

WGCSA Fall Business Meeting

By David Brandenburg, Golf Course Manager, Rolling Meadows Golf Course

The annual membership meeting and election took place on November 15th before the 46th Annual Golf Turf Symposium at the American Club in Kohler. The attendance at this important event was a little lacking given the large number of members who attend the symposium however it may be a reflection on the good job the board and chapter manager are doing to operate the association and communicate with the membership.

With many of the agenda items highlighted on a power point display the meeting was organized and went fast. After approval of the minutes a communication was read from the U.W. Foundation thanking the members for the \$10,350 donation to the WTA on behalf of the Par4 Research fundraiser.

As a reminder the funds are donated through the WTA to

reduce university "taxes" on the money and to allow one organization to provide larger donations rather than many providing smaller donations.

President Jeff Millies presented a request for donations from the Michigan State Library Turfgrass Information Center to preserve the original slides from O.J. Noer's expansive collection. It is anticipated \$80,000 will be needed for the project. The WGCSA donated \$5,000 that will be matched by the O.J. Noer Foundation to double our donation.

The meeting calendar was presented and is almost complete. A host site for the joint WGCSA and NGLGCSA meeting in August is needed. The PGA is still working on a site for the Super Pro event but it will be held Wednesday

WGCSA SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH DONATIONS

| | 2011 BUDGET | 2011 ACTUAL | 2012 BUDGET |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| J.R. Love Scholarship | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 |
| WGCSA Legacy Scholarship | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 |
| M.S. Miller Literary Scholarship | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab | \$1,000 | \$1,975 | \$1,975 |
| UW Madison / WTA Research | \$15,000 | \$22,350 | \$15,000 |
| PAR4 Research | \$8,000 | \$10,350 | \$10,000 |
| USGA / EIFG | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| Other items | \$500 | \$6,750 | \$2,375 |
| Totals | \$29,000 | \$45,925 | \$33,850 |

S&R Research - A History Of Giving

2003 - \$23,000
 2004 - \$26,500
 2005 - \$31,000
 2006 - \$20,000
 2007 - \$24,730
 2008 - \$38,000
 2009 - \$17,000
 2010 - \$32,180
 2011 - \$45,925

CURRENT WGCSA PROJECTS SUPPORTED DIRECTLY*

| Name of Project | Requested By | 2011 Funding | 2012 Funding | 2013 Funding | Project Total |
|---|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Fe applications and high pH water's effects on putting green soils | Dr. Soldat | \$9,300 | | | \$9,300 |
| Affordable alternatives to PCNB for snow mold control | Paul Koch, Dr. Kerns | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | | \$10,000 |
| Impact of winter covers on snow mold development | Paul Koch | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | | \$10,000 |
| Characterization and management of root infecting pythium species on Midwest putting greens | Dr. Kerns | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$9,000 |
| Annual Totals | | \$22,300 | \$13,000 | \$3,000 | \$38,300 |

*University projects are also supported by the WTA and the funds donated by the WGCSA directly to that organization.

May 30th and the WTA fundraiser will be held in October.

Colin Seaberg discussed changes that will effect pesticide applications to and near natural bodies of water. In addition to the rules under NR107, EPA rules under the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) will apply. More information can be found at this DNR page, <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/ww/aquaticpesticides.htm>.

The regulations are still a work in progress as states adapt to the new federal rules and some in the federal government try to put a hold on the new regulations. It will be important for members with ponds and rivers to keep an eye on updates.

Brett Grams gave an update on membership numbers and asked that renewals be processed in a timely manner. It takes 3 weeks to print the directory after the last renewal comes in. We currently have 432 Members (1 more than last year) with 173 A, 56 SM, 65 C Assistant, 54 E Affiliate, 22 D Associate, 17 AA Life Retired, 22 Honorary, 6 Inactive, 2 Retired and 13 student.

Winners of The Legacy Scholarship Program were announced:

- Eden Schaller daughter of Joan and Scott Schaller from North Shore Golf Course attending Edgewood College in Madison and studying Political Science.

- Kayla Brandenburg daughter of Noelle and David Brandenburg from Rolling Meadow Golf Course attending UW Green Bay studying Psychology.
- Danielle Schuld daughter of Mary and Daniel Schuld from Portage Country Club attending UW Madison and studying Biology.

The Legacy Scholarships are made available to the children and grandchildren of WGCSA Members.

Last on the agenda was the election of officers and directors. A unanimous ballot was cast for nominations from past presidents Mike Lyons, Dustin Riley and Brian Zimmerman:

President: Jeff Millies, CGCS Edgewood GC,

Vice President: Chad Harrington, Autumn Ridge GC

Treasurer: Jim Van Herwynen, South Hills Golf & CC

Secretary: Colin Seaberg, Ozaukee CC

Director: Scott Sann, CGCS, Greenwood Hills CC

Director: Aron Hogden, University Ridge GC

Brian Zimmerman will remain as Immediate Past President.

Directors Jon Canavan and Scott Bushman have one year remaining on their terms. John Jensen, Vendor Liaison and Kevin Knoblauch, Class C Representative round out your board of directors.

President Millies thanked Mark Storby for his time on the board as his term expired.

Coming Events!

Tuesday January 24th WTA Winter EXPO, Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Wednesday February 8th NGLGCSA Educational Symposium, Wausau

Wednesday February 15th WGCSA Assistant Superintendents Educational Session, Fond du Lac

Wednesday February 29th WI Room, El Segundo Sol on the Strip, Las Vegas, NV

Monday March 12th Spring Business/Education Meeting, Fond du Lac

Monday April 23rd Geneva National GC, Lake Geneva

Monday May 14th Trappers Turn GC, Wisconsin Dells

Wednesday May 30th Super/Pro (location TBD by WI-PGA)

Monday June 25th WGCSA Tournament, Oshkosh CC, Oshkosh

Tuesday July 31st Summer Field Day at OJ Noer Center, Verona

August To Be Determined Possible Joint Mbr.Gst. w/NGLGCSA

Monday September 17th Wee One Fundraiser, Pine Hills CC, Sheboygan

Fri Oct 5th and Sat Oct 6th Couples Weekend, Edgewood GC, Big Bend

October WTA Fundraiser (to be confirmed by WTA)

November/December Symposium in Kohler (dates and location TBD)