



# Musing the Minutes

By MATT McKINNON, MGCSA Secretary

The MGCSA Board of Directors met on April 27 at Midland Hills C.C. The Board met after the MGA had its 2006 Turfgrass forum with Bob Vavrek and Dr. Brian Horgan.

**Executive Director Scott Turtinen** reported that 85 Regular members and 16 Affiliates did not renew membership for 2006. Last year there were 69 members and 13 Affiliates who failed to renew membership. This year the sponsorship is down with an income of \$9,000 plus the Tiziani donation of \$4,000. Last year we had \$16,400, which makes us \$7,000 down from last year. Tee sponsorship is also down. This year we have only eight sponsors compared to 12 last year. Club and individual donations are down about \$500 this year. The turf tourney has 22 clubs and 56 tee times. Turtinen is going to be

added to the Club Managers Association and the President George Carroll; General Manager of Interlachen Country Club will be added to our Association so we can exchange information.

**Tom Proshek reported** that Tiziani had donated 40 carts for the Championship scheduled for Windsong Farms this year. Vendor Appreciation day is going to be held at Heritage Links this year.

**Paul Diegnau, CGCS reported** that the Department of Labor meeting in March went well. During the meeting they generated job descriptions for each age group. By now everyone should have received these documents.

**Dan Brown reported** that they have been looking for a place to hold our Appreciation night during the Golf Industry Show in Anaheim, Calif. this

year. Most places want around \$6,000 for the room and food. Dan Brown and Jeff Hartman will continue their search

**Paul Eckholm, CGCS reported** he had met with Joe Spitzmueller from the Department of Agriculture. The two topics of discussion were inspection of golf courses and record keeping for pesticide applications. We are not required to keep records unless it is a restricted use pesticide. As far as inspections there are more inspectors now due to the fact that there are more facilities. Inspectors are looking for big violations and not little ones.

**Rick Traver, CGCS reported** the MGCSA is giving the U of M \$10,000 for support of the TROE center and \$10,000 for a Trimit/Poa suppression study. Syngenta has already donated \$7,000 for this study. Field days are set for July 27.

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