



## Musing the Minutes

By Matt McKinnon  
MGCSA Secretary

The MGCSA Board of Directors met on July 8 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club in Lakeville.

President Rick Traver, CGCS, reported that the MGCSA received thank you letters from the University of Minnesota for our \$20,000 donation.

**Arrangements Chair Tom Proshek** reported that the MGCSA would be looking at members for this year's Distinguished Service Award. The Awards Banquet is set for December 8 at Windsong Farm Golf Club in Independence.

**Executive Director Scott Turtinen** reported that Paul Eckholm is looking into options for a credit card service. Turtinen also reported that the MGCSA Turfgrass Research Benefit Week raised \$17,000 compared to \$10,300 last year.

**Industrial Relations Chair David Oberle** brought up Vendor advertising contracts. Oberle made a motion that if a vendor is 90 days overdue on his bill he will get a written notice that states: Until an outstanding balance is paid, the vendor cannot advertise through the association. After 120 days overdue the vendor will be suspended from the association until the bill is paid. Motion was approved.

**Environmental Chair Jeff Vinkemeier** reported he has received some applications for the Environmental Award. Vinkemeier hopes to receive more applications before the deadline.

**Public Relations Chair Mike Knodel** reported the results of the first MGCSA Internet survey. Mike reported that approximately 180 members completed the survey. The Board will review results and discuss the survey at the next Board Meeting on August 20.

**MTGF President Jack Mackenzie, CGCS**, reported that the MTGF has a new Executive Director. Kathy Aro will be a part-time Executive Director working from the University of Minnesota for now until she gets settled in.

- Respectfully Submitted, Matt McKinnon, Secretary

## Golf Courses Rescuing Woodpeckers

Populations of red-headed woodpeckers are declining; one reason is that we are losing their preferred habitat, oak savanna. The good news is that golf courses with oak savanna-type habitat can be managed to promote good habitat for these birds and help them thrive. There is a red-headed woodpecker recovery project underway here in Minnesota. The project team wants to work with course superintendents interested in retaining or creating habitat for red-headed woodpeckers.

The project promotes land management practices that create preferred habitat for these woodpeckers. Preferred habitat areas include snags or trees with dead limbs, a park-like low density of mast trees, producing nuts and acorns: oaks, hickory, beech, and an open understory.

It is also important to identify which Minnesota golf courses currently have red-headed woodpeckers. If you see these birds on your course please e-mail a quick note to [basample@visi.com](mailto:basample@visi.com) and provide the name of the course and course location.

If you are interested in more information about this wonderful bird, best management practices to support these birds, or the recovery project, go to [www.redheadrecovery.org](http://www.redheadrecovery.org).

For golf course management practices for these birds, go to: <http://redheadrecovery.org/PgInfo/Papers/BMP%20%20Golf.pdf>

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