



Damaged greens and fairways at Rose Creek after the flood.



Parts of the course were disturbed in order to build the dikes.

Flood at Rose Creek-

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On May 3rd the water finally dropped below our last green, after being covered for six weeks. Within a few days it was dry enough to get light equipment on. We spiked it several times but ended up losing the entire green as well as part of a fairway and one set of tees. They were all reseeded as soon as they had dried out enough to work on. The weather did not cooperate with us much that spring as it stayed very wet and cool. Our crew would seed areas as soon as the contractor was finished with the reconstruction but it was taking longer than we had hoped. By the end of June the dike was gone, all the damaged cart paths had been replaced and the irrigation was all finally pressurized and holding. There was still some seeding to be done but the crews had done a fantastic job of getting the course back in shape.

Looking out the window now at the huge piles of snow make me wonder what this spring will be like. Red River flood forecasts came out today and they don't sound very optimistic. Moisture levels and weather patterns similar to last year could make this another interesting summer.

Musing the Minutes

By **MATT MCKINNON**
MGCSA Secretary

The MGCSA Board of Directors met at Keller Golf Course on January 26, 2010.

President Paul Diegnau, CGCS, welcomed Joe Churchill, Roger Stewart, CGCS, Bill Gullicks and Jake Ryan to the Board. Diegnau also reported that University of Minnesota sent a thank you for the first installment of \$10,000 of the \$50,000 Endowment.

Under new business Diegnau brought up the Executive Director's Compensation. After discussion, Rick Traver, CGCS, made a motion to increase Turtinen Communications salary by 3%. The Board approved.

Treasurer Paul Eckholm, CGCS, reported that MGCSA budgeted for 2009 to break even but we will actually make about \$4,600. Dues revenue was down \$10,000. Board approved Treasurer's Report.

Executive Director Scott Turtinen reported that, as of January 26, MGCSA Affiliate sponsorship has brought in \$5,400 for the Northern Green Expo Booth Challenge; \$11,450 for 2010 MGCSA monthly meetings and the March Mega-Seminar, and \$10,600 for Hospitality Night in San Diego during the Golf Industry Show.

MGCSA has received dues from 92 Golf course and 22 Affiliates. Donations totalled \$700. Dave Krupp donated \$500, which makes his donations for 2009 total \$2,500.

Jeff Ische, Eric Counselman and Diegnau attended the Joint Programming Board for the Northern Green Expo. This Board consists of MTGF, which is eight Allied Associations, and MNLA, which are nine committees. Paul reported that there were 5,700 attendees at the 2010 Green Expo compared to 6,700 during the 2009 Expo. Paul Eckholm made a motion to approve the purchase of 250 folders for the March Mega Seminar, Rick Traver, 2nd, approved.

*Respectfully submitted,
Matt McKinnon, Secretary*

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