

MISGA BOARD ACTIONS - 2020

The Year of the Covid-19 Pandemic

A. CONSTITUTION

B. BY-LAWS

C. GUIDELINES

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

* **4th Special BoD Teleconference** - As a result of the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, on Tuesday - December 15, 2020, the BoD held another special teleconference. In attendance were: Jeff Hild (*MP & DD2*), Wayne Rowland (*MVP, R&HC & DD4*), Gary Manion (*Treasurer*), Gary Gafke (*ADD2*), Chuck Woods (*DD6*), Jim Wilcox (*Associates*), Errol Myers (*Audit*), Jim Ewalt (*Counsel*), Pete Sorge (*Events*), Lloyd Stimson (*Historian*), Carl Lazar (*Club Membership*), Tom Tarpley (*PP Ad Hoc*), Gregg Morris (*Tournaments*), Jake Jacobi (*Webmaster*).

* **3rd Special BoD Teleconference** - As a result of the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, on Monday - September 21, 2020, the BoD held another special teleconference to discuss plans for the 2021 season. In attendance were: Jeff Hild (*MP, P&PC & DD2*), Wayne Rowlands (*MVP, R&HC & DD4*), Gary Manion (*Treasurer*), Bob Hodges (*MISGAGRAM & DD1*), Gary Gafke (*ADD2*), Gary Kramer (*DD6*), Chuck Woods (*ADD6*), Jim Wilcox (*Associates*), Errol Myers (*Audit*), Jim Ewalt (*Counsel*), Pete Sorge (*Events*), Lloyd Stimson (*History*), Carl Lazar (*Club Membership*), Tom Tarpley (*PP Ad Hoc*), Greg Morris (*Tournaments*) & Jake Jacobi (*Webmaster*).

* **2nd Special BoD Teleconference** - As a result of the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, the Board held a second special teleconference on Tuesday; May 12, 2020 to discuss the cancellation of all MISGA events (*mixers, tournaments & special events*), annual dues payments (*club & associates*), and division "operating expenses" payments. 15 of the 16 Board members participated.

* **1st Special BoD Teleconference** - As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Board held a special teleconference on Wednesday; April 8, 2020 to discuss and attempt to resolve a number of administrative issues: legal ramifications for MISGA, 2020 MISGA Budget, status of MISGA's golf courses, impact on mixers and special events (*Flings & Frolics*), MISGA Championship Tournaments (*PP-ABCD & 2-Man Team*), annual dues payments - club & associates.

- * **MISGA President 2021** - Current Vice President Wayne Rowland (*Montgomery*) was confirmed as MISGA President for calendar year 2021. (*BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20*)
- * **MISGA Vice President 2021** - Division 6 Director Chuck Wood (*Crofton*) was nominated to serve as MISGA Vice President for calendar year 2021. By unanimous vote, he was elected. (*BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20*)
- * **2021 Annual Club Reps Meeting** - Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, it was concluded the *Annual Club Representatives Meeting* normally scheduled for the first week in April is in doubt. In addition, it was reported that Prospect Bay would like to retire from hosting the event. (*BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20*)
- * **2020 Annual Club Reps Meeting** - As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the ACR meeting scheduled for March 31, 2020 at Prospect Bay CC was cancelled. (*BoD Meeting - 2/13/20*)

E. ASSOCIATES COMMITTEE

- * **MISGA Annual Reports (Club/Division/MISGA)** - Associates Chairman Jim Wilcox questioned as to whom has the responsibility for compiling & entering the required info onto and submitting the *Club Annual Report, Division Annual Report* and *MISGA Annual Report*. The Board was informed the reports are required for use by the MISGA Treasurer and MISGA Tournaments Chairman. During the discussion, the Board determined that many of those who have the responsibility for preparing and submitting the reports were unaware of this duty. Hence, it was decided that a tutorial be developed for each report and that formal training be conducted to educate those who have the responsibility. (*BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20*)
- * **MISGA Membership (Clubs & Associates)** - Concern was expressed about the possible loss of MISGA member clubs and associates. Declining interest, increased costs, desire not to travel, etc. were cited as disincentives. Note: Since 2011, MISGA has dropped from 68 clubs to 44 (-29%) and from 3,582 associates to 2,286 (-36%). (*BoD Teleconference - 9/21/20*)

