

Musing the Minutes: January 19, 2012

By Brian Brown, Secretary MGCSA

The MGCSA Board of Directors met on January 19, 2012 at Windsong Farms Golf Club

President Scottie Hines, CGCS called the meeting to order. Treasurer Paul Eckholm, CGCS reported that the year-end financials have a couple of entries that need to be made to place income into correct categories. With the management changes each area of the business is being looked at to find any possible financial savings. Eckholm will send the expense reports to the committee to analyze their expenses. All bank accounts have been switched over.

Communications: A letter was received from the U of M regarding the donated money towards the matching grant endowment. A thank you letter and gift certificate was presented to past president Diegnau for his hard work. Leann Cooper for GCSAA contacted the association about attendance to the Chapter Delegates meeting March 27 and 28.

President's Report: Hines welcomed new directors Kazmierczak, Porter, and Glader. He also welcomed Executive Director MacKenzie. Hines has an open door policy and desires input and questions that the board of Directors and Membership may have. Hines assigned directors to committees and combined committees: Editorial and Communications, Awards and Arrangements, and Membership and Human Resources. MTGF David Oberle requested that the Vice-President of the MGCSA and at least one other member serve on the MTGF Board. Vice-President Roger Stewart and Jeff Ische will serve on that board.

Arrangements/Banquet: Gullicks reported that the line-up for events for this year is set except for the vendor appreciation. The annual meeting survey had 69 returned of the 168 in attendance. Respondents stated that the events that they most likely would attend were: Green Expo, Mega Seminar, and the Wee One Tournament. The least likely included the Spring Mixer and the Scramble. The committee is looking at some new types of events.

Business Office: MacKenzie has been working at pulling the databases together. Many versions of software were utilized in the past and the files need to be transferred to new software. The communications and editorial committees will meet after the board meeting to make a plan on; database management, website development, communication tools, Hole Notes and membership correspondence. The committee will report to the board with recommendations and costs. Hospitality night is set up at GIS. Thank you letters have been sent to 18-hole vendor participants.

Bylaws/Historical: Eckholm has found a few bylaws that should be changed. He will work on wording and report back to the board at the next meeting. Eckholm has been scanning past Board minutes so that the association will have an electronic record.

Conf. /Ed: Counselman reported that he will submit the speaker line-up for the 2013 Green Expo. He will be meeting with the Green Expo educational committee next week to finalize the education line-up for next year.

Environmental: Ische reported that the Environmental committee will talk with the prior Environmental Award winners to promote the award.

Industrial relations: Glader reported that the meeting with the vendors at the Green Expo went well. The group is excited about the new Executive Director. Glader will talk with the vendors about the large amount of money spent on the GIS Hospitality Night when there isn't a local Hospitality Night at the Green Expo.

Public Relations: The MGCSA President will be on the Public Relations Committee.

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