

STMA Board Meeting Report

Your board met on the afternoon of January 14, 1997, prior to the 8th Annual Conference. Colorado Chapter President, Dave Rulli, and Colorado Chapter Vice President, Abby McNeal, sat in on this session.

This is your board, meeting on your behalf, to discuss the issues that shape not only where this organization is headed, but also the position of the sports turf manager in the green industry. Your input is ALWAYS welcome. If you have issues that you would like to have brought before the board, or if you have input or questions on issues that have been addressed in past board meetings or by STMA committees, PLEASE pass along this information to headquarters or to any board member. It WILL be addressed.

As always, your board reviews the minutes of the previous meeting and the financial report. Treasurer Rich Moffitt reported that as of December 31, 1996, STMA is financially stable. Year end budget figures show a surplus of \$6,552. This is based upon income of \$201,285 and expenses of \$194,733. STMA has a cash position of \$86,284. These are unaudited figures.

At the previous board meeting, it was decided that, following the STMA audit, 75 % of any surplus balance at year end be put into a reserve fund, separate from regular operating expense. This reserve fund may then only be used by a majority vote of the board.

1996 was a year of financial transitions, starting with a loss on the Conference in Anaheim, but ending on positive footing, showing that STMA is strong and resilient. 1997 looks to be an even stronger year.

All Committees provide reports at each board meeting. These committees include: Awards and Scholarships; By-Laws; Chapter Relations; Education; Finance; Membership; Nominations/Elections; Technical Standards; and Public Relations/Communications. A headquarters and Presidents report are also included, along with Conference Committee reports and old business and new business.

Of special interest at this meeting, the Awards and Scholarships Committee reported that not only were there are a record number of entries, the quality of the entrants was excellent. (See the announcement of award and scholarship

recipients on page 13). Money raised through the Raffle and Silent Auction will continue to be earmarked for this fund.

Mike Andresen, athletic field manager for Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, has been named Chapter liaison. Andresen will ask all Chapter presidents to serve on the Chapters Committee. Steve Trusty will continue to facilitate this committee.

Bucky Trotter, chair of the Membership Committee, reported that work continues on examining membership categories, costs and methods of recruitment. Many individuals have already provided input on this issue, and Trotter welcomes all input. An in-depth discussion of membership issues will be included in the March board meeting.

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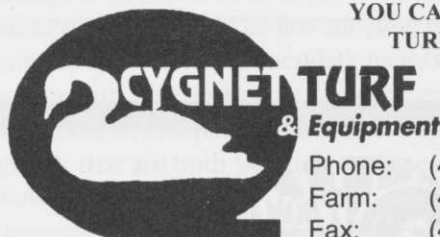
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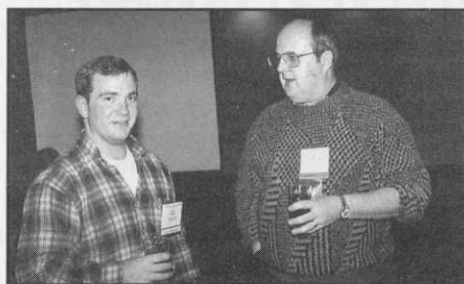
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Welcome New STMA Members

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John Ross
Student/Ohio State Univ.
N. Royalton, OH

Scott Sarver
Point Loma Nazarene Coll.
Davis, CA

Ronald E. Schmoyer
ISS Landscape Mgmt. Svcs.
Tampa, FL

Jean Scott
Zeneca Professional Prod.
Salisbury, MD

Jason Sharpe
Student/Spartanburg Tec.
Taylors, SC

Gary Shepard
Indianapolis Indians
Indianapolis, IN

Jim Shone
Zeneca Professional Prod.
St. Charles, IL

Lynn Smitherman
Academy S.D. #20
Colorado Springs, CO

Thomas J. Spino
TPC of the Woodlands
The Woodlands, TX

SportGrass, Inc.
Webb Cook
McClellan, VA

Stihl, Inc.
Gary Hardee
Virginia Beach, VA

Ronald Summers
Univ. of the South
Sewanee, TN

Dave Tuchek
City of Redmond.
Redmond, WA

Mike Vendegna
City of Grand Junction
Grand Junction, CO

Staffon Warn
Lamar School Dist. Re2
Lamar, CO

Jack G. Welch
Zeneca Professional Prod.
Marysville, OH

Rocky Williams
S. Suburban Parks & Rec.
Littleton, CO

Cindy Winfield
Student/Coll. of DuPage
Glendale Hghts., IL

Zeneca Professional Prod.
Steve Dal Sasso
Greenwood, IN

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The board asked Executive Director Trusty and all STMA staff members to leave the room so that results of the board member's individual evaluations of Trusty and the management firm could be discussed. Trusty was then given a brief review of the discussion and presented with the written results of the evaluation and specific goals set by the board. This is an annual process.

The Board addressed final details of the Colorado Springs Conference. Rulli explained the procedures for the Cripple Creek excursion, a fund-raising project for the host Chapter, and the tie-in ice-breaker for the opening reception.

Also discussed were preliminary details of the 9th Annual Conference to be held January 14 - 18, 1998, at Walt Disney World in Florida and Disney's new Sports Complex. The March 14-15 Board meeting will be held at the Disney property for in-depth Conference planning.

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President Mike Schiller called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. He opened with a welcome to all and gave an overview of 1996, a successful year for STMA. Schiller thanked all those whose contributions of time, talent and financial resources made it possible. He introduced all officers, board members and the STMA staff members.

Schiller thanked the Colorado Chapter for all their work on the Conference and also thanked the hosts of the venues on the Seminar on Wheels tours for sharing their facilities and their expertise.

Secretary Eugene Mayer submitted the agenda for approval. Copies of the agenda, along with election ballots and proxy forms were mailed to all members prior to the Conference.

Bucky Trotter gave the membership report. From 1996 membership of between 550 and 600 members, as of December 31, 1996, membership stood at 854 and new members are coming on board almost daily. Membership growth by region and category is remaining within one or two percentage points of previous figures. Trotter noted that while this growth is good progress, it's miniscule compared to the number of potential STMA members and urged everyone to recruit actively. Recognition of the sports turf manager within the green industry, facility owners and managers and the public and our ability to get things done will increase proportionately with our numbers.

Treasurer Rich Moffitt gave the financial and treasurers report which included the details provided in the board meeting report above.

Bob Milano, Awards and Scholarships Committee Chair, noted that he, Dr. Henry Indyk and Jesse Cuevas judged this year's entrants. Milano noted that recipients would be announced at the banquet.

As Chair of the By-Laws Committee, Greg Petry reported some changes have been suggested by the board and that the By-Laws, including those changes have been submitted to an attorney for review. Once

the review is completed, the By-Laws will come back to the board for presentation to the membership. Any recommended changes will be subject to approval by the membership.

As Immediate Past President, Petry also reported on the meeting of the Past Presidents Council Long-Range Planning Committee, which held its first meeting in conjunction with the Conference. Their recommendations include a more active outreach within the industry to such groups as the Stadium Managers and Athletic Trainers; the development of educational materials that are both practical and useable; the promotion of

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