

2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2013

Argyle Country Club

Present:

Mr. Scott Wunder, Past President

Mr. Jon Lobenstine, President

Mr. Mike Barrett CGCS, Vice President

Mr. Teddy Blauvelt, Secretary/
Treasurer

Mrs. Theresa Baria, Chapter Executive

Mr. Chris Harriman, Newsletter/
Media/Public Relations Chairman

Mr. Mark Jewell, Membership
Chairman

Mr. Brandon Collins, Golf Chairman

Mr. Ryland Chapman, IAC Representative

Not Present:

Mr. Steven Walls, Assistant Superintendent Liaison

Mr. Stephen Britton, Education

Mr. Jay Nalls, Government Relations

Mr. Jon Lobenstine, President called the MAAGCS Annual meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Mr. Lobenstine requests amendments/additions to the agenda. There were none.

Mr. Lobenstine calls for Golf Chairman, Brandon Collins to present golf awards:

Mr. Collins presents the following awards:

Affiliate Division:

Low net, the Tom Walsh Award to Tod Cowing.

Low Gross, The Dr. Peter Dernoden Award to Brent Ruark.

Superintendent Division:

Low Gross Champion, the Rick Wakefield Award to Doug Hall

Low Net Champion, the Mike Larson Award to Ed Gasper.

Mr. Lobenstine continues. Last year's meeting minutes have been made available in the December 2012 newsletter and have also been e-mailed to every member in November. There are no unapproved minutes, or unfinished business. Mr. Scott Wunder makes a motion to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes. Mr. Matt Burton seconds the motion and the minutes are unanimously approved with no objections.

Officer's Reports:

President Mr. Jon Lobenstine then introduces the head table with Board members present and their titles. He continues with the reading of his report noting that there were many things in which he was proud to contribute. Mr. Lobenstine refers to the retirement of Dr. Pete Dernoden and his wonderful retirement party. He includes that the family picnic was a great success, and that National golf day was represented well by himself and others. He closes by announcing that the Stewards of the Chesapeake tournament has surpassed \$125,000 in fundraisers.

Vice President Mr. Mike Barrett, CGCS reports that he was proud to work with MR. Branden Collins on finding locations for golf venues, as well as assist ay the board in any challenges they faced throughout the year. He too referenced National Golf Day and its success.

Secretary Treasurer Mr. Teddy Blauvelt reminds that all responsibilities and duties of the board and committees are outlined in the directory/handbook. He continues that his responsibilities included the recording of each meetings minutes and budget management. This includes the signing of checks, and the recording of receipts and expenditures.

Past President Mr. Scott Wunder reports that he was the leader in researching and promoting the Rounds for Research effort. He continued by asking for continued participation and thanked all those who participated this past year.

Directors Reports:

Government Relations: Mr. Jay Nalls was absent so Mr. Teddy Blauvelt read his report. Mr. Nalls reports that government relations once again had a great year in helping superintendents with the fertilizer certification process, educating them on the new fertilizer laws and supporting the industry against a possible fertilizer ban in Montgomery County. He also was able to testify against the pesticide reporting bill.

Education: Mr. Stephen Britton, CGCS was absent so Mr. Steve Evans reported for him. Mr. Evens referred to the Annual Education sem-

inar. He included that the list of speakers has been finalized, and pesticide and fertilizer certification would be provided. He asked all to mark their calendars for February 26th the day of the event.

Golf Committee: Mr. Brandon Collins reports that each golf event was a great success this year. He was proud to take the lead and serve the board and membership for these events. He adds that we should continue to thank our vendors as if it were not for them the events would not be possible.

Newsletter/Media/Public Relations: Mr. Chris Harriman reports that he directly responsible for the creation and forming of 4 newsletters throughout the year. He adds the he has done much work on the MAAGCS website and that it continues to grow and be interactive for the membership.

Membership Services: Mr. Mark Jewell reports that the couples cruise and family picnic were 2 events that he took the lead on putting together and was proud of their success. He closes by adding that he hopes the position will continue to generate new and successful events.

IAC Report: Mr. Ryland Chapman reports that he had a lot of interaction with the assistant membership this year. He continued by referencing the new and revamped questionnaire that he created for the membership and felt it was a success. He included that most importantly he was responsible for communication between the board and the IAC.

Assistant Superintendent Advisor: Mr. Steven Walls was absent.

New Business:

Mr. Jon Lobenstine appointments Mr. Kirk Warburton to be the new assistant superintendent liaison. This position is to be held for one year.

Presentation of the Scholarships:

Mr. Teddy Blauvelt presents scholarships to Mr. Eric David (Penn State), Mr. Brian Hogan (UMD, IAA), and Mr. Matt Park (UMD, IAA), the recipient of the Stan Zontac Scholarship awarded for a student who truly stands above and beyond excellence.

