



MTF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2023
In Person/Zoom Meeting
1:00PM-3:00PM
Hancock Center
Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order- by Curt Boak at 1:08PM.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present- Curt Boak, Dan Mausolf, Brad Lazroff, Eric Davey, Craig Moore, Christian Koval, Mitchell Hooten, Adam Palmatier, Carey Mitchelson, Dan Lucas
 - b. Absent- Scott Rettmann, Jeff Holmes
- III. Consent of Agenda (Motion/Second)
 - a. Motion made by Dan Mausolf to approve agenda.
 - b. Motion seconded by Craig Moore and carried.
- IV. Approval of past board meeting minutes (Motion/Second)
 - a. March 22, 2023
 - i. Motion made by Brad Lazroff to approve March 22, 2023, minutes.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Dan Mausolf and carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report: (Brad Lazroff) (Motion/Second)
 - a. Fundraising Events Net Income presented.
 - b. Fiscal year comparison (Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023) presented.
 - i. GAM donations are down from the previous fiscal year.
 - ii. The 2024 proposed budget will be prepared for the next board meeting.
 - c. Account Values (as of Sept. 26, 2023) presented.
 - i. LaFontaine and cash account are significantly lower than last meeting- attributed to Vargas donation.
 - ii. Lazroff believes accounts are rebounding from pandemic related issues and are trending in the right direction.
 - d. Brad Lazroff requested a motion to approve Treasure's Report.
 - i. Motion made by Dan Mausolf to approve treasure's report.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Craig Moore and carried.
- VI. Executive Reports
 - a. President's Report: (Curt Boak)
 - i.
 - b. Executive Director's Report: (Carey Mitchelson)
 - i. Entomology Position- Mitchelson and Boak met with Dept. Chair Hannah Burrock and Amy Upton. The teaching position will be non-tenured and will be selected by Spring 2025.
 - ii. GAM Meeting at HTRC- Oct. 5, 2023
 - iii. GAM/MSU Meeting- MSU to outline MSU CANR and Commodities Groups. Spring 2024 – Location TBD
 - iv. MGCA - Request for funding of Economic Impact Study. Inquired the six Michigan Golf Alliance members to donate \$7500 each.

1. The deadline of commitment is November.
 2. MTF logo was attached to the 2006 Michigan Golf Economy report.
 3. Mitchelson relayed to MGC the MTF budget was not currently prepared to enable donation but would present the request to the board.
 4. Discussion held regarding the benefits of study in relation to the mission statement of the MTF. Board members note justification of donation in relation to growing endowments and current limitations of founder's requests.
 5. Boak suggests passing on donating unless other members have a desire to pursue it. Board members agree to decline donation requests, no objections among the board.
- v. Club and Individual donations presented.
- VII. Turf Team Update: (Dr. Frank)
- a. Total count of around 70 turf students. Participation is strong in relation to previous years.
 - b. A new building will be constructed at the center for equipment storage. Funded solely by Ag Bio.
 - c. Gillstrap is not officially retiring. Date not established.
 - d. Joe Vargas' retirement date is September 1, 2023. He is currently within his consulting year and will continue teaching. His replacement is TBD, expected 2024-2025 school year.
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Nominating Committee: (Dan Lucas, Carey Mitchelson)
 - i. Election of 2024 Candidates
 1. Incumbents - Craig Moore, Scott Rettman, Jeff Holmes
 - ii. Open Positions
 1. At Large – Retiring from Board: Dan Lucas (Served 9 years)
 2. At Large – Replacement: Matt Gaver
 - iii. October 16 deadline for News Notes. Election to be in December. Email and social media will be utilized to gain candidates.
 - iv. **Action Item:** Mitchelson, Frank, Mausolf to compile list of candidates and report back to board.
 - b. By-Laws Committee: (Dan Mausolf)
 - i. Deferred.
 - c. Awards Committee: (Dan Lucas, Carey Mitchelson)
 - i. Meritorious Award will not be issued for 2024. Vargas Reception will take precedence over the Founder's Reception that recognizes Meritorious Awards.
 - ii. Shanty Creek Superintendents as Executives will continue for 2024.
 - iii. **Action Item:** Update document for scholarship applications.
 - d. Long Range Planning: (Dan Mausolf)
 - i. Deferred.
 - e. Founders Society Committee: (Brad Lazroff)
 - i. Deferred.
 - f. Endowment Fund Committee: (Curt Boak)
 - i. Silent auction proceeds will flow into the conference fund in 2024.
 - ii. LaFontaine Golf Outing proceeds went into LaFontaine Endowment.
 - iii. Past President, Kathy Hilbert, pledged (2) \$1000 donations for LaFontaine Endowment.
- IX. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
- a. Communication Committee: (Curt Boak)
 - i. Chris Hallead is looking for social media content and intends to highlight any items that relate to the MTF.

