsibilities be defined. (BoD Meeting - 2/6/19)

\* **Golf Genius** - Rules & Handicap Chairman Wayne Rowland reported that he had conducted further in-depth study of the automated system (*Golf Genius*) that allows users to set-up and manage golf outings - from sign-up thru posting of scores. He learned the cost for the software package was three times more expensive than the Board was led to believe during an informational presentation by a company representative (*in excess of \$8,000 per year*). Rowland recommended MISGA not purchase the automated system. The Board voted to accept Rowland's no purchase recommendation. (BoD Meeting - 2/6/19)

\* **TMR Signup System** - Past President Tom Rowlett (*Musket Ridge*) was in attendance to provide information and answer questions regarding his updated automated sign-up system - *TMR Signup System*. For MISGA-wide application, the cost would be \$350 in 2019 with possible small increases in the future. Attending Board members currently using the system highly praised its effectiveness. The Board voted to cover Rowlett's operational and maintenance costs (\$325) during the 2019 season. (BoD Meeting - 2/6/19)

## **E. ASSOCIATES COMMITTEE**

## **F. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

## **G. CLUB MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

## **H. EVENTS COMMITTEE**

## **I. FINANCIAL**

\* **2020 MISGA Budget** - Treasurer Gary Manion presented and explained the proposed MISGA budget for 2020. Issues discussed included: (1) Income Statement Comparisons, (2) Proposed 2020 Budget, (3) Income Statement Comparison and (3) Balance Sheet. A motion was made and approved by the Board of Directors to postpone ratification until the February 2020 Board meeting. (BoD Meeting - 12/3/19)

\* **Anonymous \$5,000 gift to subsidize the annual MISGA Past Presidents Tournament** - In 1990, an anonymous \$5,000 gift was made by a MISGA associate (*Merle Shumaker - Crofton*) to subsidize the prize pool of the annual *Past Presidents Tournament*. The subsidy would begin in 1991. A Certificate of Deposit was to be purchased with the annual interest used to subsidize the prize pool. According to available MISGA financial records, as of May 8, 2001, the balance of the endowment was \$5,000.50. Since then the amount of unused interest accrued by the CD is \$2,188.91. However, over the years, the MISGA treasury has provided a \$150 subsidy to the tournament.

Treasurer Gary Manion and Historian Lloyd Stimson conducted an in-depth review of the: (1) MISGA BoD Meeting minutes, (2) MISGA Board Action documents (*both annual & cumulative*) and (3) MISGA Championship Tournament history records. Their review revealed there is no written record of when the \$150 subsidy began nor by whom it was initiated.

Manion and Stimson recommended the \$150 subsidy continue. Manion elucidated the current 1.6% CD interest rate should yield an annual interest income of \$80. This income can be used for a portion of the \$150 subsidy and the MISGA unrestricted general operations revenue can be used to fund the remaining \$70 (*i.e., \$80 + \$70 = \$150*). This recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. (*BoD Meeting - 12/3/19*)

\* **Division Operations Payments** - Treasurer Gary Manion recommended, that since the actual Associates Dues collected during the year is much greater than was anticipated in the 2019 Budget, Division Operations payments (*for travel, trophies, golf entry fees, special events, meals, etc.*) be increased by \$2,375 or the amount of the positive revenue variance. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. (*BoD Meeting - 9/10/19*)

\* **Associates & Club Dues Checks** - Associates Chairman Jim Wilcox recommended that, to avoid confusion for Division Treasurers and delays for the MISGA treasury, both the "Associated Dues" and "Club Dues" checks be remitted direct to the MISGA Treasurer. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. (*BoD Meeting - 9/10/19*)

\* **2019 MISGA Budget** - Treasurer Gary Manion presented and discussed the revised 2019 MISGA Budget. Issues discussed included: (1) costs for liability insurance (*Liability & Directors & Officers*), (2) IRS Form 990N-E2, (3) allocations for Division "operating expenses" and (4) the increase in "associates dues". A motion was made and approved by the Board of Directors and ratified at the 2019 Annual Club Reps Meeting. (*BoD Meeting - 2/6/19 & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19*)

\* **Director & Officers Liability Insurance** - To replace a more costly policy (*current = \$2,200 per annum*), Treasurer Gary Manion purchased a Director & Officers liability insurance policy from Chubb for an annual cost of \$475.00. The new policy provides the same coverage of the previous policy. As they are not considered "officers" of MISGA, Club Representatives are not covered by the policy. (*Club Reps Meeting - 2/6/19*)

## **J. GENERAL COUNSEL**

## **K. HISTORY COMMITTEE**

## **L. MISGAGRAM COMMITTEE**

## **M. PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE**

## **N. RULES & HANDICAP COMMITTEE**

\* **New USGA Rules** - Rules & Handicap Chairman Wayne Rowland proposed that three USGA "local option rules" be adopted MISGA-wide for 2019. He further proposed the three rules be presented to the attendees at the April 2, 2019 Annual Club Representatives Meeting at Prospect Bay CC. The specific rules included: (1) maximum score posting, (2) out-of-bounds/lost ball and (3) time limit for round of play. The Board voted to approve the "new USGA proposed local rules presentation". (*BoD Meeting - 2/6/19 and ratified at the Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19*)

