



## MTF Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

November 17, 2022  
In Person/Zoom Meeting  
Hancock Center

- I. Meeting Call to Order by Curt Boak at 9:09AM.
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Present: Curt Boak, Dan Mausolf, Scott Rettmann, Brad Lazroff, Eric Davey, Craig Moore, Adam Palmatier, Mitch Hooten, Christian Koval, Carey Mitchelson
  - b. Non-Present: Matt Gaver, Dan Lucas
- III. Consent of Agenda (Motion/Second)
  - a. Motion to approve agenda Dan Mausolf.
  - b. Motion seconded by Scott Rettmann.
- IV. Approval of past board meeting minutes (Motion/Second)
  - a. Motion made to accept September 1, 2022 minutes by Dan Mausolf
  - b. Motion seconded by Scott Rettmann.
- V. Hancock Turfgrass Research Center Update (Jesse Sholl)
  - a. HTRC organization chart presented.
  - b. Historical information presented with use of 56 acres.
  - c. Facilities presented, noted increase to 8 graduate students.
  - d. List of supporters and sponsors presented of around \$700,000 per year. Decline partook since covid in relation to supply chain and equipment.
  - e. Equipment master list and donation history (2018-2022) presented.
  - f. Temporary greenhouse of turf plots on plastic lining to be built after removal of hedgerow. Project to start by winter 2022.
- VI. Treasurer's Report: (Brad Lazroff) (Motion/Second)
  - a. Fundraising Events Net Income presented.
  - b. Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sept 30, is presented with comparison to last year. Expenses regarding research grants to be explained.
  - c. MTF Account Values as of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> presented.
  - d. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Adam Palmatier.
  - e. Motion seconded by Dan Mausolf.
- VII. Executive Reports
  - a. President's Report: (Curt Boak)
    - i. Thanked board for attendance. Will discuss conference information within committee reports.
  - b. Executive Director's Report: (Carey Mitchelson)
    - i. Google sheet has been central location for notes in between board meetings.
    - ii. Joe Vargas Chair Update and Information.
      1. Permitters may be needed before writing of second check.
      2. Email from Brittany Lawrence's regarding update was presented to board.
      3. A timeline of funding needs to be determined.
    - iii. GAM Meeting- Met November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ten donor names were discussed.

1. Chris plans to publicize Vargas Endowment. Determined Dr. Brian Horgan should deliver the request of funding with liaison, Brittany Lawrence.
  2. Discussion between board members declared MSU has lacked support of fundraising and progress needs to be made. Noted progress may be made with GAM and Chris Whitten's support.
  3. Message should involve the importance of the Turf Program and how it correlates to employment of golf clubs.
  4. Consider the terms of the pledge form.
- iv. Donations of private clubs presented.
  - v. University Club Renewal- Application Form presented.
    1. Membership limited to names of members, restrictions for guests.
    2. \$100/mo, \$1,200/year
    3. Revisit a year from now. Determines it's importance of networking and using rooms for joint meetings.
  - vi. 2023 Student Scholarships presented with award amounts totaling \$13,000.
- VIII. Turf Team Update: (Dr. Frank)
- a. Dr. Rogers Research Update (11:30am)
    - i. Alan Ferguson- FIFA- wants the fields to be stabilized.
    - ii. MSU formed a research team of Jacki Guevara, Jake Kirby, Ryan Bears, Evan Rogers. Tennessee Team presented.
    - iii. Work cup will increase teams and have three host sites. Identified 16 cities, 11 in US, 2 within Canada, 3 within Mexico. Toronto is the only match-ready pitch. World Cup dates typically within June, July, August. Will raise men's World Cup from 32 to 48 teams.
    - iv. Need/Issues: Natural/Synthetic, Open/Closed, 8/16 stadiums are artificial turf.
    - v. Common field issues include infrastructure, lighting and grass types.
    - vi. FIFA- began October of 2021- site preparation to create uniform stabilizer to gain consistency.
    - vii. Debuck's Sof Farm – Grows sod on plastic lining.
    - viii. FIFA Greenhouse to be constructed Spring 2023, 5,000 sq ft. Allow 12x12 experiments with LED lights.
    - ix. 2022 Stadia, every stadium location proximity to each other.
    - x. Shade vs. Full Sun. Stabilizing mats within testing. John Ciraca NFL Players Board has noted an interest in other professional sports regarding turf advancement.
    - xi. Modules downside, they take a lot of space in comparison to a sod farm. Nursery will be needed offsite. Technology advancements have allowed for change.
- IX. Turf Team Update- Dr. Kevin Frank.
- a. Dr. Frank's focus is on Turf School and Conference. Intends to fill remaining 2-3 speaker slots within upcoming weeks.
  - b. Turf Team is fundraising with online sale of hats.
  - c. Dr. Frank will be taking over for Joe Vargas on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- X. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Nominating Committee: (Dan Lucas)
    - i. 2023 Board of Directors
  - b. By-Laws Committee: (Dan Mausolf)
    - i. Deferred.
  - c. Awards Committee: (Dan Lucas)
    - i. Meritorious Award Selection of Jim Bogart.
    - ii. 2023 Student Scholarships presented.
      1. Addition of The Shanty Creek Resort SAE Scholarship Award