- ii. News Notes – Fall Issue will feature Field Day, LaFontaine Outing, Conference and relevant items.
 - iii. **Action Item:** Mitchelson to contact graduate students to compose pictures/outlines of research projects and connect with Chris Hallead.
 - b. Conference Committee: (Curt Boak)
 - i. January 9-11, 2023
 - ii. The Halftime vender show has been moved to Tuesday evening. Vargas Reception is to be on Wednesday and costs \$50, including food and drink.
 - iii. Speakers are being recruited for seminars.
 - iv. Soaring Eagle cost of food has increased 15%.
 - v. Google Form will be open for sponsorships to register for 2024 events.
 - vi. Mechanic’s session omitted in 2024 conference. Reasoning MGCSA sponsoring mechanic session in December.
 - vii. Vargas Reception scheduled Wednesday, 4-7PM. Annual meeting scheduled Wednesday, 3:30-4PM. Scholarships scheduled Tuesday, prior to the halftime show.
 - viii. Member 3-Day session increased to \$320. All registration and sponsorship prices are to be posted within Wild Apricot. Registration will open on the MTF website within the next week.
 - c. Field Day Committee: (Dan Mausolf)
 - i. The event generated a good revenue stream in August.
 - d. GAM Relationships/Liaison Committee: (Eric Davey)
 - i. Received \$7000 donation check from the GAM.
 - e. Graduate Student Assistantship Committee: (Carey Mitchelson)
 - i. Deferred.
 - f. Lafontaine Golf for Grads Committee: (Dan Mausolf)
 - i. June event went well. Recommendation to host 2024 outing at the same location but will be discussed and confirmed.
 - g. Membership: (Dan Mausolf)
 - i. Student memberships will be updated.
 - ii. September has seen an increase in membership renewals.
 - h. Michigan Turfgrass Student Relations Committee: (Eric Davey)
 - i. MiGCSA & MTF meet & greet for over 80 students.
 - i. Tee Times 4 Turf Committee: (Scott Rettmann)
 - i. Profit/Loss Statement presented.
 - j. Turfgrass Research and Educational Committee: (Craig Moore)
 - i. Research is going well per Frank’s research summary.
 - ii. Joe Vargas needs funding for Nancy to wrap up research from the summer.
 - iii. Fall research checks to be provided soon at \$6000 each.
 - iv. Mitchelson presents discussion with MIGCSA regarding allocation of funds directly to the Turf Team professors. Funding to be donated through the MTF and then directed to chosen turf professor. General discussion and comments regarding MTF funnel of funds. Donation requires professors to submit proposals, etc.
 - v. **Action Item:** Mitchelson to contact Adam Ikamas to provide details on MIGCSA action and proposal.
- X. Old Business
 - a. None
- XI. New Business
 - a. None
- XII. Adjournment
 - a. Motion made by Dan Mausolf to adjourn meeting.
 - b. Motion seconded by Brad Lazroff and carried.
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 3:03PM.