

Boardroom Briefs

November 2, 1999

By Ken Williams, CGCS

- ◆ Present: Carls, Costa, Davies, Grasso, Franzen, Williams
- ◆ Absent: Kilcoyne, Nunemacher, Sayre, Swint
- ◆ Treasurer's report found the Association to be operating in good shape.
- ◆ Eighteen incomplete scorecards from the Hiddenbrooke meeting were disqualified.
- ◆ The Media program was discussed. Board members were to submit a list of questions to be answered by superintendents and issued as press releases. The Board felt the Media Director needed to step up his performance in the coming year. Bob Costa, CGCS was to draft a letter from the Board to Greg Crawford.
- ◆ The Board reviewed the criteria for the annual awards. It is becoming extremely difficult in choosing award winners. Since this year was a short year for the GCSANC (April-Dec.), the board voted to suspend the annual awards for this year. But the question still remains, how does a committee select just one winner in each category?
- ◆ The annual meeting at Palo Alto in January was discussed. Terry Grasso is going to invite Jerry Berrow from the Alameda Junior Golf Program to accept our donation of golf equipment. A candidate list for the upcoming election was due soon. Already confirmed were Gary Skolnik, Jeff Shafer, and Roger Robarge. It was hoped that the Past Presidents would run the election. Ray Davies, CGCS will present and answer questions about the GCSAA's Professional Development Initiative.

Ali Harivandi will also present some of the things happening with himself and the UCCE.

- ◆ Ken Williams, CGCS was to write a letter to a GCSANC member who disrupted the educational session at the Institute.
- ◆ A crab feed was scheduled for the 2001 Holiday Party. It was hoped that Ron Rogers, Adrian Bertens, and Mike Ravel would coordinate the meal.
- ◆ Delta College of Stockton has started a two-year turfgrass program. Professor Mike Toscano has numerous turf plots that could be used for research.
- ◆ The Board asked Ken Williams, CGCS to draft a five year plan for Scholarship and Research funded by the GCSANC. There are so many avenues now to direct research dollars, the Board felt a specific plan of action was needed.
- ◆ Barb Mikel has taken over as the California GCSA Manager. Barb adds this responsibility to her current workload which includes the GCSANC.
- ◆ The CGCSA has coordinated the Overall Economic Impact of Golf study. The study is being funded by the NCGA, SCGA, CGCSA, PGA, and the GCOANC. The study will be used to show legislators how important the golf industry is to the California economy. This will aid our lobbyist George Steffes in fighting for our causes.

Pine Pitch Canker (Cont'd)

into California in a manner that was very unexpected. Delivery and use of infected/infested pine material from pitch canker areas of the US into un-infested locations can aid disease spread. This issue is particularly important in situations in which the imported pine needles are used as mulch around golf course and park plantings contain pines. The disease persists in soil and mulch for at least two years and will fruit during moist times. Native insects could close the infection loop by bridging the gap between the fruiting structure and a nearby susceptible pine host.

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