
MTGF BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(Editor's Note: The following is a brief synopsis of the June 17 Board of Directors meeting held at North Star Turf, Inc.)

Roll Call

Scott Turtinen, Brad Pedersen, John Hopko, Tom Rudberg, Dick Abshire, Joe Moris, Dan Miller, Steve Balfany, Ken Liddell, Pat Walton, Dave Kemp, Tom Adamini, Greg Hubbard and Bob Fitch.

President's Report

Seed advisory received \$100,000 for research. Hopko talked to Nick Christians while in Idaho. They talked about the foundations. Iowa had the same growing pains that the MTGF is going through.

Vice-President's Report

Rudberg attended a steering committee meeting for the Research Project. Needs and wants should be forwarded to the MGA as soon as possible. September 1 recommendations must be in to the Governance Committee. It was said that the MTGF is a player with broad scope with the associations that make up the Foundation. This will help in asking for money from the state.

Treasurer's Report

A few bills have been paid, otherwise fairly quiet.

Communications

Turf association offers bi-annual newsletter. The University of Minnesota has become an official student chapter of the GCSAA.

Membership

Turtinen asked if the MTGF wanted to pursue the Minnesota Recreation & Parks Association (MRPA) in becoming an affiliated association. Adamini said the park directors would have an interest.

Expo '97

Thirteen companies have registered for the Expo. Low participation. More contact with vendors is needed to ask if they will support the Expo and exhibit.

Conference & Trade Show

Turtinen is following through with the speakers. Speakers unable to participate this year are being put on a list for next year. Superintendents miss the networking feeling at the conference and thus want to have a lunch. 1700 Turf & Ornamental people need to be recertified.

Turf Advisory

The University of Minnesota is coming out with a brochure entitled "Turf & Grounds at the University of Minnesota." The MTGF is mentioned in this brochure.

Research Report

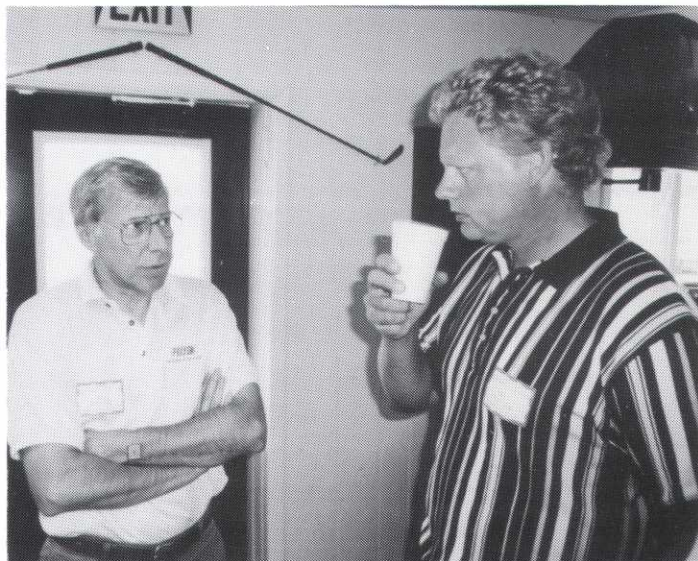
A survey was sent to nine associations with six responding. The results were compiled by Pat Walton. A priority list has been sent to the University of Minnesota to see if research has been done or can be done. Currently there is \$9,000 for research. It takes about \$30,000 to fund a good research project that would benefit more than one group of the foundation.

Scholarship Report

There is a motion in place to give out four scholarships at \$1,000 each. Discussion on using scholarship money for education.



PREPARING TO EAT LUNCH at Cannon Golf Club are North Star Turf's Jeff Churchill, left, and Steve Garske, Par Aide.



CONVERSING WITH MGCSA PRESIDENT Fred Taylor, right, is Larry Vetter, Turf Management Products, Inc.