



Fall Business Meeting

By **Jim VanHerwynen**, Certified Golf Course Superintendent, South Hills Country Club

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association held its Fall Business Meeting Tuesday November 18, 2008 at the American Club in Kohler prior to the start of the 43rd annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium. All members of the WGCSA are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The meeting was called to order by President Dustin Riley, CGCS promptly at 11:00 a.m. All Board members including Vice President - Brian Zimmerman, Treasurer - Jeff Millies, CGCS, Secretary - Matt Schmitz, Past President - Mike Lyons, and Directors: Chad Harrington, David Swift, Mark Storby, Jim VanHerwynen, CGCS, Brett Grams, Waupaca Sand and Solutions were present.

Report of Officers and Directors:

After review of the Minutes from the Spring Business Meeting President Riley reviewed the Class C Proposal given to the WGCSA Board by Kevin Knoblauch, Assistant Superintendent of Milwaukee Country Club. The proposal addresses the desire of the Assistant Superintendents in the WGCSA to form a sub committee within our association and possibly have a Director seat on the WGCSA Board. The request is being seriously considered and the WGCSA board has asked for a show of support by the Assistant Superintendents through a pseudo committee and the board has offered financial support to get the proposal started. The reason for the proposal is to get Assistant Superintendents more involved in continuing education options.

The Michigan State Turf Information File will digitalize all of

the past Grass Roots magazines and have them posted on the TGIF website. All Superintendent Members (SM) will have access to the full TGIF Library. Class C, D and E, Honorary and Affiliate members will have access to the Grass Roots section only.

Monroe Miller has been selected to receive a GCSAA Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented at the Opening Session of the GIS show in New Orleans, Louisiana on Thursday February 5th from 9-10:45 a.m.

Shelly Biro of MMSD has secured a site for the Wisconsin Room at this year's GIS. The event will take place Thursday February 5th at Café Giovanni's.

David Swift, Director announced he is retiring from the WGCSA Board of Directors and reported the 2009 membership renewal statement is out. He stated we incurred approximately 20 new members in 2008 and encouraged everyone to get there renewal forms in early as this helps with the logistics of putting the directory together in a timely fashion. David was thanked for his commitment on the Board.

Chad Harrington, Director reported that there have been extra educational opportunities i.e., the CMAA's meeting at Green Bay CC. If the WGCSA does not officially host an event we are still eligible at times to receive credits through GCSAA for such events as long as the educational chair is alerted before the event. GCSAA has listed WGCSA in the top five Chapters in the country for educational opportunities!

There will be a GCSAA seminar on December 9th titled Operations Management hosted by Bruce Williams in Fond du Lac at the

Ramada Plaza Hotel. Chad also stated that there will be an Assistant Superintendent Association meeting held this winter in the central part of the state as well. He asked, if any Superintendent's receive the mailer to please pass it along to their Assistants.

Matt Schmitz, Secretary reported that he has received emails regarding the WGCSA website. He advised if anyone is having problems to call or email him or Jeff Millies to rectify any problems. Matt also reported that they will make a link on our website for the TGIF and be as user friendly as possible.

Jim VanHerwynen, Director thanked the host clubs, participants and vendors who helped provide the successful calendar of events in 2008. He encouraged anyone who may be interested in hosting an event in 2009 to act quickly as the dates are filling up fast!

Mark Storby, Director reminded

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everyone of the upcoming "Day on The Hill". He has worked with Brian Swingle who is considering combining our group with other large organizations to make our presence felt. The date and time should be finalized soon. Mark has recently become a member of a grass roots effort called RISE. RISE is an organization that helps the Green Industry's that are affected by regulatory issues. They have a loud voice on strong issues that could get out of hand if no opinion is voiced. For more information go to pestfacts.org or contact Mark Storby directly.

New Business:

The possibility of hiring an Executive Director/Chapter Manager for the WGCSA is being investigated. Steve Randall, Chapter Liaison for the GCSAA spoke to the Board in length to help pursue options. Through strategic planning, developing a mission and vision statement and

performing a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis, the WGCSA is moving forward to strengthen our association. A RFP (request for proposal) was sent to five management companies and their responses are still coming in. The Board hopes to have some direction by the Spring Business Meeting however there is more research to do moving forward.

Jeff Millies, Treasurer reviewed the 2008 year to date and 2009 budget. He also reported on the delegates meeting. He reminded everyone of three surveys coming this winter from the GCSAA. In November the Members Needs Assessment Survey, in December the Compensation Benefits Survey and in February the Energy Survey. Please, if at all possible, participate if you can.

Brian Zimmerman, Vice President presented the Scholarship and Research proposal approved by the

board for a membership vote. The proposal passed unanimously.

Mike Lyons, Past President - WGCSA presented the nominations for election on the Board. By unanimous vote all offices were elected to second one year terms while Jim VanHerwynen was reelected to a two year director's term. Joining the board as a director was Scott Bushman, Superintendent at Fox Valley Golf Club.

Good of the Association:

Dr. John Stier from the UW-Madison encouraged the continued support for education at the UW from the WGCSA as the state colleges are going through tight budgets as we all are. (More can be read on that issue in Dr. Stier's "Gazing in the Grass" column this month.)

Until the next meeting take care and enjoy some much needed time with family and friends. 🌱

WGCSA Scholarship and Research

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
WGCSA Legacy Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
JR Love Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Miller, Literary Scholarship				\$1,000
TDL	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
USGA Foundation	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OJ Noer Foundation	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
TGIF Subscription	\$500	\$1,000	complete	
Stier, Velvet Bent for Greens	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$11,000	complete
Williamson, Sod				
Webworm		\$6,000	\$6,000	complete
Soldat, Fall N			\$7,500	\$7,500
Koch, Fungicide Residue			\$8,000	\$8,000
Jung, Snow Mold	\$12,150	complete		
TDL Microscope Camera	\$5,000	complete		
Totals	\$31,650	\$22,500	\$38,000	\$22,000