



ON BOARD

Musing the Monthly Minutes

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Can anyone believe how fast this summer has gone? It seemed like only yesterday we were planning all the projects for the summer and here we are prepping the course for the club championship, and saying good-bye to all the seasonal help. It's all down hill from here. I really love the fall too, always have. The cooler temps, the great fall colors, football, and more recently, fantasy football.

On to the business at hand, the following paragraphs chronicle the latest meeting of your Board of Directors. We met on Tuesday August 12, at Woodhill Country Club in the barn.

In Communications we received many a thank you, including some from scholarship recipients, the U of M, the family of Dick Wise, and from William Bengefield.

There was some discussion during the Treasurers' Report about the confusion that has occurred with our change of fiscal year. First there were so many people that paid their dues late that our six-month budget for dues revenue is way off. There was also some concern expressed to the Board that the dues will not follow the fiscal year now. However this doesn't affect dues at all. The dues paid are for the calendar year in which they are paid. It was felt that since the seven-month budget would be so far off we should have an 18-month statement at the annual meeting to give a more accurate representation of what occurred the previous fiscal period.

Rick Fredricksen thanked Mike Nelson for the being such a gracious host at the Presidents' Board of Directors golf event at Dacotah Ridge.

Thank you also to Craguns and Matt McKinnons' staff for hosting the MGCSA Championship - As hot as it was when the beverage gal came around with the frozen towels; those towels were a big hit. The course was in great shape, and the staff was very friendly and helpful as always.

The Business Office reported that 74, A, B & C members and 19 affiliates stand to be deleted on the September 1st deadline. The Membership Roster has been mailed out, and with so many people paying late updates could be expensive. It was decided that since 70% of membership gets e-mail, the updated pages would be emailed, generating substantial savings in postage, with the balance of updates coming in the mail later in the year.

The Industrial Relations Committee was looking at a harbor cruise in San Diego, but it would not be within their budget. Currently they are waiting for menus and prices from several restaurants in the area.

Brian Horgan reported on the Field Days and was very appreciative of the people that showed up and all went well. He mentioned that there is a need for an even stronger showing considering the amount of work that goes into preparing for such an event. Therefore he is looking at other options for this day. One would be to have an open house with staff available to discuss the different studies. He will open a discussion

on Turf Talk to in an effort to solicit opinions.

Staying with the U of M, things are really moving there. Tom Micheals the new Agronomy department head is starting September 1st. The posting for the position to replace Dr. Don White closes September 15th.

Greg Hubbard, and John Hopko representing the MTGF met with Dean Muscoplat and other staff to discuss the future of the Turf program at the University of Minnesota. Dean Muscoplat voiced his strong support of the program and with the support he has seen from our associations wants to keep the momentum moving forward.

Public Relations Committee reported there was an article in the Minnesota Golfer on pin locations and that the MGA would be willing to include other like articles in future editions.

James Bade reporting on Conference and Education stated that the two seminars from the GCSAA next winter are set. He also mentioned that the March mini will have Dr. Roach from the University of Nebraska as well as a speaker to be named later on human resources or a like topic.

Finally in new business the Board discussed the honorary member list. We went through the roster and picked out many names as well as adding some. However we would like some help with a few names so if any seasoned supt's have time to look through the list, please call a Director and help us update this list.

I hope you all have a good month and if you need it as we do, rain falls your way. - RT

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