



Musing the Minutes

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MGCSA Secretary

The MGCSA Board of Directors met on April 24 at Monticello Country Club.

Executive Director Scott Turtinen reported that 67 out of 661 regular members along with 10 affiliates out of 143 have not paid 2008 membership dues as of this printing.

Turtinen also reported the 'old-style' MGCSA Pocket patch cost \$25 each. The 'new-style' patch, depending on how many we order, costs significantly less. Fifty @ \$9.18 each, 100 @ \$6.90 each, and the price includes the clip. The clip itself costs \$2.30/each. A Motion was approved for the purchase of 'new-style' MGCSA Pocket Patches.

Twenty-three clubs participated in this year's MGCSA Turf Research Benefit Week. The MGCSA advertised the event in the St. Paul Pioneer Press on Sunday, April 27 and also ran the ad on six consecutive Fridays in the Star Tribune. The total cost for advertising the event was under

\$1,000.

President Rick Traver, CGCS thanked Paul Diegnau, CGCS, James Bade and Tom Proshok for all of their hard work. Paul Diegnau, CGCS reported that Dr. Watschke would speak at the Minnesota Green Expo.

David Oberle reported the MGCSA's Hospitality Night in New Orleans will be held at The Embers. The cost will be around \$88/person for open bar and heavy appetizers. Oberle also would like to look at the Sponsorship menu for possible sponsorship levels and what the vendors get back in return. Dave will be looking for feedback at an Affiliate meeting at the Affiliates' Appreciation Day at Brackett's Crossing on June 3.

Mike Knodel reported he has been working on questions for a Membership Survey.

Scottie Hines, CGCS reported the Research Committee approved to donate

\$20,000 for the TROE Center at the University of Minnesota. Hines talked about the new 50/50 raffle to be held at our monthly events. Hines will be looking to have someone from the University help with the 50/50 raffle. A Motion was approved by the Board for the \$20,000 for the Uof M.

James Bade reported that MERGE had a Committee meeting at Somerset. The committee met with the Assistant Administrator from the city to talk about a proposal. At this time the committee is working on a proposal to submit to the city for review.

Under new business, Turtinen will look at the cost of the old 'spiral-bound' Membership Roster and compare to the more recent three-hole punched ones.

Motion was approved to add \$200 for Survey Monkey services and \$300 for gift certificates for *Hole Notes* Columnists to the budget.

The MGCSA also will be looking at using a credit card machine. A credit card machine will make it easier for people to register for monthly meetings, seminars and pay for memberships. MGCSA will survey the Membership to see if this is something we should be doing. The Board will look into the fees for this service.

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