By MATT McKINNON, MGCSA Secretary

The MGCSA Board of Directors met on June 19 at Somerset Country Club.

Paul Eckholm, CGCS reported that the expenses for the association are below what was budgeted. Paul also reported that there is a CD that is going to mature and he would like to look at other opportunities to help this money get a better return for the association. Scott and Paul will look into it.

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President James Bade reported that Paul Diegnau has done a great job in setting up the speakers and seminars for the upcoming Green Expo. James also reported that the MGCSA has purchased a rain shelter and is loaning it to the U of M for research in the field.

Eric Peters reported that there were 32 teams for the Scholarship scramble. MGCSA took in $3,000 to $4,000.

Eckholm mentioned that the MGCSA website has links to everything in the Environmental Report from the association.

I hope everyone is surviving the hot, dry season that 2006 has brought us. I think the last two years we were asking for a warmer spring but not a drought to go along with it. Fall will be here before we know it.