2. Five scholarships presented with award amount totaling \$13,000.
  3. Interview for awards: Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Awards to be presented at the conference.
- d. Long Range Planning: (Dan Mausolf)
    - i. Deferred.
  - e. Founders Society Committee: (Brad Lazroff)
    - i. Request from Jesse Sholl regarding Triplex from Spartan that is used. Price of \$17,500, secured \$8,500 from university. Looking for \$9,000 from the Founders
    - ii. Followed procedure of new steps. Founders committee meeting with Meryl Lynch next week. Brad suggested decision to be tabled after the meeting with Merrill Lynch. The funding from MSU expires Dec.30<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. Brad Lazroff made a motion to transfer \$32,000 from general fund to cover research checks and operational expenses.
    - iv. Board voted all in favor of motion.
  - f. Endowment Fund Committee: (Curt Boak)
    - i. Deferred.
- XI. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
- a. Communication Committee: (Curt Boak)
    - i. Updates/Review: Emails need to be sent regarding Candidates for Election.
    - ii. NewsNotes will be mailed out this week.
    - iii. Will focus on conference and highlighting speakers.
    - iv. Google advertisement will be out within weeks.
  - b. Conference Committee: (Curt Boak)
    - i. Registration is live. Currently have 15 booths registered.
    - ii. Free booths of MMLA, GAM, will restructure their registration. Will not charge, but they must wait until end of registration as fill-ins. Will allow them to set a booth outside rooms of seminars.
    - iii. **ACTION ITEM:** Sponsors and silent auction items are needed for conference. Direct donors to link via MTF website.
    - iv. 48 registrants as of Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Field Day Committee: (Dan Mausolf)
    - i. Made around \$9,000 in 2022. Down \$200 from 2021.
  - d. GAM Relationships/Liaison Committee: (Eric Davey)
    - i. Deferred.
  - e. Graduate Student Assistantship Committee: (Carey Mitchelson)
    - i. Process and Requirements presented.
    - ii. Rieke GSAF Outline presented with
    - iii. MSU/MTF Agreement regarding selection of Graduate Assistantship. Recommended by chairman.
  - f. Lafontaine Golf for Grads Committee: (Dan Mausolf)
    - i. Deferred.
  - g. Membership: (Dan Mausolf)
    - i. Chart of active members presented. Membership has increased by 20%.
  - h. Michigan Turfgrass Student Relations Committee: (Eric Davey)
    - i. MSU Relations- Ice Breaker- September 15, 2022.
  - i. Tee Times 4 Turf Committee: (Scott Rettmann)
    - i. TT4T Donation request card/insert to be provided at conference.
    - ii. Declare club certificates and do not post on gala-bid until in possession of MTF.
  - j. Turfgrass Research and Educational Committee: (Craig Moore)
    - i. Research emails presented.
    - ii. Dr. Smitley- Project Green Letter of Support and Funding Request presented.

Requested letter and pledge by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Provide feedback and questions to Carey to relay to Dave Smitley.

Discussion included the idea to prioritize Turf Team over Project Green. New chair of entomology department discussing commodities groups to start up.

Executive Director will forward to Brian Horgan or Dept. Chair.

XII. Old Business

- a. Update Stripe account before conference to remove an incorrect email address.

XIII. New Business

- a. No new business.

XIV. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dan Mausolf.
- b. Motion seconded by Brad Lazroff.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 12:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Britney VanderKodde

MTF Executive Secretary