

MISGA Board Meeting

Sept 10, 2018

Liberty Mountain

There were enough board members present to establish a quorum and Greg Morris called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm, September 10th, 2018.

Members present were: Greg Morris, Malcolm Peterson, Chris Pariseau, Dick Schwinger, Bob Hodges, Jeff Hild, Wayne Rowland, C.J. Myers, Pete Sorge, Lloyd Stimson, Tom Tarpley, Tom Taylor and Jake Jacobi.

President's Report – Gregg Morris

Greg Morris introduced Chris Pariseau as the new Secretary of the Board. He also introduced Gary Kramer (Division 6 Assistant MISGA Rep) and Tom Taylor (Division 2 Assistant MISGA Rep) He told the Board that they will need a new treasurer as Dick Schwinger will be stepping down as treasurer for personal reasons. He thanked Dick for all his years of service to MISGA and the Board. Lloyd Stimpson is stepping down as Tournament Chairman and the search is on for a replacement. Errol Myers resigned as the MISGA Webmaster but has been replaced by Jake Jacobi. Greg mentioned to the Board that there are a lot of issues before the board and hoped to have extensive discussions at the current meeting but will not be asking for any votes on these issues at this meeting. Greg mentioned that Jim Wilcox could not make today's meeting due to personal issues. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Dec 13th at 10:00 am at Chartwell Country Club in Severna Park, MD. There will be coffee and donuts offered prior to the meeting starting at 0900 am. Chartwell is undergoing renovations so there will be no golf following the meeting.

Vice President Report – Malcom Peterson

Malcolm Peterson deferred his report until the Division I report...

Secretary Report - Chris Pariseau

Chris Pariseau introduced himself. He stated that all the members had sufficient time to read the minutes from the previous meeting which had been emailed to each member as well as posted on the Web Site. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made, followed by a second and the Board then voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's report – Dick Schwinger

Dick Schwinger provided the following:

Current accounts of the meeting date are as follows:

Checking	\$2651.00
Savings	\$1485.00
CDs	\$21187.00
Total	\$25,323.00

All bills are paid to date. Insurance premiums are paid for 2018 but will be due for 2019 in December. All budgeted payments have been mailed. All associates are current except for 2.

A discussion followed about the current insurance premiums and was it possible to reduce the annual premium. C.J. Myers discussed the possibility of lowering the annual premium from a \$3,600 per year to a \$1,300 annual premium. After a lengthy discussion, C.J. Myers agreed to investigate the insurance premiums and report back to the board at the December 13, 2018 Board of Directors meeting with his findings.

Division One Report - Malcolm Peterson

As has been the case in the past several years, there are some previously strong MISGA clubs in Division 1 that are struggling with diminished interest. Maple Dale (Dover) is one of those. Two weeks ago, their club rep, Fran Devine, announced he is resigning. My phone conversations with him and the Club's pro show only 5-6 associates out of 26 come out for home mixers, and Devine has been the only one traveling to away mixers. One factor, according to the pro, is that the competition for the golfers' dollars from other public courses in the greater Dover area is quite intense, with greens fees of \$20. Another is that the Indian River Senior Golfers Association attracts golfers to planned events at a number of semi-private and public courses at a lower price point. Even Wild Quail (down to 21 associates) is suffering from lack of enthusiasm in traveling to away mixers, although a reasonable percentage show up for home mixers.

I contacted the pro at -- a course close to Salisbury, MD – Nutter's Crossing – a MISGA club until 2017 – to see if there were any regrets about having left MISGA. He said that they have two very active groups of senior golfers, totaling about 40 golfers, who play regularly there, and have little interest in travelling to other golf courses in the area. Short answer, "no regrets."

On the good news side, Chester River, Prospect Bay, Hog Neck, and Garrisons Lake are doing well. Hog Neck has some associates coming from clubs that have stopped participating in MISGA.

