

MTGF UPDATE

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As the MGCSA representative on the MTGF Board of Directors, I will be writing a monthly article in *Hole Notes* to update you on what is happening with the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation.

The MTGF Board of Directors met on January 7th to review the 1996 Conference and set goals for the coming year. It was announced at the meeting that the 1996 MTGF Conference was an overall success with only a few minor changes to be made for 1997. The 1996 conference profited about \$56,000 for the MTGF. The Board of Directors then discussed the pricing of the conference and decided to raise the individual fee for 1997 to \$95.00 for a full three-day pass. The vendor booth fee will also be increased 5% in 1997 to offset increased convention center costs. An additional \$50.00 will be added to late fees. The votes on raising the pricing of the conference were not unanimous.

MTGF president John Hopko set the goals of the MTGF for 1997: Deliver a top quality educational conference; communicate to the membership more completely about what the MTGF is and can offer in the future; establish what the ultimate goals for the foundation should be; support activities to further the education of our members. . . education, scholarship, research, etc., and maximize efforts for co-sponsored events with our allied associations.

After setting the goals for the foundation for the coming year with the following budget for 1997.

Total funds available to the MTGF in 1997 . . .	\$72,000
Existing savings and CD	\$10,000
Operating expenses	\$35,000
Scholarship	\$4,000
Research and Outreach	\$13,000
Long-term savings	\$10,000

If at any time you have any questions or comments regarding the MTGF or would be interested in serving on the MTGF Scholarship & Research Committee, feel free to give me a call at (612) 478-2179. I will return your call the same day. I would like to thank Joe Moris for serving as the MGCSA alternate on the MTGF Board of Directors.

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