

MISGA BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2021
Teleconference (10:00am - 11:25am)

(updated - 2/20/21)

Attendees: Wayne Rowland (*MP & DD4*), Chuck Woods (*MVP & DD6*), Jim Ewalt (*Counsel*), Gary Gafke (*ADD2*), Jeff Hild (*Planning & Policy & DD2*), Bob Hodges (*MISGAGRAM & DD1*), Jake Jacobi (*Webmaster*), Gary Manion (*Treasurer*), Greg Morris (*Tournaments & ADD6*) Errol Myers (*Audit*), Pete Sorge (*Events*), Lloyd Stimson (*Historian*), Tom Tarpley (*PP Ad Hoc*), Jim Wilcox (*Associates*) Absent: Carl Lazar (*Club Membership*), Mike Olson (*ADD1*),

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report (Wayne Rowland) - Reported that many associates who are members at public golf courses are not renewing their 2021 MISGA memberships. The reason given was the exorbitant fee their clubs are requiring them to pay to play in a mixer. Some have switched their membership to other clubs.

The USGA and MSGA have switched their automated handicap posting system from GolfNet to GHIN. Individual clubs must acquire the package.

Vice President's Report (Chuck Woods) - Reported that MISGA's clubs are still adjusting their requirements for play because of the continuation of the Covid-19 epidemic.

Secretary's Report (Vacant) - MP Wayne Rowland conducted a vote to approve the "MISGA BoD Meeting Minutes" from the December 15, 2020 teleconference. The minutes were approved unanimously. Rowland reported that a transcript of today's BoD Teleconference will be forwarded to the Board members.

Treasurer's Report (Gary Manion) - Provided an in-depth report and thorough explanation of the four documents associated with the 2021 MISGA Budget: (1) Income Statement for 2020, (2) Income Statement - Proposed Budget for 2021, (3) Income Comparisons - 2021 Proposed Budget to 2020 Actual and 2021 Proposed Budget to 2020 Budget and (4) Comparative Balances - 2020 Actual to 2021 Proposed Budget & 2020 Actual to 2021 Proposed Budget. The BoD voting members approved the 2021 MISGA Budget unanimously.

DIVISION DIRECTORS REPORTS

Division 1 (Bob Hodges) - All D1 mixer schedules have been completed. D1 club reps have modified the division's procedure for completing and submitting the *Club Annual Report*. It avoids passing one file about the division. Some D1 associates have expressed less than joy over the USGA's implementation of the GHIN system.

Division 2 (Jeff Hild) - All the D2 clubs, with the exception of Westminster National, are in the process of establishing their 2021 golfing schedules. A couple of clubs have pushed back their starting date to May.

Division 4 (Wayne Rowland) - All the D4 clubs have or are in the process of establishing their 2021 golfing schedules. Blue Mash's schedule does not include home mixers. Kenwood is not permitting "guests" to play on its course.

Division 6 (Chuck Woods) - Most of the D6 clubs, with the exception of the Naval Academy, are in the processing of establishing their 2021 golfing schedules. Timbers of Troy has withdrawn from MISGA.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Associates (Jim Wilcox) - Reported there will no activity until division reports are submitted. It was announced that tutorials for the completion and submission of the "Annual Reports" (*Club, Division & MISGA*) have been posted on the MISGA website. Wilcox announced his plan to retire at the conclusion of the 2021 season.

Audit (Errol Myers) - Reported that because of the Covid-19 epidemic, the MISGA 2020 golfing season was a washout and only one audit was conducted - the January 2020 Winter Fling at the Crystal River Plantation in Florida. The Fling received an audit grade of "A". Myers announced his plan to retire at the conclusion of the 2021 season.

Club Membership (Carl Lazar) - Lazar submitted a written report stating that Timbers at Troy has withdrawn from MISGA. It was a money thing with Timber's management. Bay Hills acquired some of the members, not sure where the balance went to.

Counsel (Jim Ewalt) - All A-OK. Ewalt reminded that MISGA and its clubs must remain diligent in complying with all Covid-19 rules and instructions governing gatherings.

Events (Pete Sorge) - Reported that all the 2020 spring, summer & fall Flings & Frolics were cancelled. Because of the unknowns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board voted to cancel all plans for any of the events during the 2021 season. Sorge was instructed to undertake planning for the 2022 season.

Historian (Lloyd Stimson) - Submitted a written report stating that the four documents related to the "history of MISGA" have been up-dated and posted on the MISGA website - (1) MISGA Board Actions-2020, (2) MISGA Board Actions-Cumulative (1983-2020), (3) Roster of MISGA's Board Members (1976-2021) and (4) Roster of MISGA's Presidents (1976-2021).

MISGAGRAM (Bob Hodges) - Hodges reported there will be a March issue of the MISGAGRAM towards the end of the month. Contributors should submit their articles by the middle of March.

PP Ad Hoc (Tom Tarpley) - Requested that Board members submit to him the names of three MISGA associates who they deem suitable for the awarding of a MISGA "Green Jacket" or a special MISGA award.

Policy & Planning (Jeff Hild) - Hild reported that except for the establishment of the new GHIN handicap system there are no new issues.

Rules & Handicap (Wayne Rowland) - Rowland reported that one problem that has resulted with the new GHIN system is that a small number of associates have two password codes. This problem is being resolved via communication with the associate, his club and USGA.

Tournaments (Greg Morris) - Morris reported that planning for the two MISGA Championship Tournaments (2-Player Team & Past Presidents) continues. Info "flyers" (MISGA website) and "posters" (club bulletin boards) for the two tournaments are in their developmental stages.

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

Issues related to entry fee, starting times, meals (*continental breakfast & buffet*), post golf scoring speed, Covid-19 socializing restrictions, vaccination requirements are being resolved.

Webmaster (Jake Jacobi) - Submitted a written report that listed the documents that have been up-dated and posted on the MISGA website: (1) club pages (*Blue Mash, National at Tantallon, Leisure World, Norbeck, Timbers at Troy, Eagle's Nest, Challedon, and Chester River*); (2) Board Minutes (*BoD Meeting 2/13/20 & Teleconference 12/15/20*); (3) tutorials (*Annual Reports - Club, Division & MISGA*); (4) MISGAGRAM (*December 2020 issue*) and (5) History (*MISGA Board Actions - 2020, MISGA Board Actions-Cumulative {1976-2020}, Roster of MISGA's Board Members & Roster of MISGA's Presidents*).

OLD BUSINESS

None

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1. **Annual Club Reps Meeting** - Because of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions it was acknowledged that a normal full attendance meeting with club reps, divisional leadership staffs and the Board of Directors cannot be held. Hence, MP Rowland recommended that division level teleconferences be held. Rowland requested that Division Directors begin making plans for the conduct of a Division Teleconference. MISGA level reports will be prepared by MISGA's officers and Chairs for distribution to Division staff personnel and club representatives.
2. **Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN)** - is a service offered by the USGA to golf associations worldwide. GHIN is one of the largest handicap management tools in the world, serving more than 2.3 million golfers and 15,000 golf clubs. Its services include the USGA Admin Portal for golfer management, score posting products for golfers and USGA Tournament Management.

MISGA's member clubs will be required to enroll and offer the GHIN service to its members. It is compatible with Golf Genius. In conjunction,

GHIN and *Golf Genius* will make it easier and quicker to prepare mixer scorecards, scoring and posting results.

The teleconference adjourned at approximately 11:25am.