

MISGA BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2020

Montgomery Country Club

MEETING NOTES

ATTENDEES: Gary Gafke, Jeff Hild, Bob Hodges, Gary Manion, Greg Morris, Wayne Rowland, Pete Sorge, Lloyd Stimson, Tom Tarpley,

OPENING REMARKS – JEFF HILD

1. Jake's Story - Jake is home from the hospital, he had surgery on January 31 and is recovering from home. He is feeling a whole lot better and his doctor has assured him that he will be able to play golf sometime this year. He is still doing his website duties, so if you have anything for the website, send it along to him.
2. Cost Savings Proposal to Save on the Website - Jake and Tom Rowlett will be working on it. Tom Rowlett's package that he uses for the signup system has a capability to host a robust website. If we migrate things to Tom's host, we can systematically renovate the current website. Savings would occur with this consolidation.
3. Make sure all of the MISGA Website information is up to date.
4. Go over the remaining Events for 2020 - March 31 for the club representatives meeting @ Prospect Bay, September meeting is still not scheduled (no Liberty Mountain), December 16 (tentative) @ Crofton. The Manor XMAS party will be on December 8.
5. Wayne Rowland sent an email on club handicap system compliance with the World Handicap System. It seems that all of the club handicap systems are in compliance except Bay Hills who is working on the problem.
6. The USGA and The R&A have issued the Distance Insights Report, which provides comprehensive research and analysis on the contributors to, and long-term impacts of, hitting distance in golf.

After extensive stakeholder research, the report features more than 100 years of data. It is accompanied by a 15-page conclusions paper from the governing bodies that summarizes their perspectives on the long-term implications for the sport.

The reports and library have been publicly released and can be found at usga.org/distanceinsights.

Key findings of the project include:

- There is a 100-year trend of hitting distance increases in golf, as well as a corresponding increase in the length of golf courses, across the game globally **The USGA and The R&A believe this continuing cycle is detrimental to the game's long-term future.**
- The inherent strategic challenge presented by many golf courses can be compromised, especially when those courses have not or cannot become long enough to keep up with

increases in the hitting distances of the golfers who play from their longest tees. This can lead to a risk of many courses becoming less challenging, or obsolete.

- Increased hitting distance can begin to undermine the core principle that the challenge of golf is about needing to demonstrate a broad range of skills to be successful.
- If courses continue to lengthen, it is at odds with growing societal concerns about the use of water, chemicals, and other resources
- Longer distances and courses, longer tees and longer times to play are taking golf in the wrong direction and are not necessary for a challenging, enjoyable and sustainable game.
- A concern has been identified that many recreational golfers are playing from longer tees than is necessary relative to their hitting distances, and, in particular that the forward tees on many golf courses are very long for many of the golfers who play from them.

No solutions have been determined as yet. The USGA and The R&A will now enter the next phase of their work by assessing potential solutions that can help end the cycle of increased distance.

VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS – WAYNE ROWLAND

Wayne will send all of the division directors and assistants a form simplifying the MISGA club dues and associates dues process. In a future meeting, we may discuss the elimination of the Associates Chair.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CHRIS PARISEAU - (not present)

1. Approved December 3rd Minutes as submitted by Chris Pariseau.

TREASURER'S REPORT – GARY MANION

1. Treasurer's Report attached.
2. The 2020 budget was revised and approved by the board. The next step is to present the budget to the club representatives at the March 31 meeting at Prospect Bay.

DIVISION REPORTS

DIVISION I – BOB HODGES

1. We need the 2020 annual report from Division I - Mal is working on it.
2. Bob has not yet convinced anyone to be the Assistant Division Director yet.

DIVISION II – JEFF HILD

1. Musket Ridge has picked up a number of former Quail Valley members.

DIVISION IV – WAYNE ROWLAND

1. Wayne has not yet convinced anyone to be the Assistant Division Director. Anyone who does not show up at the March division IV meeting is likely to be named the assistant.
2. Argyle has dropped out of MISGA (again).
3. Norbeck MISGA membership will decline significantly this year (from 100 to maybe 35) because the senior golf association is not automatically charging all senior members at Norbeck for MISGA membership.

DIVISION VI – GARY KRAMER (not present)

1. No significant changes to last year.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

ASSOCIATES – JIM WILCOX - no report

AUDIT – ERROL MYERS - no report

COUNSEL – JIM EWALT - no report

EVENTS – PETE SORGE

1. See the December MISGAGRAM for a report on the Winter Frolic.
2. Three places in consideration for the 2020 Fall Frolic which may be held at Jekyll Island, Fripp Island or Seabrook probably the last week of October.

HISTORIAN – LLOYD STIMSON

1. The Historian's Report is attached.

MEMBERSHIP – CARL LAZAR - no report

MISGAGRAM – BOB HODGES

1. MISGAGRAM articles are due by March 15.

PP AD HOC – TOM TARPLEY

1. Two Green Jackets were awarded at the 2020 Manor Christmas Luncheon - Gary Manion and Tom Rowlett. Congratulations!

RULES & HANDICAP – WAYNE ROWLAND

1. Continuing discussion on World Handicap System. For more detail, check with the USGA website for frequently asked questions.
2. Wayne pointed out prior to 2020, the USGA Handicap System was described as the information and instruction of the system. For 2020, the World Handicap System is Referred to as "The Rules of Handicapping."
3. Wayne has been involved with the USGA in the refinement of the current rules.
4. Everyone should get a copy of new Handicap Rules. See the USGA website.
5. The basis for calculating the Playing Conditions Calculation is now par plus your handicap is your expected score.

