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**VGCSA Board Meeting
Hermitage Country Club
10:00 a.m., November 8, 2018**

*Mark Cote, Sean Baskette, Bill Keene, Jay Wade, Aaron Wells, Peter McDonough,
Ed Eagle, Jeff Whitmire, David Norman, Robb Bohannon*

***Minutes***

1. Call to order (9:58 a.m.)
2. Approval of Minutes
	1. Motion – Sean Baskette
	2. 2nd – Bill Keene
3. Treasurer’s Report
	1. Dues revenue within 5% of projection, slightly down
	2. Check to VTF for approx. 57K for project will be written soon.
	3. Virlina Cup we owe 3K and are paying.
	4. Motion to Approve Treasurer Report – Sean Baskette.
	5. 2nd – Ed Eagle.
4. Local Associations - External VP Reports
	1. Sean Baskette - VTA
		1. Year-end meeting at Blacksburg CC with 25 attendees was good.
		2. Year ended in a high note, scholarship was awarded to Jeff Snyder’s daughter - $1,000 Bob Ruff Scholarship.
		3. Planning meeting will happen in January.
		4. Board remains the same at the moment but are looking for new faces next year.
	2. Jay Wade - ODGCSA
		1. Scholarship applicants were down. Giving away two scholarship and both have been awarded.
		2. Annual Meeting at Golden Horseshoe in December – date TBA
		3. Low interest for new board members, but current board is reaching out to get some new faces.
		4. Wintergreen Joint meeting was successful with good education and speakers.
		5. Jay Wade will represent VGCSA and ODGCSA External VP in 2019.
		6. Jay wants to do a First Green Field Trip and is working with a local elementary school to do it
		7. Mark Cote mentioned that Dr. Evans new position will be student oriented, not research.

* 1. Aaron Wells - GWGCSA
		1. Struggle to get events in this year and attendance is down this year, possible weather related.
		2. Glow golf was postponed due to weather, lower turnout.
		3. Super/Assist cancelled due to weather.
		4. Final meeting at Evergreen postponed to next week.
		5. David Walter of Potomac Shores will come on board as GWGCSA External VP and is a grassroots ambassador.
		6. GWGCSA board – Bo is stepping down and Patrick McNamara current VP will move to President.
		7. Eastern Shore GCSA gave award for attendance..may be something to consider.
		8. Attendance from GWGCSA was poor at Annual Meeting.
	2. Ed Eagle - SVTA
		1. Successful year – VTF fundraiser had a small crowd but raised approx. $600.
		2. Board will remain the same next year.
	3. TTA (not in attendance)
		1. Annual Meeting at Greenbrier next week.
		2. Jeff Whitmire spoke with MIke Hall, they will elect new External VP.
1. Special Guest – VGCSA Lobbyist Robb Bohannon, Hunton Andrews Kurth (HAK)
	1. Director of Government Affairs
	2. Was a client of HAK and was also a lobbyist for the video game industry.
	3. Has good relationships with the agriculture committee chairs.
	4. Will be proactive in finding information about upcoming issues and speaking with the appropriate people regarding those issues.
	5. Has a good relationship with the VA Agribusiness Council
	6. Issues & Notes
		1. WIP 3 (Water Implementation Plan)
		2. VA Golf Courses has a 99% Nutrient Management Plan compliance
			1. We should have gotten big PR on this achievement
	7. We need to develop a list of secretaries and influential committee members that should been seen on our visit to the legislature, possibly on January 17th.
	8. Be on lookout for environmental laws to become more restrictive
	9. Peter McDonough mentioned that we were left out of discussions on reclaimed water use. We should be involved.
	10. Peter McDonough asked Rob to check into the status of golf courses in Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP).
	11. Peter McDonough mentioned that we need a position on the board that controls water east of I-95.
2. Executive Director Report
	1. Management summary report presented to the board recapping the year.
	2. VT Research Tournament successful again – this year we raised approx. 67K profit with over 90K in revenue.
	3. Review of SB 520 that was not passed. VGCSA members rallied and testified to oppose the bill.
	4. New initiative ideas – Virginia Golf Day, recruit assistants and equipment managers, host First Green Field Trips
3. Budget Review
	1. The budget was presented to the board.
	2. One idea is to take revenue from auction at VT Research classic and put towards government relations.
	3. R4R goal is to promote and encourage other superintendents to donate.
		1. Sean Baskette makes suggestion to raise dues by $5 for each dues level
			1. Motions to approve budget by Sean Baskette
			2. 2nd – Bill Keene
4. Committee reports
	1. Assistants Forum at Stonehenge Golf & CC
		1. Content of the meeting was excellent with Tim Doran from Kingsmill talking about his experience as a first time LPGA event superintendent
		2. Panel of superintendents that fielded questions for the group. The group was engaged.
	2. Awards
		1. Scholarships – 1 application for Buy Sod Scholarship
		2. Annual Awards – nominations are in, board will vote during executive session.
	3. Communications
		1. Next NL article is due after the annual Conference
	4. Annual Conference
		1. Being held at UVA
		2. Discussed agenda and speakers
	5. GCSAA - Chapter Delegates
	6. Golf
		1. Virlina Cup – VGCSA wins in most lopsided match thus far, looking into Farmington for 2020.
		2. Saylor – successful and golf course was in great condition.
		3. Match Play – successful, superintendents played lots of golf, winners were Matt Boyce and Cameron Yancey.
	7. Government Relations
		1. Virginia Agribusiness Council
			1. Peter McDonough attended the meeting, they didn’t talk a lot about water issues, mostly about I81 and toll potential.
			2. 4 Highlights – I81, rural broadband internet, agri-tourism/farm exemption (barn or wedding venue, etc.), animal welfare bills.
		2. Long Range Planning - Strategic Planning Meeting
			* 1. Sunday before Annual Meeting with Steve Randall at 10am
	8. Partner Program
		1. Recap – steady, in a solid position,
		2. 2019 pricing
	9. VA Tech Turfgrass Research Classic
		1. We are sending a check to VTF from this year’s event revenue.
		2. 2019 – May 20th.
		3. Research Grant Process
	10. Web Site & Social Media – maybe get a Virlina Cup handle
5. QI Events
	1. VTC Conference & Show (Jan. 28-31)
	2. GCSAA Conference & Social Event (Feb. 4-8)
	3. State Legislature Visit (January TBD) – maybe Jan 17th before board meeting
	4. Board Mtg. (Proposed dates 2018 – January 17, April 18, August 8, November 14)
6. Old Business – Cote Nomination to VSGA Board and will join in 2019.
7. New Business
	1. Peter McDonough had an idea to have an open board meeting once a year and invite superintendents from that local chapter to the meeting.
	2. Virginia Tech Turf Club Request
8. Executive Session - Award Committee Voting (Scholarships, DSA and ESA awards), Staff Review

1. Adjourn – 1:22 pm