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The Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Golf Superintendents Association was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at the Victoria Trade and Convention Centre in Victoria, B.C.

A Quorum was established with 38 members present.

SPEAKERS:

David Davidson, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

David reported that recruitment of students has improved slightly over the past year but that they will continue to need help in raising the awareness and recruitment of the turf programs from associations such as the BCGSA. He also was pleased to announce that in the past year Kwantlen has attained university status and is now known as Kwantlen Polytechnic University. In addition, there are now three Degree Programs at Kwantlen:

- 1) Bachelor of Science Program - Integrated Pest Management
- 2) Bachelor of Technology – Greenspace Management
- 3) Bachelor of Technology – Environmental Restoration

He also stated that Kwantlen is straightening out their transfer program wherein students can do a turf diploma, transfer directly into 3rd year of business degree, finish business degree in 4 years in Human Resource Management or Small Business Ownership. Kwantlen will be launching Distance Education with a trial program, "Introductory Irrigation" course. An Open House will be held at Kwantlen on March 25th.

Bob Wick, Western Canada Turfgrass Association

Bob is currently working with Jerry Rousseau on this year's TARS Program; one meeting has already been set up in the Lower Mainland for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 in Chilliwack. He will be working with the other four regions in setting up dates and places where CEC's can be earned. Bob encouraged other regions to be as proactive as the Lower Mainland in setting up speakers where members could earn CEC's.

More Web Casts will be pursued in the spring. The next WCTA Conference and Trade Show will be earlier next year, January 31st in Nanaimo, B.C.

Jerry Rousseau, Western Canada Turfgrass Association

Jerry spoke briefly introducing himself and giving an update on his position as the new Executive Director of the WCTA. He reported that he had been working together with Bob Wick since January 1st of this year and he will be relocating to the lower mainland in the next few months and his contact information will be published soon. Jerry thanked the Directors of the BCGSA for the privilege of working with them over the last few years.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

Moved by Dave Gottselig, seconded by Mike Harrison
that the agenda, as distributed, be adopted.

"Carried"

MINUTES: Moved by Brian Youell, seconded by Art Riome
that the minutes of the meeting held August 25, 2008 be approved.
"Carried"

REPORTS:
President's Report – Presented by Rob Wilke

I have been told that the people who succeed in this world are aggressive during adverse times, not the people who are timid. John F. Kennedy wrote, "when written in Chinese, the word crisis is composed of two characters – one represents danger and the other represents opportunity". Our organization has taken some risks and put forth efforts to present growth and the option of opportunity. This is evident in the great advances in communication, economics and social development amongst our Chapters and other turfgrass organizations.

I do not believe we should sit back and be timid now. We are creating more opportunities as we move forward because the BCGSA is organized and progressive. Milton Berle said it best when he said, "if opportunity doesn't knock, build a door". Well, we have built the door: we just need to open it. I would like to see the BCGSA become more of a voice in the Provincial turfgrass industry. We need to present more opportunities for our members and this cannot be done if the BCGSA is an integer of each regional chapter. Collectively we need to streamline and focus our efforts so as not to repeat the same work.

I would like each Region – each member – to ask themselves what they would like to get from this association. We have created the opportunity to offer more; the questions are do we want it? Do we want to host our own conferences? Do we want to increase our profile? Do we want the extra work involved? Do we have the right resources and/or structure to make this possible?

Though my term as President is concluding, I am willing to help our industry in any way I can. With all I have seen while I was on the Board, I truly believe in the strength of our association. During my time on the Board of Directors I have had the pleasure of working with such people as Brian Youell, Jeff Bennett, Ralph Tromp, Bob Wick and everyone that makes up our current Board. The BCGSA has been involved with pesticide bans, licensing legislation, starting the BC Allied Golf Association, water restriction issues, new office administrator and the moving of the head office, centralized billing and conference calling for meetings. There have been some great changes to our organization and I think we have done this while keeping the cornerstone of our business untouched. That cornerstone is our mutual respect and dedication to our fellow Superintendent and the Golf Industry.

I would like to thank the Northern Chapter for their support over the past six years. They have been a great group of peers to represent; a job I did with pride. I hope all BCGSA members can get the opportunity to make it to the North to experience the professionalism, fun and friendship of our Chapter. Finally I would like to thank the existing Board for their support and the energy that they bring to the table. It has been a pleasure working with each one of you and I trust you will keep our association moving forward. Respectfully Submitted, Rob Wilke, BCGSA President

Office Report – Ralph & Ginny Tromp

As of February 18, 2009, the BCGSA has a bank balance of \$41,230.72. This amount includes the General Account with a balance of \$37,235.72, the Education & Research Fund with a balance of \$1095, and the Brian Finnigan Memorial Fund with a balance of \$2,900. Overall, most accounts from last year are up-to-date with accounts receivable to date in the amount of \$23,340, \$20,540 current and \$2,800 from 2008. We have sold a total of 6 Five for Five Membership plans and 14 Industry Packages to date.

Over the past few months the BCGSA Office has primarily been busy with year end financial statements, invoicing and collection of accounts, preparation of Society Act filing for By-law & Constitution changes, preparation for the Executive Meeting, AGM & Tradeshow, selling advertisements for the newsletters, roster & industry package, five-for-five memberships, putting together the newsletter and began working on this year's roster. In addition, the office has been making arrangements for the Pre-Conference Golf Tournament, including sponsorship, signs, arranging for the dinner buffet, transportation, prizes and tournament details. About 60 participants were registered for the tournament. The month of January we were kept busy helping the VIGSA with their second annual Charity Fundraiser for MS which was put on the BCGSA website. The BCGSA was also asked to set up the booth at the arena on the day of the game.

