

MISGA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 4, 2003
Cambridge Country Club

President **Ken Wallgren** called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. and thanked our host from Cambridge.

The following Board, Committee Members, and guests were in attendance: **Bill Brown, Dick Crone, Paul Desmond, Chuck Ebbecke, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Sam Hall, Alfred Isaacs, Paul Keiser, Jim Lee, Bob McCready, Bob McMinn, Jim Mitchell, Bob Nicholson, Arnie Simms, Peter Sorge, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, Dick Walsh, and Dan Williams.**

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April 7 meeting at Chester River were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: **Tom Tarpley** distributed his report covering the activities through May 25. He suggested that we might need to consider a minimum balance or contingency fund in future years as we had just gone through a "tight spot" where dues revenue had not yet been received but expenses were heavy.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Vice President's Remarks: **Don Ewalt**, asked that the bad weather today be blamed on the current Director of Div. V.

President's Remarks: **Ken Wallgren** stated that he will make his remarks as we touch on the appropriate subject areas..

Division Reports:

Div. I - Arnie Simms reminded the group that next year's **Annual Reps Meeting** will be held at Chester River, beginning at 10:00 a.m. **Paul Keiser** reported that the 2003 **Spring Fling** was a big success, with 130 men, and 92 women golfers. The headcount for the banquet was 258.

Div. II - Dick Walsh noted that his Division is trying a new Club recruiting program, by inviting potential members to participate in existing mixers. Jack Rigney at Hunt Valley is involved in this. The **Board Bash** will be held Sept. 17 and 18 at Carroll Valley. In addition to the pool for gross scores there will be another program for "Skins".

Div. III - Dan Williams applied the revised 2 man team handicap "8 stroke " rule to his Division's 2 Man Team Qualifier. It was not well received.

Div IV - Ken Wallgren reported Waverly Woods, which had been interested in MISGA membership has decided to decline at this point.

Div. V - Bob McCready has Division Qualifiers coming up; The Elks will handle the ABCD Tournament.

Committee Reports:

Associates - Bob Dernoga while not present at the meeting, had notified the Treasurer that a new roster will be distributed June 15.

Events - Pete Sorge reported that good interest is being shown in our two **Fall Flings**. He has also been approached about the Dominican Republic, where some excellent deals are available. **Pete** will pursue this and see if a proposal can be developed.

General Counsel - Al Isaacs reports that we are still legal, with no pending litigation.

Historian - Bill Brown reported that the Committee of Past Presidents has met, and scanned our previous History document into the MISGA Web Site. Many decisions still need to be made regarding format, budget, quantity to be produced, etc.

Membership - Paul Desmond indicated that we have no “hot prospects” at the moment. However, the Crystal River Florida Fling is progressing nicely and will be held Feb 8 to Feb 14 2004.

MISGAGRAM - Jim Mitchell reported that the May issue has been distributed, and next up is September, with copy due by early August.

Planning and Policy - Bob Nicholson submitted his Committee’s well researched five page report covering several issues. After considerable discussion and debate, the following actions occurred:

Recommendation 2003-1, Vice President Issue 1. No change, Issue 2. vote to accept proposed language , Issue 3.the new Vice President “should” assume his office on January 1 of the next calendar year.

Recommendation 2003-2. Establish Web Site Committee: Approved

Recommendation 2003-3. Allow minutes to be e-mailed: Approved

Recommendation 2003-4. Remove Publicity from MISGAGRAM Duties: Approved

Recommendation 2003-5. Gross Prize Proposal: Voted Down

Tournaments - Jimmy Lee distributed announcement letters for the 2003 State ABCD Tournament. A Schedule of responsibility for ABCD and 2 man Tournaments arranged for a 6 Division MISGA was also distributed.

Rules and Handicap – Dick Crone reporting for **C.J. Myers** discussed the proposal to have all mixer scores again be counted as Tournament scores for handicap purposes. The Committee does not recommend this as an aid to more accurate handicaps. On the other hand, temporary handicaps for medical issues, which are permitted under USGA, may be worth pursuing, and he Committee will prepare a white paper on this subject. MISGAGRAM articles on handicap and rules issues will continue to be issued.

New Business:

Dan Williams-discussed the problem of food charges from mixers being assessed when a visitor or member fails to cancel his meal in timely fashion. Despite some serious consideration, no successful answer could be found, and the issue was tabled.

Charlie Fieldhouse- reminded the group that demonstrations of defibrillators are available for clubs concerned about this sort of liability.

Next Board Meeting-will be held Tuesday September 16, preceding the Board Bash at Carroll Valley.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob McMinn, Secretary