GCSAA Business:

Mr. Jon Lobenstine introduces voting delegate Mr. Matt Burton to report on GCSAA business and state who MAAGCS will be voting for at the national elections.

Mr. Matt Burton thanked Jon Lobenstine and the rest of the board for asking him to represent the association at the meeting. This year's meeting was held in Lawrence, Kansas and was on a Tuesday - Thursday schedule as opposed to years past when it was held in Kansas City and over a Friday - Sunday. The theme of this year's meeting was looking to the future and what a superintendents role will be in 5-10 years down the road.

The association continues to identify trends and implement programs as golf continues to contract in the US but grows internationally.

Revenues are stable and have been for 3 years.

The association continues to be the leader in education, especially in Asia.

The association has developed a mobile application that is available for free download.

Field staff implementation has been completed.

Rounds 4 Research generated \$175,000 in bids in 2013. The program will continue in 2014.

The association hopes to generate member engagement at the committee level as it has been difficult to find people who are interested to serve. There will be new task groups that are formed this year that will ask for volunteers as well as appointments.

Discussion was started on member classification and standards and the consensus was to simplify and enhance class A. Further action will be taken on this issue at the committee level and at future delegates meetings.

2014 GCSAA candidates for office

President: Keith Ihms, CGCS; running unopposed

Vice President: John O'Keefe, CGCS; running unopposed

Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Grass, CGCS; Bill Maynard, CGCS; MAAGCS will vote for Peter Grass. Peter Grass has one year left in his position on the board of directors. If Bill Maynard loses the election he will likely be nominated to fill that position. If Peter Grass loses the election he will remain on the board.

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Board of Directors: Rafael Barajas, CGCS; Mark Jordan, CGCS; John Walker; 2 open positions and MAA-GCS will vote for Rafael Barajas and Mark Jordan.

Election of Officers:

Mr. Lobenstine calls for Mr. Scott Wunder the nomination committee chairman.

Mr. Wunder states the Mr. Mike Barrett is running for the position of president, he then asks for nominations from the floor. None voiced. All in favor and none opposed. He then declares Mr Mike Barrett is the new President.

Mr. Wunder announces that Mr. Teddy Blauvelt is running for the position of vice president, he then asks for nominations from the floor.

None are voiced. All were in favor and none opposed. He then declares Mr. Teddy Blauvelt as Vice President.

Mr. Wunder announces that Mr. Chris Harriman is running for the position of Secretary/Treasurer, he then asks for nominations from the floor. None are voiced. All were in favor and none opposed. He then declares Mr. Chris Harriman as Secretary/Treasurer

Election of Directors:

Mr. Wunder states that current directors running for the board are Jay Nalls and Brandon Collins, and the new members running are Galen Evans, Ryan Kraushofer and Mike Bostian. He states that there are five positions available.

He asks for nominations from the floor and none are voiced. All who are running have been selected with Mr. Jay Nalls receiving a 2 year term.

IAC Elections:

IAC Chairman Mr. Ryland Chapman then comes forward to elect IAC alternate. He announces that that Sam Camuso, Andrew Harrison, Mike Hutchison, Paul Schultheis and Ted Huhn. He announces there is only the one position for the five running. Mr. Sam Camuso is announced to be the 2014 IAC representative alternate.

Mr. Scott Wunder then asks for a motion to destroy the ballots, Mr. Mark Jewell makes a motion, Mr. Teddy Blauvelt seconds and all were in favor.

Presidents Address:

Mr. Lobenstine thanks Mr. Ryland Chapman, Mr. Stephen Britton, and Mr. Mark Jewell for their service on the board, He continues by thanking those now and continue serving on the board.

Mr. Lobenstine at this time recognizes Mr. Steve Evans for all his dedicated help over the years with MAAGCS and presents him with an exemplary service award and plaque to show MAAGCS appreciation.

Mr. Lobenstine at this time recognizes Mr. Mike Larsen for his long time dedication and honor to MAAGCS. Mr. Lobenstine presents Mr. Larsen with an honorary membership award and plaque to show MAAGCS appreciation.

Mr. Jon Lobenstine then thanks Mr. Scott Wunder, outgoing past president, as it is time to say goodbye for his service on the board.

After a brief speech Mr. Lobenstine presents Mr. Wunder with an award for his service on the board.

Mr. Lobenstine then says a few words about his experience as President and thanks all sponsors, especially the Chip McDonald and his family for their dedication to the membership.

Newly elected Mike Barrett speaks on the bright future of the MAAGCS and presents a plaque/gavel to Mr. Jon Lobenstine.

Mr. Mike Barrett President, thanks everyone for their attendance and adjourns the meeting at 3:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teddy Blauvelt, Secretary/Treasurer

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2013 Scholarship Winners with



Board

Left to Right: Jon Lobenstine, Matt Park, Teddy Blauvelt, Brian Hogan, & Eric David