



Musing the Minutes

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It is my pleasure to welcome to the incoming Board members: Treasurer Jeff Johnson; Directors Brad Zimmerman, Paul Eckholm, CGCS, and James Gardner, CGCS, and our new IR Rep. Dave Oberle (*that's Industrial Relations, not Independent Republican, although he may be republican, but let's not go there*). All of these gentlemen have a lot of experience and love for the association. I know they will put forth an excellent effort. I personally enjoy participating on the Board of Directors for the MGCSA. It is a great group of people that make every effort to represent our organization to the utmost.

I would also like to thank the members leaving the Board of Directors: Mike Brual, who has served our association as a Director and Treasurer; Greg Hubbard, our MTGF representative, and Joe Churchill who represented our affiliate members. It has been enjoyable getting to know all of you.

Also, out-going president Rick Fredricksen, CGCS, who has served for many years, it has been an honor to participate on the Board with you as president.

Your Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 13th at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. There was a wide range of topics discussed and I will try to highlight several.

First President Rob Panuska welcomed all. He then went on to state his concern for the image being developed of our association among the membership. With a strong concern for what happened at the annual meeting we were all encouraged to find members at large to contribute to our committees.

Brad Zimmerman the Arrangements chairman (*whom, I might add, is doing an excellent job*) reported on the schedule of meetings for 2004:

May - Spring Mixer - Glencoe C.C.

June - Scholarship Scramble - White Bear Yacht Club

August - Stodola Research Tourney - Somerset C.C.

September - MGCSA Championship - Edina C.C.

October - Fall Mixer - Montevideo C. C.

James Bade your new Vice President and Conference and Education Chair reported that the attendance was 7456, up about 325 from 2003 at the MTGF Expo.

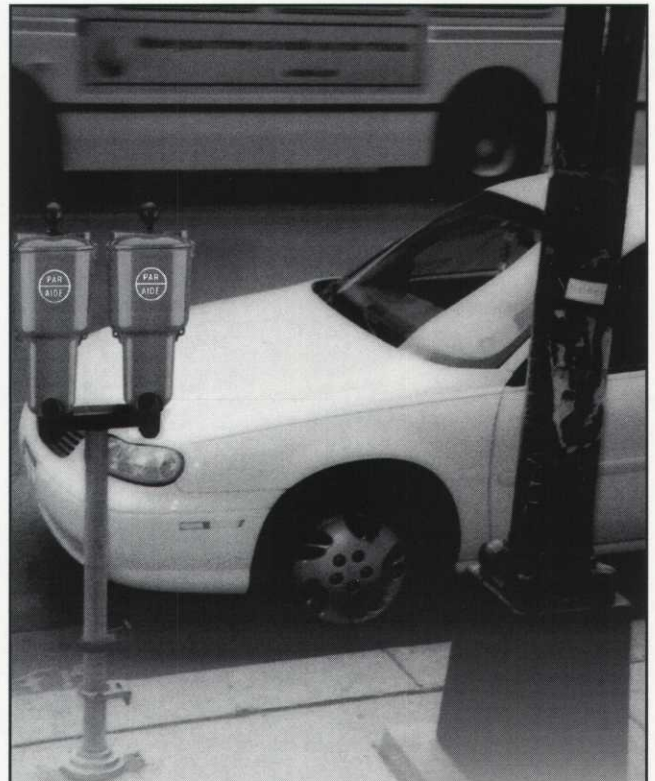
President Panuska also stated that the Environmental Guide CD is due to be updated this year, with money in the budget to handle that, look for it some time late fall.

Industrial Relations reports that the February meeting will take place at the Rock Bottom Brewery in San Diego. This will be an informal get together. Those attending will pay for their own food and beverage. Rock Bottom Brewery has pool tables available for use at no cost. Since there were budgeted funds for this event it was decided that those funds could be used for an awards luncheon that coincides with the March Mini-Seminar.

In Public Relations, Chairman Mike Nelson discussed the latest issue of *Minnesota Golfer* and the article that highlighted Superintendents Scott Hoffman, CGCS, Dale Caldwell, CGCS and Maurice Anderson as well as their crews and the architects of their courses. Thanks guys for representing our careers so professionally. Mike also mentioned there would be upcoming articles highlighting Superintendents as well as a short article each issue to help educate golfers on etiquette. We will also have representation at the Minnesota Golf Show, sharing a booth with the MGA. So if you are in the area, stop by the booth and visit one of your Board members. Again great job Mike I don't remember a year when superintendents got so much press.

The meeting concluded with committee assignments. It was decided that we would put a picture and brief description of all Board members and their history on the Board as well as their committee assignments on the MGCSA website. If you are interested in serving on a committee or just seeking more information check out the website at www.MGCSA.org.

With that I hope you all had a good time at the Minnesota Green Expo and for those of you traveling either to the GCSAA trade show or just out on a vacation to somewhere warm, travel safe and have a great time.



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