

2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

Annual MAAGCS Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2012

Argyle Country Club

Host: Mr. Mike Barrett, CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer, MAAGCS

Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Scott Wunder, President - calls the MAAGCS Annual Meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Scott thanks all those that support our association and to those that make a great effort to attend our meetings throughout the year. Scott also thanks all the vendors who sponsor the association throughout the year and recognize them each by name. He thanks the current Board of Directors for their continued efforts in running the association.

Item 2 – Presentation of Golf Awards

Bryan Bupp presents the golf awards from the Annual Championship held at Piney Branch Golf and Country Club to the following members:

Affiliate Division:

Harry Fridley Award to Andrew Harrison (John Deere Landscapes) – low gross

Mike Evans Award to Bo Jumbercatta (Landscape Supply) – low net

Superintendent Division:

Walter Montross Award to Doug Hall (Towson Golf and Country Club) – low gross

Rick Wakefield Award to Scott Wunder (Piney Branch Golf and Country Club) – low net

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Item 3 – Reading of 2011 Annual Meeting minutes

Mr. Scott Wunder informs the membership the 2011 meeting minutes have been published in the November newsletter and also emailed to the membership. Mr. Bryan Bupp makes a motion to approve the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes. Mr. Ken Ingram seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the minutes with no objections.

Item 4- Officers' Reports

President: Mr. Scott Wunder reports increasing attendance at meetings has been a focus and the Annual Meeting attendance was over 70 members.

A Strategic Planning Meeting was held earlier this year and facilitated by Steve Randall, Senior Staff Advisor from the GCSAA. A new Mission and Vision Statement have been adopted, they are as follows:

“The Mid-Atlantic GCSA is dedicated to providing value to members through programs and services that enhance our profession” and a new Vision Statement for the MAAGCS:

The Mid-Atlantic GCSA Chapter and Members will be consistently recognized as:

- Supportive of growing the game
- Supportive of turfgrass research and the golf course management profession
- A strong allied golf organization partner
- Leaders in environmental stewardship
- Promoting government relations and advocacy efforts

The Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) is asking for our support with Rounds for Research. Golf rounds are donated and then auctioned off to raise money for the EIFG to invest in research. 80% of the money raised from courses in our area will be returned to our local chapter. Mr. Wunder encouraged our members to participate.

Vice President: Mr. Jon Lobenstine reports Maryland Golf Day was cancelled but much preparation was completed. An exhibit booth has been assembled and the MAAGCS can be ready to set up and talk about our industry on short notice.

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Jon Lobenstine, Jay Nalls, Ted Blauvelt, Mike Barrett, CGCS, and Dean Graves, CGCS represented the GCSAA for National Golf Day in Washington DC earlier this year. Exhibit tables showing the high tech. Tools we use each day to manage our courses were on display in the Rayburn Foyer to increase awareness of the positive impact the golf industry has on the economy and environment.

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Mike Barrett reports our current membership count is approx. 385. Based on information gathered from the GCSAA, our chapter is doing very well. All 2012 expenses have been paid and taxes have been filed, the MAAGCS is financially healthy. Mr. Barrett also reports that in his role as Secretary/Treasurer, he works with the Board to develop the annual budget and keeps the minutes at our meetings.

Past President: Mr. Bryan McFerren reports in his role as Past President, he attends Board Meetings and is responsible for seeking out candidates who are interested in serving on the Board.

Membership Services: Mr. Mark Jewell reports the Zoomerang survey sent earlier in the year was successful. This year a Couples Cruise Night was created and over 50 couples were in attendance and the Board is looking into creating additional new events in the future.

Government Relations: Mr. Bryan Bupp read a report prepared by Jay Nalls who was not present. Report is included on page 6.

Golf: Mr. Bryan Bupp reports the golf events for 2012 were successful. We will continue to offer the best price possible for golf events and we should be sure to support our sponsors. Mr. Bupp is currently working on securing venues for 2013 and if anyone is interested in hosting an event they should contact him. MAAGCS will continue working on increasing member attendance for golf events in the future.

Names selected for awards this year are as follows: Harry Fridley Award, Wayne Evans Award, Walter Montross Award, Rick Wakefield Award. If anyone would like to make a recommendation to honor an industry legend, please contact the Board.

Education: Mr. Steve Evans makes a report for Ted Blauvelt who was not present.

Attendance for the Spring Education exceeded 140 this year and 1/3 of the attendees received pesticide re-certification. Ted is currently lining up education for the monthly meetings.

In addition to scheduling education, Mr. Blauvelt also oversees the scholarship program and attends Board meetings.

Media & Public Relations/Newsletter: Mr. Chris Harriman reports the newsletter has been totally reformatted. The new format includes interesting articles and research that is very useful to our membership. The newsletter is also available on our website at MAAGCS.org.

Chris will be working on Social Media outlets this year including Facebook and Twitter. Chris plans to implement online registration for events in the future and improve the website.

IAC Representative: Mr. Sam Kessel reports the survey sent to the vendors didn't receive much feedback. The vendors are pleased with the direction of the association.

Item 5 - New Business

Mr. Scott Wunder appoints Mr. Steven Walls (TPC Potomac at Avenel Farms) as the Assistant Superintendent Advisor liaison to the Board of Directors for a one-year term.

