



## Musing the Monthly Minutes

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"Apathy", Webster defines it as a "lack of interest", one could also put in that definition MGCSA, but as we discussed at our last board meeting, it really seems to be a larger issue with society than just our organization. As long as a specific issue doesn't seem to affect people immediately they pass it off assuming someone else will handle it. Needless to say, it is causing our Ex-officio some difficulty in trying to find individuals to participate on the Board of Directors. So without getting too preachy, if you have had any interest in getting involved in the MGCSA, please call Paul Eckholm and let him know you are interested. Please also keep in mind that these are not difficult positions, and for the most part require very little extra time.

As far as our last Board of Directors meeting, it was a rather short one that was shortened even more by scheduling conflict with a very attractive Yoga group. We did however get some meaningful business conducted as we met at the barn at Woodhill Country Club on Thursday, September 25 at 8:30 a.m.

In Communications we received several thank you's from the scholarship recipients. We also received a thank you from Dr. Horgan for the support and flowers he received during his latest addition to the family.

The treasurers' report was short, discussing the movement of our Money market account from HD Vest to Wells Fargo. Also according to our accountant the switch in fiscal year should be smooth, requiring only that we file a 7-month return in December to put us on track for a new fiscal year to start January 1.

Rick Fredricksen congratulated Brian Horgan on his new baby and Brian reports that all is well, baby is growing like a weed, and sleep has definitely become a valuable commodity.

Business office introduced a new advertising schedule for Hole Notes. As it currently appears we are losing money due to the taxes and decreased ads since the 9/11. An increase of \$25 across the board would bring us back to break even.

The Industrial Relations committee has booked our meeting MGCSA winter meeting in San Diego. It is at Maloney's Tavern, an establishment in the Gas Lamp District. Details of time and date will be announced.

Bylaws and historical reported that there are several articles changes the membership will have to ratify at the next annual meeting. The first pertains to the fiscal year and how the dues are collected. The second is how the IR candidates are nominated and finally the third is an addition to the membership list of the Facility Membership.

Conference and Education reported all is set for the Expo except the time for the MGCSA annual meeting. After much discussion we decided to keep it on Thursday but try to reduce the time between the closing of the Show Floor and the start time of our meeting.

Editorial reported that it is increasingly difficult to get people to volunteer articles and wondered if we should reduce the number of issues from 10 per year to 6. There was little discussion on this topic, but will be reviewed at the next meeting.

MTGF reported that they are on track to support the U of M through a dual track concept. Supporting both the Troe center and educators in an effort to promote the turf program. With that in mind, Dr. Horgan reported that the provost at the U of M is on board with working on a design for the building at the Troe center, which is a huge step forward.

MTGF also reported that the Clippings is now being delivered electronically, however it is available as a pdf file for those who like to print out a copy and save it.

Research Committee reported that due to the decline in participation and the cost of food at the scramble event it only netted \$2500. It was suggested that this event be held at one of the larger private clubs if at all possible in the future.

Public Relations Committee reported there would be an article in the MN Golfer on frost and its affect on turf. If any one knows of a good topic that can be covered in this publication contact Mike Nelson.

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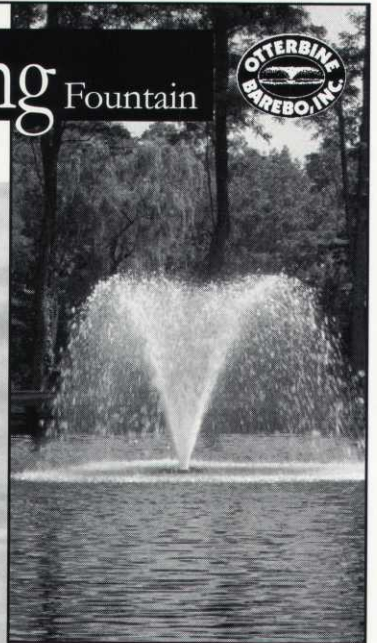
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