We were contacted by a nine-hole golf course professional who expressed some interest in MISGA. Notwithstanding the issues associated with it being a nine-hole, the course is well

south of Salisbury on the MD/VA state line and is several hours away in traveling time from the other Division I courses. This doesn't look like a viable proposition

Division II Report - Jeff Hild

Held two tournaments in 2018:

ABCD – 29 players (up from 26 last year)

11 sent to state (2 more added later) – allotted 17

Two-man – 18 teams (36 players, up from 26 last year)

9 teams allotted and sending 9 teams

Division II Pro-Am held with 19 teams (up from 7 teams last year) at Holly Hills Country Club

Summer Frolic: Attendance down, however we have new participants. Problem is we have lost 4 to illness, 4 to death, and 5 moved south.

Division II currently has 14 clubs. The situation at Cress Creek has not been resolved for 2019 as yet. Everyone else is poised to return. We have made inquiries to Waverly Woods and Richland.

Next Division II meeting is scheduled for October 8th at Rattlewood Golf Club

Division IV Report – Wayne Rowland

MISGA Championship hosted by Div. IV. Members not traveling to other clubs much. Annual Div. IV Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 4th. Wayne extended an invitation to the party for all board members and committee chairs. Jacket is required.

Division VI Report - Greg Morris

Problem with two clubs within the division – Patuxent Greens was sold to a land developer and Cross Creek closed quite unexpectedly. Some member events are being held at Hampshire Greens. Their members are trying to figure out if they can join MISGA from another club. Had a successful ABCD qualifier (sent 15 teams) but had to cancel the 2-man qualifier. There is a pro-am at Crofton for October 8th to which the group is invited.

Additionally, the University of Maryland is considering either shortening the 18-hole course to a 14-hole course or maybe a 9-hole course. MISGA has been asked to sign the petition to ask the college to not do anything to change or close the course. Gary explained that the University had major cost overruns with sports facilities (such as the Cole Field House renovation), so money was an issue that was sure to affect the final decisions on the golf course.

Associates Chairman Report - Jim Wilcox

Jim Wilcox (not present) submitted the following to the Secretary to present at the meeting:

Division I – Went from 13 clubs down to 9 Active MISGA clubs with a loss of 228 members from the previous year. Total members in Division I are 344.

Division II – 14 Active MISGA clubs – New club added this year – Eagles Nest – Total members 528 an increase of 75 members over the previous year.

Division III – In Active

Division IV – 9 Active MISGA clubs – Total members 661 – loss of 12 members from previous year

Division V – Inactive

Division VI – 14 Active MISGA clubs – Total Members 736 – loss of 95 members from previous year

Audit Report - Gary Manion (not present)

Nothing to Report

General Counsel Report – Jim Ewalt

Nothing to Report

Events – Pete Sorge

This year we are returning to one of our favorite venues at Seabrook Island Club and Resort at Seabrook Island, Johns Island, SC. We will be playing the Ocean Winds and Crooked Oaks courses. Golf will begin on Monday October 29 through Thursday November 1, 2018.

I would appreciate it if the Division Heads and club representatives would promote this event and post this information and the application forms on each club's bulletin board.

Historian Report - Lloyd Stimson

Lloyd provided two extensive reports and noted that since we are down to 4 active divisions that we renumber the divisions. He recommends that division VI become division III and we eliminate division V. Greg recommend that we vote on this at the December meeting.

Attached is the *History Chairman's Report* for the Monday, September 10, 2018 Board of Director's meeting to be held at the Liberty Mountain Resort, PA. Also attached is the *2018 History of Board Actions*.

Please review the two documents for accuracy, adequacy and comprehensiveness. Please inform me if you note any recommended additions, deletions and/or modifications.

Items #4 and #5 of the *HC Report* are minor recommended changes to the MISGA Bylaws. It is my understanding that a 15-day advance notice is required for MISGA Constitution and Bylaws modifications to be discussed at board meetings.

MISGA Historian Report Sept 2018

1. Board Member History (1976-2018)

The complete roster of those who have served on the MISGA Board of Directors (i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Division Directors, Assistant Division Directors and Committee Chairmen) has been updated and posted in the Documents section on the MISGA website.

