



MUSING THE MINUTES

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MGCSA Secretary

The MGCSA Board of Directors met on March 25, 2011 at Keller Golf Club.

After President Paul Diegnau, CGCS, called the Meeting to order he stated that he is working with Jack Mackenzie, CGCS, on the Water Management Program. They are looking for photos from members for the document.

Treasurer Paul Eckholm, CGCS reported that 2010 financially finished as expected. 2011 membership is coming in slowly and the budget for 2011 shows a projected net income of \$3,200.

Executive Director Scott Turtinen reported that The Turfgrass Information Center (TIC) is scanning and archiving all of the past *Hole Notes*. These archives will be available through the TIC site. The GCSAA spoke to the chapter executives about getting all of the chapters onto the AVECtra software system. Dues paid to date by Superintendents are 444 and affiliates are 103. Not paid yet by Superintendents are 142 and affiliates are

19. The MTGF will go through the MGCSA for credit card charges for TROE Field Day registration.

Conference/Education: The Mega-Seminar went well with a net profit of \$3,800. (Income \$9,985, expenses \$9,178.52, Syngenta sponsorship \$3,000.) Ninety seven people attended with 87 on the first day and 57 for day two. The Mega-Seminar for 2012 is set for Feb. 8-9. The location for the Northern Green Expo at the Convention Center will move back to the west end to reduce rent costs. The Thursday Casino Night will be eliminated. The resources used on the Casino Night will be used for a Thursday Lunch on the Trade Show floor. The Trade Show will be open until 5:30pm.

Minnesota Turf/Government Affairs: There have been bills introduced that would put all pesticide and recycled water under the Department of Agriculture. The MN Pesticide License Cards may not show the recertification attended at the

Green Expo. Department of Agriculture stated that due to staffing all recertification didn't get inputted before the cards were printed. Current recertification dates for applicators can be found on the Departments website. EPA will assign a staff person to each state to oversee non-point source pollution.

MTGF: The MTGF-sponsored Super Tuesday Seminar on January 4 profited \$145. For next year, topics will include tree care, soil fertility, new herbicides, and a topic to be determined. The MTGF profited \$92,500 from the Green Expo which is down from \$120,000. For 2012 research funding is allocated to: TROE Center \$40,000, Emerald Ash Borer research \$12,000 and White Mold on Annuals \$2,000.

Research: There are 69 tee times that are now available for the Turf Tourney. Using an online auction service was discussed. The Board decided not to change the way the tee times are sold for the Turf Tourney. The additional service of allowing for online payment through the website will be offered.

U of M Report: A snow mold field day is scheduled at the Les Bolstad UM golf course on April 12. The tests came out

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Hole 5 - 536 Yard Par 3, Photo by Peter Wong.

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revealing and will give good insight to the products used. Dr. Brian Horgan stated that his budget is getting hit vary hard, just as all departments are at the University. He has been writing many grants with some good prospects for funding to try to offset some of the cuts. The UM Monograph will be finished this spring and will be available for purchase. The Monograph covers the past 20 years of research.

Old Business: Luke Dant and Turtinen will coordinate an email to offer MGCSA logo shirts to our members. The MGCSA will use online service software Epaperflip for Hole Notes starting September with Beta testing starting ASAP.

New Business: Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association is raising money for The Wee One Foundation. They do not host an event yet are fundraising for it. Paul Diegnau, CGCS will contact them about our event. The MN Golf Hall of Fame Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on their committee. Paul Diegnau, CGCS will contact the MGCSA Past Presidents to see if any of them are interested in serving on the committee. A semi-permanent Board of Director meeting schedule is being created to take into account typical golf course maintenance activities. \$5,000 was allocated to be used this year for printing costs of the State Water Stewardship Document. These documents will be of a quality production and given to important regulators and legislators.

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HOSPITALITY NIGHT IN ORLANDO



Jerame Gossman, Superintendent at Southview Country Club, left, converses with Somerset Country Club Superintendent James Bade, at the GIS Hospitality Night in Orlando on February 9, 2011.

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