

Musing the Minutes

MGCSA Board of Directors Meeting December 1, 2006, University of Minnesota

By SCOTT TURTINEN
MGCSA Executive Director

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Minnesota.

Roll Call: Tom Proshek, Scott Turtinen, Paul Diegnau, CGCS, Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, Dan Brown, Jeff Hartman, Paul Eckholm, CGCS, Jeff Vinkemeier, Rick Traver, CGCS, Brian Horgan, James Bade.

Previous Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Paul Eckholm reported that the Board is working on the 2007 Budget, trying to get the budget to match the actual financial numbers better. Dues are a little down from budget.

Bruce Williams sent a thank you for our donation to his foundation.

Lebanon sent a \$250 donation from its potash seminar. Aaron Johnson won the GCSAA National scholarship award. It is the highest award given to an undergraduate in the nation.

President James Bade thanked the board for its participation this year and also the extra hours spent on the Castlewood project.

Executive Director Scott Turtinen distributed sponsorship funds and donations to

the Research, Scholarship accounts. The Banquet will have \$3,400 from sponsorships and the spring and fall meetings will get \$2,720. Research gets \$9,100 including member donations and Scholarship gets \$2,400.

Hole Notes is going well. The next issue will contain the last part of the Nematode series. We always need member contributions, always. Bade asked about a tear-out calendar section.

Affiliate sponsorship for the National Hospitality Night is up to \$5,500.

Legislative Committee Chair Eckholm continuously looks at 29 different committees for any bills pertaining to the golf industry.

A motion to approve new members and re-classifications passed.

Don White and Brad Pedersen were honored at the MTGF booth at the Green Expo in January as a way of saying thank you for their years of service.

Retreads for Research is underway. The concept is getting golf balls found at your course and selling them at the Green Expo and the Minnesota Golf Show. People donating to the Research fund will receive 12 used golf balls.

The Research Committee met on November 30 at the University. Topics discussed were the Castlewood project, 2006 update, Goals for 2007. Eckholm mentioned we should send TruRing a bill for the work that was done. This would give TruRing a value of our work. Bade said we did this to bide time until we knew if we could get involved. Decision made not to send a bill. Discussion took place on the phosphorus study. The whole study costs \$120,000. Motion to give the phosphorus

study passed. The U of M Field Day had 100 attendees this year. More promotion will take place on the MGCSA's part at the 2007 Field Day to be scheduled in mid-September.

The U of M Turf Club will have two-teams in Anaheim.

Castlewood experience taught us a lot. Concept is good and people like it. The MGCSA will try to keep this moving forward. Affiliate meeting was good and should get other allied associations involved, along with the MGA. Horgan said the goal is to promote golf, research and education that would include a Turf Pathologist. Discussion took place on continuing with the concept of a research center golf course. We should create a proposal to give to the associations. We should have additional meetings with the soft goods suppliers like we did with the equipment vendors. Hartman stated that the end user benefits the most. Tell the individuals why this will help them. Homeowners would benefit so why not have them contribute?. The end user should learn why they need this. They will benefit the most, so they should help pay. How do we educate the people of this concept so they will help contribute? Promote the reason why we need research.



163 Yard Par 3 eighth hole at the Refuge Golf Club in Oak Grove, Minnesota.



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