



## Musing the Minutes

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



The MGCSA Board of Directors met on January 24 at Somerset Country Club.

**President Rick Traver, CGCS** thanked the Board for electing him President of the MGCSA. Rick thanked Scottie Hines, CGCS for the Banquet and Paul Diegnau, CGCS for the Minnesota Green Expo. Rick also mentioned since Paul Diegnau, CGCS is the new Vice President we will need someone to fill his Director position for the next year. Rick appointed Brian Brown, Superintendent at Chisago Lakes Golf Course. Brian will officially become a Director at the March Board Meeting.

Traver also talked about the Mendota Par 3 Course that the MGCSA would like to manage (*MERGE: Minnesota Environmental Research Golf Enterprise*). The MGCSA would manage the course as a business. The MGCSA will work with the city to propose this great opportunity. Rick would like all of the members to embrace this project. The Board will keep the membership informed of any updates.

**Treasurer, Paul Eckholm, CGCS** reported that our year-end was better than expected and that our Advertising income was \$2,740 less than 2006.

**Executive Director Scott Turtinen** reported that Individual donations last year came to \$3,440. Sponsorship money totaled \$10,350, which \$6,210 went to Research and the Banquet gets \$2,588 along with the spring and fall mixers getting \$1,553. The Banquet had an income this year of \$4,025 but had expenses totaling \$7,940 for a loss of \$3,705. Turtinen also reported that *Hole Notes* has \$2,740 in past due accounts.

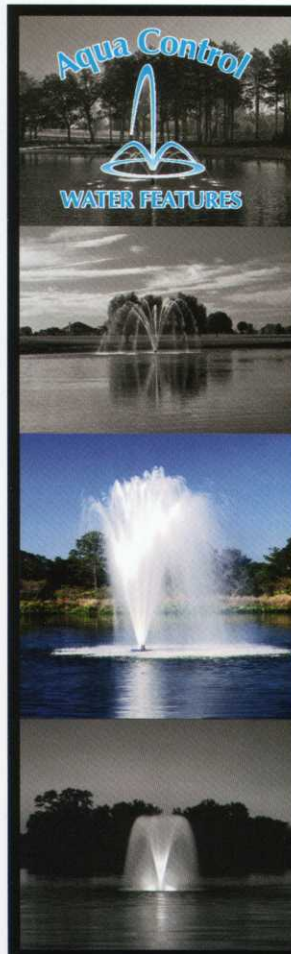
**Paul Diegnau, CGCS** reported that the Topic for the March Mini-Seminar would be on Water Conservation and is set for March 11 at North Oaks Golf Club.

**Jack MacKenzie, CGCS** reported that there would be a new columnist in the Next *Hole Notes* issue. Peer-to-Peer will also be coming back. Jack also mentioned that if anyone would like to submit an

article or something it would have to be in by the 10th of the month. Jack reported on the MTGF and that their next meeting was going to be in February. At that time they will be reviewing requests for funding and give out money for Research. Jack MacKenzie, CGCS will become President of the MTGF on February 13. Jack also reported that they are looking at a couple of management companies to manage the MTGF.

Executive Director Scott Turtinen had his annual review during this meeting. James Bade made a motion to give Turtinen a 3% increase for 2008, Paul Diegnau, CGCS, 2nd. James Bade then amended his motion to a 3% increase and a bonus of \$1,300, Paul Diegnau, CGCS, 2nd, approved.

I hope everyone has had a great winter and taken some time to relax. I am ready for spring.



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