

# WGCSA FALL BUSINESS MEETING



By **Dustin Riley**, Golf Course Superintendent, Oconomowoc Golf Club

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association held its annual fall business meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at the American Club in Kohler. Most association members correlate the fall business meeting with the presentation of the upcoming year's operating budget, the scholarship and research contributions and the new officer elections. However, many other topics were addressed.

Mike Lyons, treasurer, reported on his GCSAA delegate meeting. He presented information concerning the ongoing issues associated with GCSAA affiliation and the formation of the resource group researching the potential move of the GCSAA headquarters.

David Brandenburg, president, provided a brief description of the new membership information. The new renewal forms will improve the membership process while easing the annual membership directory production.

Dustin Riley presented the 2004 golf and arrangements schedule. Several specific dates are yet to be determined. Unfortunately, the 2004 spring business meeting will not coincide with the spring USGA seminars, as in 2003. The 2004 golf and arrangements schedule follows:

- March Spring Business Meeting**  
**April 26, Monday, Hawks View Golf Club,**  
**Lake Geneva**
- May Super/Pro to be announced**
- June 21, Monday, Oconomowoc Golf Club,**  
**Oconomowoc**
- July 12, Monday, Rolling Meadows Golf Course,**  
**Fond du Lac**
- September, The Legend at Brandybrook,**  
**Wales (Superintendent Tournament)**
- October 12, North Hills CC, Menomonie Falls**  
**(Superintendent/Guest)**
- October WGCSA Dinner Dance**
- November Turf Symposium**

Brian Zimmerman, education chair, presented the current registered numbers for the upcoming GCSAA seminars set for early December. Brian also discussed the ongoing attempts to consolidate events and education for the future. The acquisition of "education" and "service" points for the new GCSAA PDI system can be confusing. However, efforts are being made to assist all GCSAA/WGCSA members with the under-

standing of acquiring and registering their points.

Jeff Millies, publicity chair, reported that the establishment of a WGCSA website is in its infant stage. The address WGCSA.com has been secured. Jeff also reported on the series of city and county meetings attempting phosphorus fertilizer bans. Unfortunately, there has been greater support of the ban from local community attendees. Professional turf managers are encouraged to attend and assist the education of committee members proposing any fertility bans.

The 2004 budget was presents by treasurer Lyons. In discussion, vice president Davison requested membership input regarding the rising costs of the annual hospitality room held at the GCSAA International Conference and Show. Discussions presented several ideas, including researching the potential of vendor contributions toward the costs of the hospitality room.

VP Davison also announced his researching efforts to potential involvement of the WGCSA with the 2004 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits.

The officers and directors for 2004 were approved as follows:

- President Marc Davison**
- Director 2 yr, Jeff Millies**
- Vice President Mike Lyons**
- Director 2 yr, Patrick Sisk**
- Treasurer Dustin Riley**
- Director 1 yr, David Van Auken**
- Secretary Brian Zimmerman**
- Director 1 yr, Eric Jasin**

Unfortunately, Brian Ferrie and Jack Tripp will no longer be able to perform their duties as WGCSA representatives and will be stepping down from the board of directors. Their efforts and dedication will be missed. Welcome to all newly elected directors.

In closing, Monroe Miller notified the attendees that Dr. John Steir, UW-Madison, has been granted tenure. Congratulations Dr. Steir. The WGCSA is looking forward to many more productive years of turf research, community interaction and education, turf industry guidance and the continued development of quality turfgrass students.

The fall business meeting has continued to present and inform the WGCSA membership of the association financial health and direction. All input from the membership is welcomed and encouraged. ♣