

# MUSING THE MINUTES

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The MGCSA Board of Directors met on September 1, 2011 at Golden Valley Golf & Country Club.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Paul Diegnau, CGCS called the meeting to order. Diegnau thanked the board for their attendance with the tough year everyone has had at their courses. Dr. Horgan put together a recap of the weather we have had this year. (*This was published in the August 2011 issue of Hole Notes.*)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Paul Eckholm, CGCS reported that revenues from dues are down about \$3,000. Bottom line is up and should remain that way if expenses are kept in line. Revenue from sponsorship is up and down for events.

## MGCSA BUSINESS OFFICE

Executive Director Scott Turtinen reported many communications were received from scholarship recipients thanking the association and from the TROE Center with appreciation for the donation. The Department of Agriculture sent out all new links. Midsummer dues reminders went out and 18 of the 75 replied back. The scholarship scramble raised \$3,200. Twenty six MGCSA logo shirts were ordered and delivered. The taxes were completed and filed with nothing owed. The Championship had 35 golfers and finished with a \$222 profit.

## CONFERENCE & EDUCATION

Bill Gullicks reported that the joint programming group met regarding information about the 2012 Green Expo. Booth sales are at 77% which is similar to last

year, yet the total sizes of the rented booths are smaller. A call for proposals to speak at the 2013 Green Expo has been publicized. This year only one room attended/moderator will be needed per seminar. The seminar at the fall mixer will be led by Erin McManus on dog training.

Traver reported that there will be a big ballot for the Annual Meeting. Officer positions to be filled will include President, Vice-President and Treasurer. There are three positions open for Director, with a possible additional position with a one year term.

## MN TURF / GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Paul Eckholm, CGCS reported that The Minnesota government budget was settled with little that affects our industry; however, the budget gave more discretion to the individual departments. This authority could result in fee increases.

## MINNESOTA TURF AND GROUNDS FOUNDATION

The MNLA is taking a more active role in education training. The three-day fee for the Northern Green Expo is increasing by \$10. A new contract has been negotiated between the MNLA and MTGF. The two contracts consolidated into one. Bob Mugaas is retiring. Dr. Horgan desires to fill this position with a Metro Turfgrass and Water Quality position. Field Day was held on September 15 at TROE Center.

## RESEARCH

Scottie Hines, CGCS reported that there are six weeks until the gun raffle drawing. Enough raffles have been sold to this point to pay for the gun and further sales will go to research. Dr. Horgan recapped the golf-related research that the TROE

Center has completed and published. It is good that both Dr. Horgan and Dr. Watkins are tenured with the reduction of staff at the U of M. The two make a good team with Dr. Horgan specializing on extension services, and Dr. Watkins skilled at grant writing and teaching. Industry support and funding sources are a priority for the advancement of the TROE Center.

## U OF M REPORT

Dr. Horgan reported that the new President of the University of Minnesota will be visiting the TROE Center on September 19. Dr. Watkins was elected to the National Crop Science Society organization. Letters of support will be desired to hire positions that will be vacant at the University of Minnesota.

## OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A motion to purchase membership software called PPSd2 at the price of \$1,000 carried. This software will be utilized to complete online purchases, members section, publish Hole Notes, etc.

**Golf shirt future orders.** A new vendor will be utilized for future orders. The logo will be reduced in size and a white shirt will be available.

**Deceased MGCSA Life Members** (Brandt letter). Rather than sending flowers to the funeral of a deceased member an honorarium of \$100 will be given to the TROE Center in memory of the deceased. A letter will be sent to the family from the TROE Center in regards to the gift.

**Wee One Sponsorship.** A motion carried to Title Sponsor the Wee One Tournament and line budget this item in the 2012 budget.

**MGCSA AWARDS & RECOGNITION BANQUET SET FOR DECEMBER 7  
AT BRACKETT'S CROSSING COUNTRY CLUB IN LAKEVILLE**