



## Musing the Minutes

MGCSA Board of Directors Meeting  
March 5, 2007, Somerset Country Club

By MATT McKINNON, MGCSA Secretary



The MGCSA Board of Directors met on March 5 at Somerset Country Club.

**President James Bade** reported that he had met with the Minnesota Golf Association and colleagues from Allied Associations on January 31 of this year. The meeting was to look at the needs of the various associations.

**Treasurer Paul Eckholm, CGCS** reported that the MGCSA's new accounting firm Larsen Allen currently is working on our 2006 taxes. They will also look at our '03, '04 and '05 taxes for more possible deductions. The current CDs we have will continue to be rolled until we need the money.

**Executive Director Scott Turtinen** reported that the Hospitality Night in Anaheim went very well. A profit of \$1,600 will be placed in an account to be used for next year's event. There were 109 attendees at the event. Industrial Relations representative Jeff Hartman said they would be booking the 2008 Hospitality Night in Orlando soon. Turtinen also reported that the dues statements were steadily coming in. (As of this printing there were 129 Regular members who have not paid dues out of the 680 from 2006. Also, out of last year's 166 Affiliate members, 49 have not paid 2007 MGCSA dues.)

**Paul Diegnau, CGCS reported on the MTGF meeting** that was held on January 30. There were 8,039 attendees, 420 companies that occupied 1,000 exhibit spaces at the Minnesota Green Expo. There is also an additional 20 to 25 companies on a waiting list for space on the floor. Another encouraging fact was that 65% of the attendees indicated that they were "decision makers" whereas normally this figure was ranging between 55 and 60%. This number will help make it more attractive for vendors to continue to support the Expo. The Spanish session had disappointing attendance. For those who did attend it was well-received. The instructor was very good and the attendees were very appreciative. The four-hour session went very well and will continue next year. Paul also reported that the MTGF has hired Readex to complete a

survey and an Economic Impact Statement.

**Brian Horgan reported** that the MGA came through with funding of \$10,000 for the TROE center. The original request was for \$20,000. Brian also reported that the Phosphorous report was submitted to the state on March 1st. For a copy of the report go to the MDA website.

**Scottie Hines, CGCS** reported that the deadline for scholarships was March 1st. At this time there have not been any applicants. The question was asked if we should extend the deadline for the scholarship to April 1? Rick Traver, CGCS, motioned to extend the deadline to April 1 and if no one applies by that time it will roll over to next year.

Under old business we discussed the 2007 MGCSA budget. Eckholm made the motion to accept the 2007 budget.

**Under new business the Minnesota Golf Show was brought up** that it was not well-attended and questioned the value of future participation. At this time we will table it until the next meeting so James can talk to Tom Ryan from the MGA.

The MGCSA will look into how to tap into Western Wisconsin for possible attendance at the Minnesota Green Expo.

Paul Diegnau, CGCS, said he talked to Todd Loecke from Syngenta and they

would like to take the MGCSA Board on an Educational trip of their facility sometime in December of this year. Diegnau will talk to Loecke about it.

The last item of new business was the possibility of having a national sponsor for the March Mini-Seminar. This national sponsor would be based from Minnesota, have the headline and pay for speakers and food. This could be something that could be a long term agreement. We will be sending a letter soon.

I hope everyone is having a good spring and getting ready for a very busy golf season.

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