

Attendees: Chuck Woods, Tom Ciandella, John Babyak, Gary Manion, Mike Olson, Paul Bate, Eric Branfman, Greg Morris, Pete Sorge, Lloyd Stimson, Carl Lazar, Bob Hodges, Tom Tarpley, Wayne Rowland, Jack Sullivan, Jack and George.

President - Chuck Woods started the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. He asked if anyone had any changes or corrections to the minutes of the previous board meeting. There were none. He then had Gary Manion on an Internet connection to discuss 2022 finances and the 2023 budget. The day before this meeting I told Chuck that because I lost a lot of my ability to hear on-line meetings, I would not continue as secretary of MISGA. Chuck said that we were not planning to do any more on-meetings so I decided that I would continue as secretary. But because Gary's presentation was via the Internet, I was not able to hear parts of his presentation. So, after the meeting I told Tom Ciandella that would have to quit as secretary. It was not a choice, I just could no longer do the job

Treasurer - Gary Manion went over the 2022 finances and the proposed 2023 budget. Handouts were given out at the beginning of the meeting so everyone could follow Gary's comments. Gary went over the 2022 expenses and compared them to the budgeted items. He then turned his attention to the proposed budget for 2023. He mentioned that there is a budget committee consisting of the President, the Vice-President, and the Treasurer. Gary was the chairman of that committee. This is the budget that we put together. We are budgeting for 1670 associates for this year. Chartwell is dropping out. We finished last year with thirty-six clubs, and we are budgeting next year for thirty-five. We have \$1750 in associates' dues at \$10 per member and we have \$50 per club in club dues. We have a \$20,000 CD and he has budgeted \$20 in interest on that. Gary feels that the new Treasurer should look at investing that CD. The \$20,000 is made up of two elements, the first, \$15,000, is unrestricted and the interest from that can be used for operations. The second is a restricted endowment given to us by a former member and the interest from that is to go into the State championships. Gary was asked how much money was in the checking account and the savings account. Gary asked that we come back that. There was then some discussion discussed the Division operations payments. He then discussed the remaining line items in the budget. There was some discussion of meeting software and licensing. Gary said that he had the figures that were asked for previously. Gary said we have about \$40,000. We have the CD, 15K and 5K, the checking account has \$15,800 and the savings account has \$1400. Eric Branfman wondered why we couldn't use some of our money to reduce club dues. Tom Tarpley said we should think very carefully before we reduce the dues. The dues were reduced because we no longer had the expense of printing the MISGAGRAM. Much discussion on several topics followed.

Division Reports

Div I – Division I has been a real roller-coaster the last two years in terms of participation recruitment. We have three reps out of seven that were not on board a year ago. Eagle Creek has a number of issues. Their numbers continue to decrease, and they have difficulties keeping a rep in place. They have a couple of events for next year. So, we will see what happens. Prospect Bay has been growing dramatically. Hog Neck has scheduled 42 play dates at 15 courses. Cost is still an issue. Now our mixers cost \$45 to \$65. Overall, Div I is doing fine. Eagle Creek is a problem because of military security.

Div IV – Paul Bate – He said that the Division has seven active clubs. Norbeck, for 2023, only has one mixer scheduled. Another issue that came up is at Blue Mash. The owner required everyone to pre-register in order to play. Someone said that they are always concerned about putting a credit card number in an e-mail. That's about it.

Div VI – Chuck Woods – The Division has had one club, Chartwell, drop out of MISGA. The reason they dropped out is that their members don't like MISGA. The members complain about the course being shut down for the mixers. They will probably never get back into MISGA. Crofton is one of the worst clubs for traveling. They have 103 members and are lucky to get five to travel to an event. The Naval Academy does not do any scheduling of events until January. So that's a scheduling problem. Maryland has issues with food service. Woodmore may not do more than two mixers next year. Crofton is going to raise the cost of mixers from \$50 to \$55.

Committee Reports.

Associates – Jake Jacobi submitted a written report.

Events – We didn't have any events this year. We have started negotiations this year with Seabrook and Jekyll Island. Seabrook has changed their policy and now require a Seabrook member to sponsor you. Pete will try to negotiate with Seabrook. He will also consider Seabrook. He was asked if he had considered the Legends. They do not have a place to have dinner. Jack Sullivan said that the Crystal River event will be February 27 to March 4, 2023. It is a six-day event with golf on four days, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. MISGA members don't want to play four days in a row. The cost is about \$1500 to \$2200.

Historian – Lloyd presented a report that showed which history documents he has updated and posted on the website: (1) MISGA Board Actions – 2022, (2) MISGA Board Actions – Cumulative (1983-2021), MISGA Board Members (1976-2022) and (4) Roster of MISGA Presidents (1976-2022).

Ad Hoc – Tom Tarpley said that he would like to thank everyone for their recommendations on people to get the Green Jacket award. This year, at the Div IV luncheon at Montgomery Country Club, He gave Green Jackets to Greg Morris and Wayne Rowland.

Rules and Handicap – Wayne went over the rule changes for next year

There was a lot of discussion about pace of play.

Tournaments – Last year we had two successful tournaments at Montgomery CC and Crofton CC. We hope to improve on the tournaments this coming year. July 31, Crofton has agreed to repeat hosting the Past Presidents ABCD Tournament. August 21, Holly Hills has tentatively host the 2 Player Tournament. 2022 was a first in both Tournaments as we put various sets of tees into play. There were four sets of tees in the ABCD, ranging from 6002 to 5045 (women's) and for the 2 Player Tournament we had 2 sets of tees ranging from 5,741 and 5,433 for men and 5,433 for women. The overall tournament champions came from the longest set of tees in both tournaments. This turned out to be a successful caveat to the competition and allowed high handicap golfers a better chance at competing for prizes. In the ABCD and 2 Player we paid out 32 places for each tournament, plus closest to the pins. We plan to continue the multi-tee approach in 2023, given this year's success. We are considering a revision of our Tournament guidelines to incorporate the multi-tee concept

Election of New President – Tom Ciandella was announced as the new President of MISGA. There is no new Vice-President at this time.