2. Past Presidents Roster (1976-2018)

The complete roster of those who have served as MISGA President has been updated and posted in the Documents section on the MISGA website. As an addition, the updated roster identifies the Presidents' MISGA club and division.

3. Board Actions (2018)

The report provides a list of the Board Actions taken by the Board of Directors during this calendar year. Copy attached

4. Delegation of Responsibility

Paragraph I, 3 of Section VI - Committee Duties - of the MISGA By-laws states: "The History Committee Chair is responsible for posting the MISGAGrams to the MISGA Archives."

First - MISGAGrams are posted in the MISGAGram section on the MISGA website, not in the Archives section. Second - normally, it is the Committee Chairman who is responsible for having his documents posted on the MISGA website. The Webmaster performs the actual posting duty. Hence, I recommend the MISGAGram Editor be delegated the responsibility of requesting the Webmaster to post MISGAGrams in the MISGAGram section.

1976-1981 - No divisions
1982-1995 - 4 divisions
1996-2003 - 5 divisions
2004-2016 - 6 divisions

2017 - 5 divisions

2018 - 4 divisions

5. History of MISGA's Divisions (1976-2018)

From 1982-2003, the current Division VI was numbered as Division III. When MISGA increased from five to six divisions in 2004, Division III was renumbered as Division VI. Currently, MISGA has been reduced to only four Divisions. They are numbered I, II, IV & VI. Because one division deactivated from MISGA (V) and two divisions (I & III) combined into one division (I), numbers III & V have been declared inactive.

Hence, I recommend the remaining four divisions be numbered I, II, III & IV. This could be accomplished by returning Division VI to its original number - III. The other three divisions would not have to be renumbered.

History of Board Actions - 2018

A. General Administration

1. Revisions to the MISGA Constitution:

a. The motion to remove the word "voting" from Article V, A - Amendments - was approved.

(BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

b. The motion to remove the word "golf" from Article III, B - Associates - was rejected. If approved this would allow social members of a MISGA club to join and play in MISGA golfing events. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

2. Revisions to the MISGA By-laws:

a. The motion to remove the word "voting" from Section XIII - Amendments - was approved.

(BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

b. The motion to add two paragraphs to Section IV, E - Treasurer - was approved. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

* The Treasurer shall annually prepare the IRS Form 990N-EZ. This form is due in March of each year, following the end of the last calendar year.

* The Treasurer shall annually prepare the State of Maryland Personal Property Return. This form is due by April 15 each year, following the end of the last calendar year.

c. To provide terminology consistency between the MISGA's Constitution and By-laws, the motion to change the divisional leadership titles to Division Director and Assistant Division Director was approved. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

d. With the withdrawal of Division V from MISGA and only 6 clubs remaining in Division I and 4 clubs remaining in Division III, the motion to merge the remaining 10 clubs into Division I was approved. Divisions III & V are to be categorized as "inactive" in Section IX, A of the MISGA By-laws. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

3. With the merger of Division III into Division I, Malcolm Peterson (Prospect Bay) assumed the position of Division Director and Bob Hodges (Wild Quail) assumed the position of Assistant Division Director. (Joint BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/18)

B. Admission/Withdrawal of Clubs

1. Admissions:

Division II - Eagle's Nest

2. Withdrawals:

Division I - Cripple Creek, Rookery North, Bear Trap Dunes

Division II - West Winds

Division VI - Bowie

C. Financial

During the December 7, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting, Vice President Greg Morris expressed concern about the cost of the MISGA insurance policy - \$3,600 per annum. Membership Chairman Carl Lazar volunteered to investigate the reasonability of the cost with his son, who is an administrator in the insurance industry. They determined that MISGA was not being overcharged. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

D. Tournament Activities

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E. Awards

The following retiring MISGA volunteers were presented recognition and thank you awards for their valuable and much appreciated years of service to MISGA. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

Jim Wilcox (Immediate Past President) - Commemorative Clock

John Babyak (Secretary) - Commemorative Paperweight

Bob Brewer (Policy & Planning Chairman) - Commemorative Paperweight

Byron Keadle (Historian) - Commemorative Paperweight

Ed Masood (Division Director) - Commemorative Paperweight

Mike Urquhart (Associates Chairman) - Commemorative Paperweight

Membership Report– Carl Lazar

Not Present - Nothing to Report as presented to the Secretary

MISGGRAM Report - Bob Hodges

Deadline for latest MISGAGRAM is September 20th. Please get obits to him for publication.

