



ON BOARD

Musing the Monthly Minutes

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Can you believe it is already Memorial Day? Even though we started out a little early this year, time is really flying. I hope everyone is on track to having a great year. In talking with some sales people I have gotten the impression that attitudes are definitely improved from last year, and that is great news.

Well, your Board of Directors met on Thursday, May 15 at the Edina C.C. While the quantity of information was rather low, the quality was very high, giving us some very interesting discussions.

For starters Paul Eckholm updated us on the legislative actions taken place over the last couple of weeks. It seems the legislators have had a change of mind and extended the deadline for the Power Limited Technician license test. The deadline for application is now June 30 and to take the test is September 30.

Paul also told us that the legislature passed a law that bans the use of any fertilizers containing 500 PPM or more arsenic. This could have a dramatic effect on some organic fertilizers.

It seems your lawmakers also were in agreement, passing a law that requires the use of a rain sensor switch on all irrigation systems installed after June 1, 2003. If I may interject an opinion here, I happen to think this is way overdue. I cannot tell you how many homeowners and businesses that have irrigation systems installed, set up by some installer and never shut them off. You can get 4" of rain and see those darn things running the next day on someone's lawn.

Moving on, Scott Turtinen reported that only about half of all members have paid their dues. This caused some con-

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cern on the Board of Directors, as the goal is to get the membership roster out in a timely fashion and have it be as accurate as possible. Therefore, since we have no financial penalty for late payment, we passed a motion that the cut-off day for the roster was May 31. Anyone not paying their dues by that day will not be in the current revision of the

roster, and will be taken off all mailing lists, until they pay their dues. By the way the roster will be a three-ring binder this year so additions and changes for future issues will be much less expensive

We will also be looking at sending the dues out earlier next year to help alleviate this problem in the future.

We discussed the latest issue of *Hole Notes*, and the consensus was that the color added to our publication has really enhanced its value. Your editor, Jack Mackenzie CGCS, is continuing to look at ways to improve this publication and would appreciate any input.

Keep an eye out for a letter promoting the Hole-in-one day or week for the TROE center. You will all be getting a letter in the mail describing this program and how it works. We would like to have participation by all the superintendents in our association. This would help to generate the funds needed to help promote the TROE Center.

Mike Kelly reported that he is moving forward in updating the Environmental Guide CD. The Board asked him to try and time its publication for Spring 2004 to ensure all the new phosphorus issues and the PLT issues are included.

I hope all goes well for everyone over the next month. Make sure you take time for you and your family. I know how easy it is to put in mega hours and forget the important half of your life, so so take time and smell the roses.

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