

Musing the Minutes

By MATT MCKINNON, MGCSA Secretary



The MGCSA Board of Directors met on April 21, 2010 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club in Prior Lake.

After President Paul Diegnau, CGCS called the meeting he stated that he wrote a letter to Northern Turf Seed Council supporting their request for a grant.

Treasurer Paul Eckholm, CGCS said the MGCSA finances look good.

Arrangements Chair Tom Proshek reported that the 2011 MGCSA March Mega Seminar will now be held on March 9-10 at The Legends Club. St Cloud Country Club dropped out. Victory Links has been contacted. Ruttger's has been contacted about the Championship and Forest Hills has accepted the 2011 Research event. The 2010 meetings are all set. Proshek said last year's Fall Mixer registration was \$10 and would like to raise it to \$20. The Board approved the increase.

Executive Director Scott Turtinen reported that 2009 Tax information has been filed. The MGCSA did not owe any money for 2009 but will pay quarterly installments this year. The MGCSA March

Mega Seminar made a profit of \$1,912 with \$12,735 income and \$10,823 in expenses. Syngenta Professional Products was a major sponsor of the event. Current MGCSA membership dues totals are: Superintendents 538 paid, 68 not paid. Affiliates have 109 paid and 25 not paid. 2011 donations are at \$2,895 as of April 20. Turf Research Benefit has 21 clubs. The Northern Green Expo speakers and schedule have been finalized. GCSAA's Steve Randall (was the) featured speaker at the Assistants Spring Mixer at Eastwood GC.

Editorial Chair Brian Brown talked about *Hole Notes* and on-line possibilities vs. a printed copy.

Fundraising: Next year's Orlando hospitality event will be at Tommy Bahama's.

Human Resources: Roger Stewart, CGCS, said survey results were printed in *Hole Notes*. A new survey will be prepared and about whether *Hole Notes* be forwarded to members electronically or hard copy. Stewart will write an article on the ELGA Award.

Minnesota Turf/Government Affairs:

Eckholm talked about Water surcharge bill. Opposition killed the piece. Last year's summer sur-charge went into the general fund. It should be taken out of there and put where it was supposed to go. The bill should be re-written and not clump everyone together.

Membership: Discussion on new members. Re-class dates for SM to A members.

MTGF Report: Discussion on the three grants given by the MTGF that totaled \$65,000. Endowment fund received some money.

Scholarship: Jake Ryan gave us the 2010 Scholarship Committee. The committee is made up of two affiliates, two assistants, two Superintendents and two mechanics. Need new revenues to be able to give a turf scholarship.

Old Business: The Board discussed logo appraisal. SOP's are needed from Committee Chairs.

New Business: BMP's for pesticides, water usage and fertility. GCSAA creates templates for all states to follow. Horgan is on the GCSAA Committee. The MGCSA President's Award will be awarded at the awards banquet.

Northland CC research project: Funding is needed for turfgrass research being done at NCC. USGA is pulling current funding away. Dr. Balogh is looking for funding for 2012. Nutrient testing needs \$12-15,000 of funding.

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