PP AD HOC Committee Report – Tom Tarpley

The committee continues to evaluate MISGA members who provide outstanding service to our organization. Awards are presented in a timely manner. Nothing further to report at this time.

Rules and Handicap – Wayne Rowland

Wayne met with the reps from the USGA to discuss and learn about the new rules pending for 2019. He has proposed to the board that he arrange a presentation by the USGA rules committee to come and brief our MISGA organization at Prospect Bay Country Club in April. The USGA would like to know if PBCC can accommodate 200-300 members of the Maryland State Golf Association for a separate briefing prior to the MISGA Annual Meeting. More to be discussed at the December meeting with further details if available.

MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report - Lloyd Stimson

1. 2018 Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournament

On Thursday, August 9, the 2018 MISGA Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournament was hosted, by Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, MD. There were 101 finalists. Playing time ranged from “first in” at 4 hours, 30 minutes and “last in” at 5 hours, 25 minutes. The Gross Grand Champion was **Doug Wilson** (Hobbit's Glen - Div. IV) and the Net Grand Champion was **Jerry McVeigh** (Univ. of MD - Div. VI). A complete and detailed report with photos is posted on the MISGA website - <http://www.misga.org/tournaments.htm>

2. 2018 2-Man Team Championship Tournament

Because of extreme adverse weather and course playing conditions at Norbeck CC, the 2-Man Team tournament was forced into postponement from Thursday, August 2 to Thursday, September 20.

On the day before the tournament, the course had been deluged by a very heavy rain storm. Hence, it would have been “cart path only” during play. Then, on play day, the course was whacked by rain & lightning fusillades. However, on the afternoon before the play date and with knowledge of the weather forecast, the MISGA tournament leadership team and NCC's golf and course management team wisely agreed to postpone the tournament to the previously established rain date. Immediately, members of the Board of Directors and the Division Tournament Chairmen were notified by an e-mail announcement.

3. 2019 MISGA Tournament Chairman

MISGA had a volunteer but he withdrew his name. The organization is looking for a new Tournament chair. If any club knows of someone please let Greg Morris know.

WEBMASTER – Jake Jacobi

Jake Jacobi replaced Errol Myers who resigned his webmaster position this year.

Policy and Planning – Jeff Hild

The Policy and Planning Committee has been asked to take a look at the succession portions of the MISGA Constitution and Bylaws and recommend a plan to update the process by making the succession rules easier to understand and to reflect the continuing evolution of MISGA. Jeff provided all members with three files: "Succession Planning Constitution") with the appropriate sections of the MISGA constitution that apply to succession planning along with some comments regarding the passages. Also a word file ("Succession Planning Bylaws") with the appropriate sections of the MISGA Bylaws that apply to succession planning along with some comments regarding those passages. An a third file ("MISGA Succession Planning Options") that lays out some of the options that have been proposed by Board members for consideration.

These documents provided the background and foundation for a lively discussion about the future of MISGA organization, its by-laws and succession planning and voting for the board members. It was proposed and everyone agreed that Jeff Hild prepare and submit a proposal to all members for adopting and voting at the December 10th meeting. All board members are encouraged to send Jeff their input to be included in his proposal for presentation at the December meeting with a final vote coming from the general membership meeting in February.

New Business

Wayne Rowland delivered a presentation about Golf Genius and how that software tool could help improve MISGA organization and each individual club. He discussed continuity of software support. Cost effectiveness, if MISGA adopts this software planning tool, on average with the current MISGA membership – the software averages about \$1.50 per member. The other part of the discussion centered around the other planning and scheduling tool currently being used by several clubs. This was developed by a MISGA member and is maintained by the same member. Wayne will explore several options and come prepared to make a recommendation to the board at the December meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 530 pm.