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Attendees: Wayne Rowland, Chuck Woods, John Babyak, Michael Olson, Pete Sorge, Lloyd Stimson, Eric Branfman, Tom Tarpley, Greg Morris, and Paul Bate.

President - Wayne Rowland – Wayne said that this would be his last Board meeting as President. We will be electing a new President and Vice President at this meeting. It was an interesting year for MISGA.. We were able to share carts and we were able to have shotgun starts. In 2022 we will still have COVID so we will have to see what happens. Wayne was worried that MISGA might fold because of the pandemic. We have lost two clubs, Timbers at Troy and Fountain Head. Northwest conducted one home mixer. Manor is out for 2022. This will be their 100th anniversary and their senior group decided to not join MISGA this year. Eagles Nest lost their club rep but they still want to participate. Wayne thinks that 2022 will be a really good year. Costs are going to go up. Food costs have really gone up. He appreciates all of the work that members of the Board put in.

Vice-President - Chuck Woods – He said that in order to do a three entrée lunch he has had to raise the price of a mixer by \$5 to \$50. A comment was made that compared to other events that charge 100-150 MISGA is still a good deal.

Division Reports

Div I – Michael Olson said that everyone had been given a Div I report so he wasn't going to read it. He had two things to add. The first was with Garrisons Lake and Hog Neck getting local government to come up with big bucks to improve the courses. They put up 2 million dollars to fix the irrigation system on that course. At Garrisons, it has improved dramatically with improvements in traps and cart paths. It happened because leadership lobbied the local government group and said the improvements would lead to more revenue . We had one member ask if the division would subsidize players in the State tournaments. The Division decided to pay half of the fee. In the previous 5 years no one from Hog Neck played an event. After the subsidy, they had six players. This year the 2-player will be at Montgomery C.C. Crofton will do the ABCD. According to the National Golf Foundation, the average cost of golf in2021, without the cart fee, was \$62. There was a lot of discussion about the costs of food and the costs of golf in the coming year.

Div II – Jeff Hild said that the Division had not had a meeting. They will meet next week. He will send a report to the Board members after they meet.

Div IV – Wayne Rowland – We dropped Manor for the year so the division is down to seven clubs. Manor is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year and they have a lot of events planned. Their senior group decided to not participate in MISGA this year. They only did three events each year. They invited only Div IV clubs and never invited any public courses. Wayne uses Golf Genius and he can set up all

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Of his dates, send it out to all of the reps and the first 80 people that sign up get to play. He would love for MISGA to do the same thing.

Div VI – Chuck Woods said that they are the most populous group in MISGA with 716 associates. Most clubs in the Division expect to have the same numbers next year. We have had conversations with some of the clubs about pricing. Chartwell was getting toward the high end of pricing and they wondered if they need all of that hot food. They are going to back down to burgers and chicken sandwiches and a sundae bar, Crab soup is still in the air, it is one of their highlights. They are hoping to get the MISGA price in the 50-55 dollar range by doing that. They voted at Crofton and they decided to keep the hot food and go to \$50. There is new ownership at his club with a lot of plans for improvement. It remains to be seen if they will put in the money to make the improvements. They did bring in a greenskeeper from Chevy Chase and they made significant improvements to the fairways. We will see what happens. Compass Point has entered into an agreement to have one event at the new Eisenhower course. Chuck said that he just did his 2022 schedule on Tom Rowlett's system. That's 135 events. He scheduled everything through Tom's system and he runs everything through Golf Genius. There was a lot of discussion about the functions and usability provided by Golf Genius.

Committee Reports.

Associates – Jake Jacobi sent out his associates report. He did a spreadsheet report for the Division Directors. Next year he will have that report loaded on the website. There was some discussion about the clubs that are in, out or inactive in MISGA.

Events – Pete Sorge – We don't have any events scheduled for 2022. Hopefully we will be able to schedule events for next year and COVID won't impact us. Hopefully we will be able to schedule some of our normal places, Seabrook or Fripp Island. We will also consider Sea Trail if he can get a good price. There was a question about how many people go to these events. Pete said that he has had as many as 140 people. When he started, MISGA had almost 5000 members. Someone asked if Pete could now get 80 people to an event. Pete said no, people don't want to spend the money. The events are going to cost more money. The trips include breakfast and dinner every day. Cocktail hours etc. Pete said that he just can't get the participation anymore.

Historian – 10:48 Tom Tarpley suggested that we go around the room and have each of the Board members introduce themselves. There was a discussion of the matrix that was used to ensure that clubs played all other clubs. That was abandoned about ten years ago. Lloyd had distributed a report. The following items are up to date on the website: Roster of Board members, Board actions and a roster of past Board members.

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Misgagram – Bob Hodges was not present at the meeting but he wants info for the MISGAGRAM by the following week.

Membership – Carl was not at the meeting but said that there were only two clubs that dropped out of MISGA this year. There was a question about whether we would have the 2022 Christmas Party at Manor. The answer was that we would. There was talk of making this a MISGA Holiday Party. For the last four years we have held the cost of this party to \$55 per person because Division IV has subsidized the individual cost by \$10.

PP AD HOC – Tom said that they gave out two green jackets at the party. One to Jeff Hild and the other to Jake Jacobi.

Rules & Handicaps -The USGA has made a change to the rules for amateur status. The \$1000 limit has to be only for a tee-to-hole event. A hole-in-one award is excepted.

Tournaments – In 2021 we had 100 players in the ABCD and were over the limit for the two-man at 106. This year we will have the Two-man at Montgomery CC and the ABCD will be at Crofton. The cost at Montgomery will be \$100. There was a discussion about how to process checks for the event.

Web – Everything on the web has been updated and is now correct.

New Business – For years we have held the Spring reps meeting at Prospect bay but they have now asked that they not be used for that meeting. We have to look for a new location. There was a question about the purchase of Microsoft Office for use by the division.

Elections – Chuck Woods was nominated. There were no other nominations. Chuck was elected. Tom Ciandella, the MISGA Rep from prospect Bay was elected as Vice-President.

Next Meeting – No date was set for the next meeting.