



Musing the Minutes

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Executive Director

The April 25 Board Meeting was called to order 8:00 a.m. at North Links Golf Course. Board members attending included Rob Panuska, James Bade, Paul Eckholm, CGCS, Brad Zimmerman, David Oberle, Paul Diegnau, CGCS, Eric Peters, James Gardner, CGCS, Rick Fredericksen, CGCS and Scott Turtinen.

Dues continually arrive at the MGCSA office. The association will have no problem meeting budget. Expenses also are running as budgeted.

Rob Panuska reported that the Turfgrass Forum, co-sponsored by the Minnesota Golf Association, will take place on May 6 at Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul.

The University of Minnesota is enrolling the MGCSA into the U of M Trustee Society. A certificate will be presented at the upcoming Research Scramble.

Nineteen clubs are participating in the 19th Annual MGCSA Turfgrass Research Benefit Week held June 6-10.

The new Membership Roster will be mailed to the membership in late May.

The regular membership stands at 622 as of this printing -- 76 members from 2004 have not paid dues for this year. The Affiliate membership totals 151 -- 15 affiliates from 2004 have not yet paid 2005 dues.

The current bylaw changes were handed out and will be available for vote at the 2006 Annual Meeting is set for Thursday, January 7 at 1:00 p.m. The Past Presidents Luncheon will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Candidates for 2006 directorships are Scottie Hines, Tom Proshok, Jeff Vinkemeier and Tom Meier. A notice will go in *Hole Notes* asking if any other members would also like to serve on the Board of Directors of the MGCSA.

James Gardner, CGCS would like the MGCSA to produce a booklet that would include contacts, phone numbers and e-mails for human resource items.

A bill is sitting in committee about reporting of application of pesticides. Another bill states the non-reporting of applying pesticides. First bill began with the farmers reporting. If they do everyone would have to. Both bills are currently in committee.

Fore Golf Show now has a MGCSA banner ad on its website at www.foreminnesota.com.

A Research Committee meeting was held on April 8.

Horgan gave an update on the U of M. The University wants to combine some colleges together. The University is talking about this but nothing is official. The endowment fund is spendable money. It is earning more interest than the stocks and money market it use to be in. Horgan controls the fund and Bev Derkin signs off on any projects. Guarantee is 5% interest.

Dr. Brian Horgan received 60 responses about his survey on turf damage. Horgan would like to get clubs to help with field research. Clubs would send in weather data for the time period that a disease came up. Horgan would compile it. Horgan hired a research assistant for the maintenance of the turf plots.

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come back to the MGCSA office
due to a "full mailbox."*

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