F. AUDIT COMMITTEE

G. CLUB MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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H. EVENTS COMMITTEE

* **Coronavirus Impact on Special Events (Flings & Frolics)** - The Board voted, unanimously, to cancel all of the remaining special events for calendar year 2020. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)

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I. FINANCIAL

* **MISGA Budget for 2021** – Treasurer Gary Manion submitted, for approval, 3 documents associated with the 2021 MISGA budget: (1) Income Statement - Proposed Budget, (2) Income Statement - Various Budget Scenarios and (3) Actual & Budgeted Income Statement - 2019. The BoD decided to postpone the vote to approve until the first BoD meeting in 2021. (BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on Annual Fees & Payments** - After Treasurer Gary Manion explained MISGA's current financial situation and relevant discussion, the Board, by unanimous vote:

(1) **Club Dues** - As most clubs had paid their 2020 dues, the Board decided to carry over and credit the payments to calendar year 2021. Issuing refunds would be laborious and a waste time and effort.

(2) **Associates Dues** - As no Division had submitted its 2020 dues, the Board decided to cancel the annual associates' dues fee for 2020. Divisions and clubs are permitted to take whatever action they deem appropriate.

(3) **Division Operating Expenses** - As MISGA is not collecting "associates dues" for 2020, the Board decided that no "operating expenses" payments will be made to the four divisions. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on Annual Dues Payments (club & associates)** - After in-depth discussion, the Board voted to continue with the current MISGA guidelines for the collection and submission of both Club Dues (\$50 - April 1) and Associates Dues (\$10 - June 1). (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on 2020 MISGA Budget** - Treasurer Gary Manion prepared a variety of 2020 Pro-Forma Income Statements showing the financial results based upon various membership scenarios occurring in 2020. By unanimous vote, the Board approved utilization of the Pro-Forma Income Statements. (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)

* **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 and (3) Balance Sheet. A motion was made to accept the budget and was approved by the

Board of Directors. The budget is scheduled for ratification at the Annual Club Reps Meeting on March 31, 2020. (BoD Meeting - 2/13/20)

J. GENERAL COUNSEL

* **Coronavirus Impact on MISGA Mixers** - Under the current pandemic directives, clubs should not hold MISGA mixers. Counsel Jim Ewalt reiterated that an official MISGA mixer could place MISGA in a violation of directives status and open for legal action. (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)

* **Coronavirus Legal Ramifications for MISGA** - Counsel Jim Ewalt stated that MISGA must adhere to and comply with all Federal, state, local and medical directives during the pandemic. Violations could place MISGA in an unlawful status and subject to legal action. (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)

K. HISTORY COMMITTEE

L. MISGAGRAM COMMITTEE

* **MISGAGRAM** - After discussion, the Board agreed the MISGAGRAM should continue to be published. It is a significant document for providing MISGA leadership officials, associates and member golf club staffs with vital information concerning MISGA and its operations. (BoD Teleconference - 9/21/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on the MISGAGRAM** - The Board voted, unanimously, to continue publication of the MISGAGRAM for calendar year 2020. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)

M. PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE

N. RULES & HANDICAP COMMITTEE

* **Bay Hills GC score posting system** - Currently, the BHGC score posting and handicap determination system is not compatible with the USGA's 2020 *Rules of Handicapping* nor the MSGA score posting system. It does not provide an exact handicap index as determined and required by the USGA. This diverse handicap index creates an ineligibility problem for BHGC associates who desire to participate in MISGA golfing events. An agreement was reached between Jeff Hild (MISGA President), Wayne Rowland (MISGA Vice President & Rules & Handicap Chair) and Carl Lazar (BHGC Club Rep). BHGC will purchase and install a score posting system that is compatible with the USGA *Rules of Handicapping* and the MSGA posting system. BHGC was granted the 2020 golf season to fulfill the agreement. (BoD Meeting - 2/13/20)

O. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

* **2021 MISGA Championship Tournaments** - Tournament Chairman Greg Morris provided the location, date and estimated entry fee for the two 2021 MISGA Championship Tournaments. (BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20)

Past Presidents (ABCD) - Holly Hills - Monday, August 23 - \$90
2-Player Team - Norbeck - Thursday, September 9 - \$90

* **2021 MISGA Championship Tournaments** - Tournament Chairman Greg Morris proposed the two 2021 Championship Tournaments be held late in the golfing season. Norbeck CC and Holly Hills CC are the projected host clubs. By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to the proposal. (BoD Teleconference - 9/21/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on MISGA Championship Tournaments (PP-ABCD & 2-Man Team)** - The Board voted, unanimously, to cancel both Championship Tournaments for calendar year 2020. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on MISGA Championship Tournaments (PP-ABCD & 2-Man Team)** - Tournament Chair Greg Morris stated that the PP-ABCD to be held July 20 at Holly Hills and the 2-Man Team to be held September 10 at Norbeck are still on, but the pandemic will determine whether or not they will be cancelled. In response to a question, Morris stated the "contract" with Norbeck should not be a problem. He further stated, that in the past, the Norbeck management staff has always been cooperative. The Board agreed to remain with the status quo. (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)

* **MCT Guidelines** - On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, the Board's special committee to update the MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines for compliance with the 2020 USGA Rules for Handicapping met at Norbeck Country Club. Their task was accomplished. The MCT Guidelines have been updated and posted on the MISGA website.

* **MCT Guidelines** - In January 2020, the USGA implemented significant changes to its Rules of Handicapping. A new guidebook was printed. As a result, MISGA must update its MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines and MCT guidebooks and tutorials. After an extensive discussion, the Board decided to establish a special committee with the task of up-dating the MCT Guidelines for compliance with the new USGA Rules for Handicapping. The committee included: Jeff Hild (MISGA President), Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chair), Wayne Rowland (MISGA Vice President & Rules & Handicap Chair), Jake Jacobi (MISGA Webmaster & DTC-4), Lloyd Stimson (MISGA History Chair & past MTC) and Don Hoffmeyer (DTC-2). (BoD Meeting - 2/13/20)

* MCT Schedule - 2020 (CANCELLED - Special BoD Teleconference - May 12, 2020)

Championship	Host Club	Date	Rain Date	Entry Fee
Past Presidents	Holly Hills CC (Div. II) Ijamsville, MD	Monday July 20, 2020	Monday July 27, 2020	\$95
2-Man Team	Norbeck CC (Div. IV) Rockville, MD	Thursday Sept. 3, 2020	Thursday Sept. 10, 2020	\$95

P. WEBSITE COMMITTEE

* **Coronavirus Impact on the MISGA Website** - The Board voted, unanimously, to continue operation of the MISGA website for calendar year 2020. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)

Q. ADMISSION/WITHDRAWAL OF CLUBS

Admissions:

Withdrawals: Westminster National (Div. II)

R. AWARDS

Green Jacket:

Service Awards:

Special Awards:

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

S. OTHER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

* **2021 MISGA Operations** - President Jeff Hild proposed that MISGA plan to return to a normal operating mode for 2021. This would be dependent upon the Coronavirus situation. It was acknowledged that clubs would have differing operating requirements (*e.g., scheduling, shotgun starts, meals, golfcarts, costs, etc.*) The Board voted, unanimously, to implement the proposal. (*BoD Teleconference - 9/21/20*)

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ATTACHMENTS

End of Board Actions-2020 - LKS - 12/31/20