Dues Increase Approved At 63rd Annual Meeting

Elections, by-law changes, and award presentations featured the MGCSA's 63rd Annual Business Meeting at the Northland Inn.

With President Kerry Glader, St. Cloud Country Club, leading a well-organized session, the MGCSA membership elected Tom Fischer, Edinburgh USA, president; Rick Fredericksen, Woodhill Country Club, vice-president, and Greg Hubbard, Manitou Ridge Golf Course, secretary. Jim Nicol, Bunker Hills, continues as treasurer.

Fischer, who was vice-president during the past year, succeeds Glader, who remains on the Board as an ex-officio member. Glader was praised for his dedication and service to the profession during his second term as president.

Fredericksen last year served as secretary while Hubbard, a director, was membership chairman.

New directors elected were Shane Andrews, Hudson Country Club; Scott Austin, Midland Hills Country Club; Mike Olson, Golden Valley Country Club, and Irwin (Boots) Fuller, Mankato Golf Club.

They join holdover directors John Harris, Lafayette Club, and Joe Moris, Tartan Park. The board now has seven directors instead of six, plus the four officers, following approval of a bylaws change which allowed the addition of one more director.

Associate Board members are Glenn Rasmussen, MTI, and Dan Miller, North Star Turf, Inc.

Other by-law changes involved a “housekeeping change” regarding assessments, a $10 subscription price for Hole Notes, being set as part of a member’s dues, conduct of members, selection of dates for regular and special meetings and the use of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Treasurer Jim Nicol was the focal point of a discussion regarding the dues increase, which added $40 across the board for every membership classification.

His calm, deliberate presentation of the association’s financial history and the reasons for the dues increase plus his direct responses to various questions led to a resounding voice vote approving the increase.

Service award recipients announced at the Annual Meeting were Irv Novak, Brooktree Golf Course, Owatonna (30 years), and Don Herfort, Don Herfort, Inc. (25 years). Novak was in attendance to receive his plaque.

Verbally presenting reports were President Glader, Treasurer Nicol, Membership Chairman Hubbard, Education and Conference Committee Chairman Kevin Clunis and Research Committee Chairman Fischer. Other reports, printed in the Annual Meeting booklet, came from the Nominating, Arrangements, Editorial and Scholarship Committees. A list of honorary members presented by Hubbard also was approved.

PROPOSALS for changes in the MGCSA bylaws are presented by Chairman John Harris.

Prize Winners

Six attendees at the 1990 MGCSA Conference went home with a few more dollars than they expected.

Winning the $250 gift certificates at the 63rd annual business meeting were Dick Grundstrom, Indian Hills Golf Club, Stillwater, and Dick DeSplinter, New Hope Village Golf Course. They were the lucky ones at the drawing conducted after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

Four other superintendents won $50 “winter survey prizes.” Everyone who responded to this survey had his name placed in a drawing. The winners were Scott Hoffmann, Madden Inn & Golf Course, Brainerd; Don Egeb erg, Clifton Hollow Golf Club, River Falls, Wisc.; Kevin Shockman, Dahlglen Golf Club, Chaska, and Richard Kolter, Westfield Golf Club, Winona.

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KEITH SCOTT, chairman of the Nominating Committee, conducts balloting.

ADDRESSING A QUESTION during the Annual Meeting is Dennis Owen, Terrace View Golf Club, Mankato.