

Musing the Minutes

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MGCSA Secretary

On March 20 the MGCSA Board of Directors met at the old MGCSA business office for the last time. For everyone that does not receive e-mail, the MGCSA business office recently moved to: 700 Twelve Oaks Center Drive Suite 706, Wayzata, MN 55391. The new phone number is 952-473-2582.

President James Bade reported he has met with Dr. Michaels, the Dean of the U of M Horticulture Department. They would like to find a solution for the plant pathologist position, but the message from Dr. Michaels was cutbacks at the legislative level means do more with less. Dr. Michaels would like to meet again.

Executive Director Scott Turtinen reported that 170 people attended the March Mini-Seminar and the association made \$4,500. In the past only 100 to 110 people have attended the seminar and the goal was to make about \$1,000. Association dues have been coming in. As of now, there have been 100 persons that

have donated money totaling \$3,500. Last year there was 115 who donated money totaling \$4,400. Larry Thornton donated \$2,000 to the association. Here is the breakdown of the donation: \$600 towards Tee sponsorship, \$900 towards entertainment at Awards Banquet and \$500 towards Research or Scholarship fund. Rob Panuska made the motion to use the \$500 for the Research fund and Jack MacKenzie 2nd.

Eric Peters reported that there are three finalists for the Scholarship fund. They are Brad Johnson, Nick Morton and Erin Johnson. Erin Johnson won last year and was awarded \$1,500.

Dr. Brian Horgan reported he is finishing up with the architects on the design and cost for the renovation of the green houses. The building needs to be brought up to code. This will be the biggest expense for this project.

Jack MacKenzie reported that Pat Miles was selected to be our 2006 Ambassador. For the MTGF, Jack reported the election of officers went well. Mark Stennes of S&S Tree Service is the new President and Jack MacKenzie is the new Vice-President. There were issues with voting for a vendor representative due to

lack of Nomination and Election Protocol. The next MTGF meeting is set for April 19. Jack also reported that a subcommittee was formed of Bob Mugas, Brian Horgan, Paul Diegnau and Jack MacKenzie. This committee will address the problem with Funding Proposal Requests. Their charge is to develop a formal program to include reasonable expectation as well as cost breakdowns for future funding request. The total requests were in excess of \$166,000. Prior to the discussion and distribution of funds John Hopko moved the Board of Directors approve the establishment of a \$150,000 minimum balance in a reserve fund. Total monies approved for funding came to \$103,577. This includes the continuation of existing programs and some additional small expenditures.

Jack also reported that the *Hole Notes* publication continues to receive acclaim for its incredible offerings. Jack is always looking for more information and articles from members.

Tom Proshek reported the 2006 Championship will be moved from Wayzata CC to Windsong Farm GC.

I hope everyone is having a great spring. --MM

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