Mr. Steven Walls thanks Mr. Wunder and the Board for the opportunity and reports the Assistants Championship held at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farms was successful. The day included a very informative round table discussion.

Mr. Steve Evans (Hamshire Greens Golf Course), and Buddy Hipp (Manor Country Club) will serve on the Assistant Advisor Committee.

Item 6 - Presentation of Scholarships

Mr. Scott Wunder and Mr. Jon Lobenstine present scholarships to the following deserving recipients:

Scott Hosier (Woodmont Country Club) Stan Zontek Award (Merit Award) - \$1,000

Brent Waite (Bay Hills Golf Club) - \$500

Brian Knott (Cedar Point Golf Country Club) - \$500

Matthew Park (Congressional Country Club) - \$500

Brian Hogan (Hampshire Greens Golf Course) - \$500

Tyler Brunk (Cattail Creek Country Club) - \$500

Item 7 - GCSAA Business

Mr. Mark Jewell reports he represented the MAAGCS by attending the annual GCSAA Chapter Delegates meeting in Lawrence, Kansas on October 5th-7th.

Mr. Jewell summarized his visit by talking about the major topics of the meeting. A detailed summary is available online at maagcs.org

Item 8 - Annual Board Elections

Election of Officers:

Mr. Bryan McFerren states through progression of the officers, Mr. Jon Lobenstine is nominated for President. Mr. Ken Ingram makes a motion to close nominations from the floor. Mr. Matt Burton seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. Mr. Jon Lobenstine is elected as the President.

Mr. McFerren states through progression of the officers, Mr. Mike Barrett, CGCS is nominated for Vice President. Mr. Bryan Bupp makes a motion to close nominations from the floor. Mr. Matt

Burton seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. Mr. Mike Barrett, CGCS is elected as the Vice President.

Mr. McFerren states the nomination for Secretary/Treasurer is Mr. Ted Blauvelt. Mr. Matt Burton makes a motion to close nominations from the floor. Mr. Mark Jewell seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. Mr. Ted Blauvelt is elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Election of Board Chairs:

Mr. Bryan McFerren, presides over the elections for the Board of Directors:

Mr. Bryan McFerren states that current Directors Mark Jewell and Chris Harriman are up for reelection and Jay Nalls will be serving his second year of a two-year term. Doug Bottamiller (Fairway Hills Golf Course), Stephen Britton, CGCS (TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm), Brandon Collins (Country Club at Woodmore) and Galen Evans (Laytonville Golf Course) are also running so there are 6 candidates that were nominated for 4 seats. The candidate that receives the highest number of votes will be elected to serve a two-year term, and the other candidates elected will serve a one-year term.

After Mr. McFerren offering, there were no further nominations from the floor. Mr. Mark Jewell makes a motion to accept the nominations. Mr. Matt Burton seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. The Association voted for 4 Directors to serve the Board in 2013, Mr. Chris Harriman received the most votes and was selected to serve a two-year term. Mr. Mark Jewell, Mr. Stephen Britton and Mr. Brandon Collins were elected to serve one-year terms.

Bryan Bupp makes a motion to destroy the ballots. Chris Harriman seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. The ballots are destroyed.

Election of IAC Officer:

Mr. Sam Kessel announces the names of the candidates for the position of IAC Alternate: Jim McHenry (?), Rob Larson (John Deere Landscapes), Mike Hutchison (Sports Aggregates), Kevin Monaco (Turf Equipment and Supply), Paul Schultheis (Finch Services), and Theodore Huhn (BASF). Kevin Monaco is elected to serve as the IAC Alternate.

The ballots were destroyed following the elections.

Item 9 – Honorary Membership Award

Mr. Scott Wunder presents Sam Kessel with an Honorary MAAGCS Membership in recognition of his 49 years of service to our industry. Mr. Kessel's wife, Sue and children were in attendance for the award.

Item 10 – Closing thoughts

Mr. Scott Wunder Thanks Bryan McFerren for his ten years of service to the MAAGCS Board of Directors and presents him with a plaque. Mr. McFerren thanks the Board of Directors and Mrs. Theresa Baria for all their hard work over the past 10 years.

Mr. Scott Wunder thanks the MAAGCS for allowing him to serve as their President and reviews the goals he set for the association:

1. Strengthen relationships with allied associations in the Golf Industry.
2. Evaluate our meeting schedule to ensure our members are receiving quality education and enjoyable gatherings at a reasonable prices.
3. Improve our communication strategy through social media and technology.

Mr. Wunder asks for a moment of silence to honor Stan Zontek and Harry Fridely.

Mr. Wunder introduces MAAGCS new President, Mr. Jon Lobenstine. Mr. Lobenstine thanks the membership for the opportunity to serve as the President and discusses goals for 2013:

1. Increase member participation at monthly meetings
2. Continue to provide great education and great networking opportunities
3. Work towards sustainability with jr. golf programs, Get Golf Ready and Golf 2.0
4. Support the Environmental Institute for Golf with Rounds for Research
5. Break down negative stereotypes about the golf industry and improve our image to non golfers
6. Improve our social media network to provide quicker response to our membership

Item 11 – Adjournment

Mr. Jon Lobenstine adjourns the meeting at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Barrett, CGCS

Secretary/Treasurer

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