

MGCSA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(Editor's Note: The following is a brief synopsis of the April 29 Board of Directors meeting held at The Lafayette Club.)

Roll Call

Pat Walton, Fred Taylor, Jim Nicol, Scott Turtinen, Tom Johnson, John Queensland, Steve Shumansky, Steve Young, Jeff Backstrom, Leif Erickson and Bob Distel.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson reported that he estimates \$13,000 to \$14,000 profit for year 1996-97 ending May 31. "We are in very good financial shape at this time."

Discussion on the Long Term Investment Plan of our Trust Fund.

MGCSA Executive Committee to devise SOP for investing Trust Fund.

Communications

Letter from Ross Galarneault regarding "Ice Alert" letter. GCSAA Scholarship letter.

President's Report

Taylor reported Past Presidents' Meeting at Manitou Ridge very helpful and more Past President meetings will be scheduled in the future. Past Presidents' concerns focused on:

1. Guidelines for Distinguished Service Award.
2. Investment strategies.
3. Annual Conference — reinstitute luncheon.
4. Communication with and from the MTGF.

Taylor also attended a meeting of the Allied Associations of Golf. Discussion on MGA legislative team and PGA carrier link.

Business Office

Turtinen to attend a GCSAA computer training seminar on June 26th. Many calls to business office concerning ice damage. 1997 Membership Rosters have been sent out. Turf Tourney applications mailed first week of May.

Bylaws

Tom Fisher is reviewing bylaws with Taylor.

Conference and Education

Young is in contact with Brede regarding upcoming conference in December. Past Presidents' Luncheon to be held Wednesday at noon prior to Annual Meeting and reception to be held that afternoon and evening.

Editorial

The May issue of *Hole Notes* was 44 pages.

Environmental

Environmental Handbook information is all in. Additional information to be mailed to members in June. Committee is developing a one-page letter on the "Benefits of Golf to the Environment."

Human Resources

Backstrom working with Terry Mueller of OSHA on ROPS situation. They are now looking at the weight of the vehicle as the determining factor versus horsepower. Looking at 1500 lb. level at this time. Backstrom will have more information at next Board Meeting.

Membership

Shumansky reported 19 new members.

Industrial Relations

Standard Operating Procedure addition to go in *Hole Notes* regarding Vendors' Dues.

MTGF

Walton not present at last MTGF meeting. Joe Moris served as alternate. The MTGF Board approved \$4,000 to co-op a survey to be developed by Brad Pedersen and distributed by the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota to determine the economic impact of the Green Industry in the State of Minnesota.

Public Relations

Backstrom reported that the MGA has a Web Site available to us. Taylor was interviewed about Winter Damage on the radio with Joe Andrews.

Scholarship

Queensland reported that the Scholarship Committee met April 7th at North Star Turf and prepared a budget for the coming year.

Charlie Pooch is working with Hank Wilkinson on the Trans-Mississippi Scholarship.

1997 Scholarships will be four \$1,000 Turf Scholarships, two \$1,000 Legacy Scholarships and one \$1,250 Garske Legacy Scholarship.

Old Business

Discussion on creating a Benevolence Fund for MGCSA members who were affected by the spring floods. Need to determine if there is a need prior to establishing the fund.

With funds being available this year a motion was made that the MGCSA make a \$1,000 donation to the Fairway Foundation.

— Patrick A. Walton, CGCS
MGCSA Secretary