The MGCSA Board met at Golden Valley Golf and Country Club on March 9, 2010.

Treasurer Paul Eckholm, CGCS, reported that projections for this year are on track. The Board needs to look at committee budgets and report any changes for the year at the next meeting.

There also was some discussion if we should send out the Hole Notes publication electronically and possibly reduce it down to six times per year. MGCSA board will need to survey the membership before anything could possibly be done.

Scott Turtinen reported that the Hospitality night in San Diego made $1,000 profit this year. The March Mega Seminar made $4,300 but there are some travel expenses that still have to be paid. The March Mega Seminar had 78 attendees on Wednesday and 98 on Thursday. Fifty-eight people signed up for both days. MGCSA dues are coming in. We have received 416 paid Superintendents and 186 have not paid. Affiliates have 88 paid and 44 have not. MGCSA has received $2,600 from the dues for Research.

Eric Counselman and Jeff Ische reported that they are working on the 2011 Green Expo. For the 2011 Expo there will only be eight sessions offered where we have had more in the past. On Thursday MGCSA will have one additional session, which was not offered to the other Associations. The 2010 Green Expo was down 20% from the eight-year average. MGCSA was down 6% from the eight-year average, and the Vendors were down 12% from the average.

Paul Diegnau, CGCS and Jeff Ische reported that Dave Oberle is the new Vice President of the MTGF and Brian Horgan is the Secretary. Since Kathy Aro is no longer with MTGF, Turtinen Communications, Inc. will take on some administrative responsibilities. MNLA will also take on some responsibilities.

Scottie Hines, CGCS reported that the MGCSA would continue to advertise for the Turf Tourney. Since we have started advertising for this event participation has increased. Since attendance was down at the Expo the MTGF has less money to give out. The Research Committee recommended that the MGCSA donate $25,000 to the TROE Center and the TROE Center may need some more help before the year is over.

I hope everyone’s spring has gotten off to a good start. As I look outside on March 15th it has been a few years since we have had almost zero snow cover in Brainerd.

- Respectfully Submitted,
  Matt McKinnon, Secretary