6. USGA places a lot more emphasis on the club handicap committees. Handicap Committees should conduct a review of every players' handicap index annually. A handicap committee may be conducted at the request of the player or another player at any time.
7. The Rules of Handicapping now describes the concept of the "most likely score."

TOURNAMENTS – GREG MORRIS

1. Dates and announcements are on the MISGA website.
2. Discussion about what to do with handicaps for the state events now that the World Handicap System rules have raised the maximum handicap to 54.0. The committee for the event can still set the limit for maximum handicaps at 36.0 as long as they convey that information to all of the entrants before the event.
3. Wayne will write an article to lay out the new handicap system.
4. Stim and Greg Morris will have the handicap calculation methodology for the state tournaments printed in the announcements for the tournaments.
5. State tournaments will start earlier in the day to get people out earlier. Also, food will be cut back and the entry fees will be reduced.

WEB – JAKE JACOBI - see attachment

POLICY & PLANNING – JEFF HILD - no report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bay Hills Handicap System is not currently compatible with the World Handicap System. They are working on this and hope to be fully integrated by June 30. Everyone should know that the Bay Hills handicaps will not be calculated through the new handicap system until then. Until Bay Hills straightens this out, we will accept the calculation of the Bay Hills index under their old system.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENTS



MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Montgomery Country Club - Laytonsville, MD

Thursday - February 13, 2020



MISGA History Chairman's Report

After the *2020 Board of Directors* leadership roster has been finalized (*i.e., MISGA President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Division Directors, Assistant Division Directors and Committee Chairs*), the history document ***Roster of MISGA's Board Members (1976-2020)*** will be updated and posted on the MISGA website.

The other history documents have been updated and posted on the MISGA website: (1) ***Roster of MISGA's Presidents (1976-2020)***, (2) ***MISGA Board Actions-2019*** and (3) ***MISGA Board Actions-Cumulative (1983-2019)***.

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Lloyd Stimson
MISGA History Chairman (MHC)



Webmaster's Report
Jake Jacobi
13 February 2020

Significant Activities Since December 2019:

- Posted the following documents:
 - Updated version of the History of the MISGA Green Jacket Award honoring Tom Rowlett and Gary Manion;
 - Updated version of the Honor Roll of Past Presidents.
 - Updated version of the MISGA Board Actions (as of December 31, 2019).
 - Updated version of the MISGA Board Actions Cumulative (1983-2019);
 - Minutes of the MISGA Board Meeting, December 3, 2019 at Crofton Country Club.
 - Advance Information for the 2020 MISGA Spring Fling at Williamsburg, VA.
 - Flyer and Entry Form for the 2020 MISGA Spring Fling at Williamsburg, VA.
 - MISGAGram, Volume 141, December 2019.
- Updated the club pages for Timbers at Troy, Blue Mash, Montgomery Country Club, Manor, Kenwood, Bretton Woods and Leisure World.

Recommendations:

- Recommend updating or removing those documents whose content has been made obsolete by the introduction of the World Handicap System.
- Recommend purging, to the greatest extent possible, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of folks whose personal information appears on the MISGA Web Site. This is recommended to provide some measure of privacy protection. Keep in mind, this is irreversible. If the Board decides to authorize this action, Jake will generate a contact list that can be distributed to those who need this information.
- Recommend adding a link to the MISGA Home Page to promote and support as required Tom Rowlett's Sign-Up system. Jake will work with Tom Rowlett and others to post the appropriate documents and links.
- Recommend working with Tom Rowlett to determine if MISGA can reduce its annual web expenses by combining the two Internet Hosting accounts (1) MISGA.ORG and (2) the MISGA-SignUp.ORG in to one account.
- This is a suggestion to clubs that use Tom Rowlett's signup system: Add a link near the top of their club web page so a user can access their club's signup system from their MISGA club page.

Security:

The MISGA web site is subjected to a security scan on a weekly basis. No security issues were detected.



Tom Rowlett

- He began playing golf in MISGA at Glade Valley in 2004.
- Joined VFW Golf Club, Frederick, MD, in 2007 where, after one year, he became the MISGA Rep.
- Tom worked with Musket Ridge to have the club become a MISGA Club.
- Tom became the first Musket Ridge MISGA Rep.
- In 2014 Tom became the Division II Deputy Director, followed by Director
- In 2016 he was MISGA President.

Tom has been able to apply his computer expertise for the betterment of MISGA.

This was the birth of the automated scheduling and signup system that is currently used by 19 MISGA clubs to support MISGA Club's Reps. saving them hours of work. Tom's efforts have made online MISGA Club schedules a reality where a MISGA Club Member may see their clubs' schedule on any computing device with an Internet connection.



Gary Manion has served MISGA as:

Club Rep at Norbeck CC

Division IV Director

Audit Chairperson

Tournament Consultant for Norbeck

Treasurer: He has implemented Changes that will save Money for our organization and provide stability for the same with operating expenses being less.

The above were selected for and presented with Green Jackets at the Manor Luncheon in December 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Tarpley, Chair. PPADHOC