



Musing the Minutes

By Matt McKinnon, MGCSA Secretary
The Legacy Courses at Cragun's



The MGCSA Board of Directors met on March 6 at Heritage Links GC.

President Rick Traver, CGCS welcomed Brian Brown to the Board. Rick also reported that some Superintendents from Minnesota had participated in the Solutions Challenge during the GIS and won prizes.

Executive Director Scott Turtinen reported that 507 superintendents have paid dues compared to 654 last year and 115 Affiliates have paid dues out of 152. All information that the GCSAA has requested for annual reporting requirements has been filled out and sent in. Larsen Allen has finished our 2007 taxes. Forms have been mailed out. MGCSA had to pay \$2,800 in taxes. Our 2008 quarterly estimated tax payments will be \$1,190 to Federal and \$776 to Minnesota. This year we had 53 attendees for the GCSAA seminars. MGCSA has taken in \$3,375 in Research Donations so far. Sponsorship totals \$8,250 in tee signs, \$1,000 for 2009

18 Hole Challenge and \$500 for the Hospitality Night in New Orleans. At this time we only have one Scholarship application in and we are looking for more. We have nine Turf Tourney Clubs: Olympic Hills, Stillwater, Midland Hills, Rochester, Dellwood Hills, Windsong Farm, Medina, North Oaks, TPC and maybe White Bear Yacht Club. At the Hospitality Night in Orlando we had 150 people attend. The total bill was \$15,500 and using the left-over funds from 2007 we still have \$600.

James Bade reported for **Tom Proshek** that he is having a hard time filling the June, July and August events for 2009. James said that courses have a hard time committing to events that far out.

Scottie Hines, CGCS reported that the MGCSA Awards & Recognition Banquet would be at Windsong Farm this year.

Paul Diegnau, CGCS reported that the Fall Mixer will be at Pheasant Acres Golf Club. There will be a program called Greens Management Academy, presented

by Turf Net.

Jeff Vinkemeier reported he is working on an Environmental Leader Award. This award will be given out at the annual meeting.

Jack Mackenzie, CGCS reported that the MTGF is continuing to look for an Executive Director. MTGF also sent out the Environmental Impact Study to the Legislation. Jack was also happy to report that the MTGF gave out \$94,000 to the U of M, \$61,000 for Brian Horgan, \$27,000 for Elm Tree research and \$6,000 went to Rob Golembieski at the U of M Crookston. Jack also reported that the feedback for the Minnesota Green Expo was outstanding.

Brian Horgan reported that the TROE Center is safe and everything seems positive. The School of Turfgrass Management went well. There were 37 students that attended at Somerset Country Club, Brian also presented a letter to the MGCSA from the Turf Club.

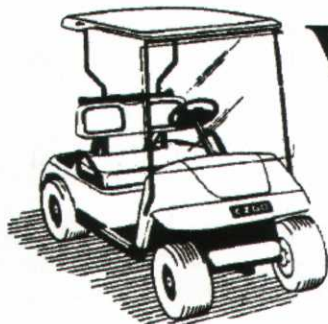
James Bade reported he is still communicating with the City of Mendota Heights about MERGE. The MGCSA needs to look at getting them a proposal but would probably not look at running the course until 2009.

- Respectfully submitted
by Matt McKinnon



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