

Fall Business Meeting

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

Attendance numbers at the fall business meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association is a mixed blessing. The low turnout is a sign the members trust and appreciate the job executive director Grams and the board of directors are doing. A high turnout could be the result of an angry mob so although I shouldn't complain I do wish more members would participate in this important part of your as-

sociation.

Outgoing President Jeff Millies opened the meeting and discussed his ten years on the board of directors. He will serve two more as Past President and will still be involved in committee work with the Symposium and Nominations Committee.

Executive Director Grams presented the membership numbers. In 2012 only 38% of members renewed on time and we saw a net

reduction in members. Overall we are better than the national association where overall numbers are down 27%.

Par4Research donations were down 20% from 2012 as less clubs participated in this valuable program. The Par4Research allows WGCSA to provide funds for research to the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association to they can support turfgrass research at UW Madison and the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research Facility.

WGCSA Legacy Scholarships were announced with \$500 scholarships given to:

- Katherine Barlow, daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Barlow. Katherine is a Freshman at UW Madison studying Biomedical Engineering.
- Mikka Schaller daughter of Scott and Joan Schaller. Mikka a Senior at UW Madison is studying Communication Arts with a emphasis in Film.
- Abbey Shaw daughter of Pat and Debbie Shaw. Abbey is a freshman at UW Madison studying Chemistry.

Next up was the presentation of the budget and the approval of the scholarship and research funds for 2013. Scholarship and research funds include

- J.R. Love Scholarship - \$1,500,
- Legacy Scholarship - 3 at \$500 ea.
- M.S. Miller Literary Scholarship - \$1,000
- Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab - \$2,000
- WTA - \$10,000
- WTA though the Par 4 Research Program - \$10,000
- Environmental Institute For Golf - \$500
- O.J. Noer Foundation from Symposium Profit - \$2,375

The total for scholarship and research is \$28,875 for 2013.

For 2012 the association had a prosperous year with income projected at \$18,114 well above the budgeted \$7,535

The last order of business was the election of officers was held and after no nominations came from the floor a unanimous ballot was cast for the candidates. 



Soon to be Past President Jeff Millies leads the Fall Business Meeting.



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2013 Board of Directors

Back: Brett Grams, Jeff Millies, Jeff Barlow, Josh LePine, Jake Schneider, Scott Bushman, Kevin Knudtson. Front : Chad Harrington, Colin Seaberg, Jim VanHerwynen, Jon Canavan (missing Steven Wasser)



Newly elected President Chad Harrington opens the Symposium.

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