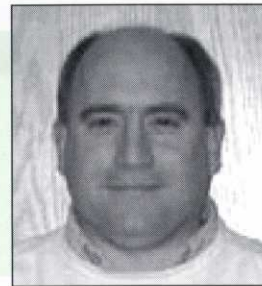




Musing the Minutes

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Well guys and gals, it is about over. As I write this several of you have already blown out your irrigation systems and others are preparing to do the same. We have had a great year at Monticello C.C., and I hope you all have had the same.

Your Board of Directors met on a beautiful fall day at The Crossings Golf Club in Montevideo, October 11. All but four members were present. The meeting was short and sweet, so this article will follow that same format.

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Treasurer Jeff Johnson presented the preliminary budget for 2005. We asked that it be presented in a monthly format to give the board a better understanding of where we are from month to month. There was some discussion and a few adjustments to be made before final approval at the next meeting.

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President Rob Panuska reported on his trip to the Delegates convention at GCSAA. The two hot topics are the combining of the trade show with other associations, much like we did with

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the MTGF, and the renaming of the GCSAA. There was quite a bit of discussion on both topics and no one seemed to be in favor of either. Since Rob will be voting, please e-mail him to let him know how you stand. You can find out more information on the GCSAA web site.

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Executive Director Scott Turtinen made the Board aware of an ethics issue. It appears a general manager was pursuing other Superintendents without first informing the current superintendent of his status. For those who are not aware, as members of our association, it is an ethics violation to pursue another position while another member is holding that position. Our membership chair will be drafting a letter to the other associations letting them know our association's position on this matter.

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Jack Mackenzie, CGCS, our *Hole Notes* editor, will be submitting our publication in the GCSAA publication contest. Let's all wish him well as he has done an excellent job in bringing this publication to the next level. Jack also contributed \$280 to the MGCSA through the contribution of Accolades Premium Points. Jack challenges all of us to do the same with their extra points as well.

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The MGCSA Annual Business Meeting will take place at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2005 at the Minneapolis Convention Center during the Minnesota Green Expo.

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Again, I hope you all have had a great year and I wish you the best in putting your course to bed for 2004.

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