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Chapter Notes

Chesapeake Chapter President's Notes

by Raymond Flood
Chapter President

January, 1990 I attended the Second Annual Sports Turf Managers Association meeting in Houston along with a few of my colleagues. We spent three days at seminars, workshops and equipment demonstrations. It was all that I expected it to be and more.

However, upon returning to Maryland, I realized how distant I was to other professionals I met there. I began looking for a way to interact with other members. I attended the South Carolina Chapter Seminar, sponsored by STMA, in November, 1990. It was there that I spoke with STMA Executive Director Dale Keller about starting a chapter in the mid-Atlantic area.

In February, 1991 a small group

of sports turf professionals from the mid-Atlantic area came together to discuss organization of a local chapter. By the end of the meeting, we had discussed some goals and objectives, talked of shared interests and common problems and come up with the name **Chesapeake Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association (CCSTMA)**.

We now have forty-three members. We will be applying for national STMA affiliation this month and we are growing faster than anyone originally anticipated. My apologies to any members who have not received confirmation of membership or who have not been contacted about upcoming events. From now on we will provide a newsletter and calendar each month and any other information of importance to the industry.

Colorado Football Workshop Held

by Thomas A Lujan, Chapter President

I want to let you know our workshop recently held (8/8/91) at the Denver Broncos Training Facility in Arapahoe County. We had turned our attention to this workshop, to the preparations needed to prepare a field for fall play.

Everything went as planned and all had a good time which, by the way, is most important. We had 51 people. This included the four main speakers. Their topics went as follows:

1. Tom Briddle, Tectonic Construction Company. He spoke for 45 minutes. His main topic was the construction of sand based fields in our area.

2. Dan Almond, R.B.I. Construction Company. He had talked for 15 minutes on the construction of the new Bronco Training Facility.

3. Dick Hawley, Green-It Turf. His talk focused on fertilizer on

sports fields in our area.

4. Ross Kurcab, Superintendent, Denver Broncos. His talk covered the preparations needed to prepare a field for a football game.

Once the talking was over and done with, we all went outside to walk and view the practice fields. While this was going on, hamburgers were being grilled to perfection.

Everyone sat down and ate lunch. When this was over Ross Kurcab and his assistant, as well as the field staff from Mile High Stadium, proceeded to demonstrate how to lay out a football field.

Once all the reference points were set, strings were put in place and a field painting demonstration took place. The crews, as well as help from the gallery, proceeded to stripe the five yard lines, sidelines and the numbers on half the field. Everyone enjoyed the demos and discussed all the aspects of them.

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South Carolina Chapter Future Outlined

by Bucky Trotter, Chapter President

I would like to thank the S.C. Chapter #1 members for the trust they have placed in me as their president for the coming year. I am deeply honored to be your president and I feel your trust will not be misplaced. I have every confidence that our work together will contribute to continuing the advancements that will benefit every member of our association.

A special thanks to Joe Wilson and Steve Figueroa for all they have brought to the chapter. Their work will benefit this association in the years to follow.

As I begin my term as your president, I see a future that is filled with challenges and rewards for our profession, this chapter and the national association. The challenges of our profession will require enhanced levels of technical knowledge and understanding.

The words "safe" and "environment" will present significant tests to all of us. These words and what they represent will cause the public and each of us to re-evaluate the expectations of ourselves, the ecosystems we manage and ultimately the athletic fields where the games are played will reflect our efforts.

For anyone to become successful at a particular occupation, he or she must make a commitment to do the job correctly. A commitment is a dedication that

states emphatically that an individual will improve, will be devoted to the completion of his/her job and will allow nothing to stand in the way of his or her goals. Some turf managers will do only what is necessary to get a field ready for a game; others will go the "extra mile" to provide a safe, quality turf that will withstand the demands of their programs. In which category do you fall? The major difference is the degree of commitment made by the turf manager.

I view this chapter as a friend and colleague, ready to help and always lending a hand even on the darkest days. This chapter will assist us in making a commitment, helping us mold our future—ensuring our success. Together, we and this association will both prosper and reach lofty goals. From my perspective, reflections of our progress are satisfying, positive and exciting. Part of this excitement comes from working with our new board members Bruce Viehman and Hugh Burnett. Everyone will benefit from their foresight and work in the chapter.

If you have not renewed your membership for the coming year or if you have yet to join our association, I invite you to do so now.

Help us maintain the momentum and take advantage of the opportunities in the coming year!

I look forward to seeing you September 5 at Furman University and if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me.

STMA Membership, Renewals Continue to Increase

A record number of June and August new memberships swelled the ranks of the STMA with new members coming from chapters and workshops held in the Northwest. Meanwhile the 1991-1992 Sports Turf Managers Association dues renewals are at an all-time high. However, not all members have renewed their membership. Now is the time to catch up on the paperwork which may have been delayed for vacation or the summer activities.

The association membership year runs from July 1

through June 30 of each year. This method was chosen to coincide with the fiscal year of many municipalities. Members are asked to make sure that their name, address, telephone and membership category are correctly shown on the dues statement. Inaccurate information should be corrected on one copy of the statement and returned to STMA along with dues payment.

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