

Board Meeting Report

Your STMA Board met on January 11, 2000, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis, prior to the STMA Annual Conference. The minutes of the October 23 - 24, 1999, Board Meeting were approved. Treasurer Bob Patt reported that the preliminary financial report for the period ending December 31, 1999, showed STMA continues to build financial reserves while increasing membership services. After review, the financial report and check disbursement listing were both approved by the Board.

Tim Moore reported on the recipients of the STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF 1999 Baseball Diamond of the Year awards. The other STMA Field of the Year Award selections had been made by the end of November and previously reported to the Board. Moore noted that, as previously approved by the Board, beginning in 2000, the Baseball Awards will be integrated into the overall STMA Awards program. He also reported that following the call for sponsorship of the overall awards and scholarship program sent to all commercial STMA members, four sponsors had made the commitment to date. Those sponsors are: Partac Peat Corp. (Beam Clay), Hunter Industries, West Coast Turf, and Covermaster Inc.

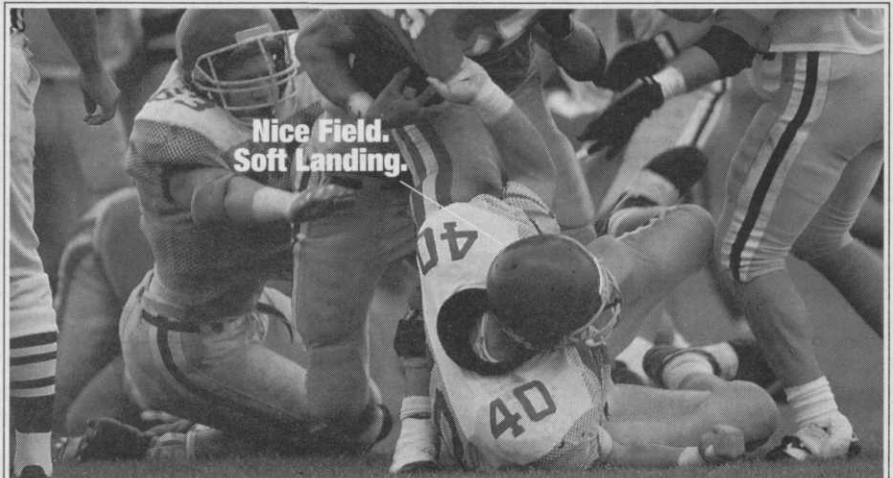
Steve Trusty reported that Abby McNeal had put together an excellent Chapter Officers Training Session (COTS) program and a record number of Chapters and individuals would be attending. Some Chapters are covering the travel and hotel expenses of one or more of their attendees. The costs of the COTS program are funded by the Chapter Sponsors. All four Chapter Sponsors from 1999 have committed to sponsorship at the same level for 2000.

Tom Burns reported that the Category I survey, which would be circulated during the Category I session, had

been faxed to all other Category session leaders for use in designing their own surveys if they wished. Tabulations will be done by STMA Headquarters. Changes in the timing of the Category Sessions will be made for the 2001 Conference to

eliminate conflict with the Seminar on Wheels tour or the golf outing.

Rich Moffitt proposed, and the Board approved, changing the Category I Committee to the Category Committee, with each of *continued on page 10*

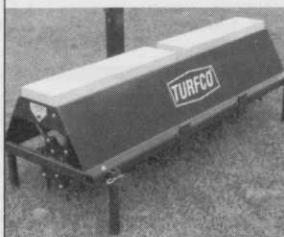


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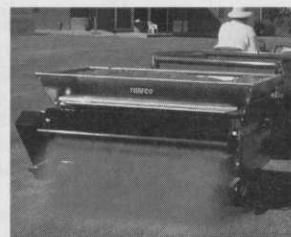
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the Board members representing a Category serving as members of that committee.

Moffitt also noted that, with the establishment of the strategic planning committee and the Board's approval of proceeding with the strategic planning initiative, the Past Presidents Committee would change its focus to historical issues, but would remain as "unofficial" advisors. The input of those guiding this association from its beginnings is a valued asset to the Board and all the membership.

Conference Education Chair Bob Campbell reported on the status of the program and the excellent response by attendees in signing up for the two-hour workshops. Exhibits Chair Bob Curry noted all possible booth space had been sold and Headquarters had compiled a waiting list that could not be accommodated. The decision to hold the 2001 trade show in the Tampa Convention Center will allow sufficient room for growth. The Board approved the booth costs and contract details for 2001 and sign up sheets for that trade show were included in the packets the exhibitors received at registration.

Moffitt noted he had been notified the end of the previous week that the Rams had closed their practice field to all outsiders, including our Seminar on Wheels tour. He had arranged an alternate site visit. Those at the registration area were all to be informed of the change and the guides on all three of the buses were to be given an announcement to read before the buses departed so all participants would be aware of the change.

Trusty noted a Chapel Service had been added to the Sunday agenda, with Randy Mayfield & Rick Horton, who work with the Baseball Chapel and the Fellowship of Student Athletes conducting the service.

The Board reviewed the Certification Committee Recommendations on the criteria for CEU evaluation on the Conference and other educational programs. Trusty reported that Ross Kurcab of the Denver Broncos was the first individual to qualify for and successfully complete the test to achieve Certified Sports Field Manager status. Additional individuals have qualified for testing and five will be taking the test at the Conference.

Trusty reported that the Sports Turf Foundation Committee would be meeting at the Conference and requested funding to move forward in the legalities of establishment of the Foundation. The Board approved the funding and directed the Committee to move forward.

Trusty reported that both the Arizona Chapter and Gateway Chapter had completed the requirements for affiliation. The Board approved the affiliation of these Chapters.

The Board reviewed and approved the proposal for the 1999 Audit.



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