## **O. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

\* **Misappropriated 2019 Past Presidents (ABCD) Net Grand Champions Trophy** - Tournament Chairman Greg Morris and Tournament Coordinator Jake Jacobi reported that while the Net Grand Champion was redeeming his monetary winnings in the Norbeck CC Pro Shop, his trophy had disappeared from its resting place on his dining table. It has never been found. Hence, both recommended that a replacement trophy be procured and presented to the Net Grand Champion. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. (*BoD Meeting - 9/10/19*)

\* **MCT Guidelines: Proposed Revisions** - Division 2 Board members requested revision of the MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines to: (*BoD Meeting - 2/6/19*)

1. Section III, B, 3 - Allow associates from different MISGA clubs to be teammates in the 2-Man Team Tournament. The Board decided that exceptions to the established guideline may be granted upon formal application (*because of special or emergency situations such as illness, injury, death, etc.*) to the host club MISGA Tournament Committee.

2. Section IV, A - Allow associates to play from the front tee. This request has been made and discussed at previous Board meetings. For a number and variety of cited reasons, the Board rejected this request (*refer to attachment #1 below*).

## P. WEBSITE COMMITTEE

\* **MISGA Website: Clean-Up** - Webmaster Jake Jacobi requested permission to "clean-up" the MISGA website. He reported there was much redundant and overlapping information on the website. The Board approved the request. (*BoD Meeting - 2/6/19*)

## Q. ADMISSION/WITHDRAWAL OF CLUBS

**Admissions:** None

**Withdrawals:** Argyle, Quail Valley

## R. AWARDS

### Green Jacket:

Past President **Tom Rowlett** (*Musket Ridge - Div. 2*) was awarded the *Sam Hastings Green Jacket* for his many years of outstanding service and contributions to MISGA. The jacket was presented at the Manor Country Club Holiday Luncheon on December 10, 2019.

Treasurer **Gary Manion** (*Norbeck - Div. 4*) was awarded the *Sam Hastings Green Jacket* for his many years of outstanding service and contributions to MISGA. The jacket was presented at the Manor Country Club Holiday Luncheon on December 10, 2019.

### Service Awards:

The following MISGA volunteers were presented recognition and thank you awards for their valuable and much appreciated years of service to MISGA.

**Malcolm Peterson** (*outgoing President*) - Commemorative Clock (*BoD Meeting - 12/3/19*)

**Greg Morris** (*Past President*) - Commemorative Clock (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19*)

**Special Awards:**

The following MISGA volunteers were presented special recognition and thank you awards for their esteemed and appreciated service to MISGA.

**Pete Sorge** (*Events Chairman*) - Walt Disney "Grumpy" T-Shirt (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19*)

**S. OTHER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**



**ATTACHMENTS**

**1. Playing From Mixed Tees**

When I spoke with Sperry Storm at the Annual Club Reps meeting, I initially thought it was good idea and would consider the recommendation. However, after additional in-depth thought, I believe it would add too much additional admin work for the MCT hosts while "benefiting" only a very few number of people ... conclusion, at best, meager cost/benefits. In addition:

- a. The **USGA handicap system** is designed to account for differences in the playing ability level of golfers ... shorter hitting players are given additional strokes so they can compete with longer hitting players. Hence, they do not need an additional advantage of a shorter distance course. In addition, moving up from the front to forward tee box will result in a *loss of strokes* by the player moving to the shorter forward tee box.
- b. The *PP-ABCD* MCT is flighted by handicap. The lowest handicapped players are assigned to the "A" flight and the highest handicapped players are assigned to the "D" flight. The players in each flight compete against the players in their flight only. Shorter hitting "D" flight players will not have to compete against longer hitting players in the "A", "B" & "C" flights. It's very unlikely a "D" flight player can win the *Gross Grand Champion* title, but he can win the *Net Grand Champion* title ... and has.
- c. The *2-Man Team* MCT is not flighted. It is a best ball (*gross & net*) of the two teammates. A short hitting high handicap level player does not have to play on his own. He has a lower handicap level player to help him when he has stiffed a hole.
- d. Although the *USGA Handicap System* manual permits mixed tees, it does not support the "age plus handicap" equation for official play. Some, but not all, MISGA clubs have applied this equation.

The MCTs are required to follow USGA rules and guidelines. Following USGA guidelines, the MCTs do utilize mixed tees ... forward tees for men and front tees for ladies.

e. Unless a set of tee placements has been properly rated - for official posting purposes - it cannot be used for official play. For example, men cannot play from the ladies front (*red*) tees unless the tee placements have been officially rated for men's play.

f. Unlike many MISGA clubs hosting weekly mixers, the MCTs are not experiencing a participation problem. Annually, the MCTs have been playing with a full-field - 100 finalists - hence, they do not need "supplemental mixed tee" placement schemes to increase participation.

Considering the evaluation factors listed above and the sparse cost/benefits, I cannot support the recommendation of allowing men to play from the ladies front (*red*) tees.

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Lloyd Stimson  
MISGA Tournament Chairman

**End of Board Actions-2019 - LKS - 12/31/19**