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The National Greenkeeper

Greenkeepers' Association. Those answering roll call at the joint meeting at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, were:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Peter Stewart
Gus Graham
John MacGregor
Alex Binnie and Fred Ingwerson absent.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
M. L. Bezek
Alfred Buller
R. N. Johnson
Fred Kruger
A. L. Brandon.

It was the consensus of opinions at this meeting that the name greenkeeper covers our type of work more thoroughly than the terms: Groundskeeper, Grounds Superintendent, Golf Course Superintendent, Maintenance Superintendent, or any such other forms or combinations of terms. The term greenkeeper is more explicit and proper in describing our profession.

It was pointed out that clubs would still appoint Green Committees and Green Committee Chairmen; also the U. S. G. A. maintenance division is the Green Section.

The word greenkeeper has long been associated with golf maintenance work and its meaning is being better understood by the golfing public than ever before and it is the duty of each greenkeeper to further this understanding. Also the brevity of the word greenkeeper is beneficial.

It seems to the writer that the term Golf Course Superintendent would apply better to the Chairman of the Green Committee than the Greenkeeper.

Publicity in the April issue of The National Greenkeeper stated that the outdoor meets would be open to those interested directly or indirectly in golf maintenance work, this ruling has been withdrawn and the meets will continue as of the past years—Midwest members and their guests.

The officers at the joint meeting recommend that the initiation and annual dues be increased.

The weather of late has been unusually chilly, and warm weather will be needed to round courses in good condition.

New Jersey Notes

By JOHN ANDERSON, Secretary

The Greenkeepers' Association of New Jersey held its regular monthly meeting at Damerest, New Jersey, on Monday, May 4. Fifteen greenkeepers met at New-ark and drove to the Aldecrest Golf and Country Club, where they were met by Mr. W. Bullock, one of the members of the association, who is in charge there.

Mr. Bullock showed us a real championship golf course. It reminded me of some of the courses in Scotland; all natural hazards and no sand traps. Mr. Bullock was in charge during the construction period and seeded his greens to Cocos Bent, and they are a picture. It was the consensus of opinion that they were the best two-year-old greens the boys had seen.

The clubhouse at Aldecrest is not yet opened, so Mr. Bullock entertained the boys at dinner at a hotel in town at his club's expense, which was greatly appreciated by those present.

After the regular business was dispensed with, an article on Bacteria and their relationship to turf grasses was read by Frank Swehle of the Suburban Golf Club, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Mr. Swehle certainly knows his bacteria, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his paper.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, at the Experimental Station at New Brunswick, where we shall meet the members of the U. S. G. A. Green Section, to view the turf plots and afterwards a dinner at Hotel Woodrow Wilson, where a number of speakers will talk on turf problems.