The 2009 Roster, consisting of about 100 pages, will be published in May of this year. Advertisements are slow in coming in so far but we're hoping that picks up in the next month. This year we plan to publish three newsletters, consisting of approximately 48 pages, March, July and October are target dates of publication. Advertisements and material are coming in and we feel the first newsletter should be out the first part of April.

The BCGSA Office will be collecting the Kootenay Region dues again this year. We are awaiting feedback from the other four regions regarding the central billing proposal and whether or not each region wishes to go ahead for the year 2010.

Twelve, navy BCGSA crested jackets were purchased for about \$75 each and are being sold for \$95 each. Two cell phones were purchased for the BCGSA wherein the BCGSA agreed to pay \$50 per month for the plan.

We looked into the possibility of including a service for the BCGSA office to be able to collect funds by charge card. There is an initial \$265.00 Signup fee with a monthly minimum charge of \$20.00, monthly service fee of \$9.95, plus 2.94% per transaction fee. It will roughly be \$30.00 per month. The office has only received a couple requests for charge transactions over the last few years but feedback was received from two of the directors suggesting that if the capability of using charge cards were made available a lot more members would use the service. The suggestion was also made that regional dues be increased by \$5 per person to cover the costs that would be incurred.

Our administration priorities over the next few months will be to invoice and collect outstanding accounts, invoice for the Kootenay region, Five for Five Memberships, Industry Packages, seek advertising and newsletter articles and put together the 2009 Membership Roster and the spring and summer newsletters. Ralph & Ginny Tromp

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Northern Region Report – Greg Austin

Northern Chapter review of 2008 to the present.

First of all, it's cold. Actually, it's frozen just about everywhere in our region and there's snow. These are two certainties of the north for which I feel are of a great benefit to our chapter up here. frozen golf course + snow = more time to think.

February in the north reminds me of the days when I sat on a mower for most of the day, only now my thinking is much clearer for reasons better left unsaid. Here are some random items of northern interest I have pondered while writing this report today.

The Pine Beetle. At our summer meeting this past year, one of our regional entomologist's told us the good news is that we can begin planting pine again. His logic was this. It will most likely be at least another 25 or so more years before another wave of Pine Beetle will wipe out what we plant now so we have the go ahead to start digging and planting. Note to self – put out pheremone traps in 2033 (if they are still allowed). Other note to self – stockpile pheremone traps. Which brings me to my next point of interest.

Pesticide Bans. I recently wrote a letter to Ottawa expressing my displeasure with their decision to impose a cosmetic pesticide ban in the Province of Ontario. It should be noted that golf courses are currently exempt from the ban but this exemption will be reviewed at a later date. If this isn't a serious wake-up call to all Superintendent's everywhere else in the country than I don't know what is. An economic crisis is one thing but I shudder to think of my golf course in northern BC without having all of the tools I need to make our business and my livelihood viable. We all need to wake up to this issue now!

Global warming. Has anybody else noticed that politicians have conveniently modified this term to "climate change?" In the north, we have noticed because it's frozen up here and we have more time to think it through.

The economy. I don't know about you but I know that I fume a little more than normal every time the expression "stimulus package" is used. I've learned that anybody north of Cache Creek would use a more accurate term such as the "excuse to run a deficit deeper package" or "bail out the big banks package." In a democratic system where the majority of the population lives a full days drive towards the bottom of the map, stimulus means work smarter while the going is good and help your neighbour when it's not. I'm looking forward to the help, fellow northern chapter members. Here's to a prosperous 2009.
Greg Austin, Northern Chapter President

Lower Mainland Region Report – Kent Bird

Mark your calendars!!!!!!! September 20 and 21 Whistler Golf Club will be hosting the BCGSA exchange tournament, details will be forthcoming.

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2009 with many changes and challenges taking place in our chapter, industry and economy.

Our previous president, Gary Bartley, resigned in October due to a change in positions, he has since replaced Lon McLean as the lower mainland sales representative for Greenline Golf and Turf Equipment. We will miss Gary on the board but look forward to his continued support as an industry representative, congratulations on the new position Gary and enjoy the challenges it brings. We have since welcomed Adam Zubek, Superintendent at Capilano Golf and Country Club, as Vice President and head of our education committee. Adam brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to our board and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

There will be a change to our monthly meetings in 2009; we will be introducing a guest education speaker at each meeting. There will be a variety of 1-hour presentation that will provide CEC (continuing education credits) for those interested. If anyone has any topics they would like discussed please feel free to contact the board, we look forward to your input and feedback. The meetings this year seem to have all fallen on Thursdays with golf (if available) in the morning and lunch and meeting to follow. Looking forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

The economy and weather this past winter has been as severe as we have witnessed in over 30 years (some of us a lifetime). With up to 6 weeks (and more) of snow cover followed by heavy fog and continued cool temperatures coinciding with the longest home losing streak in the history of the Vancouver Canucks; it has been a very depressing winter. At least with the slowing economy there should be an abundance of workers in the workforce.

So I hope everyone has enjoyed some down time this winter and is well rested and ready for another busy spring. Good luck and God bless. Cheers, Kent Bird

Kootenay Region Report – Kevin Schiefner

What happened to winter in the Kootenays? It seems that only yesterday we were putting our courses to bed and settling in for a long winter. How time flies. Mother Nature has been kind to us this year as compared to last. Reports coming in are more positive with more snow cover and less ice. Let's keep our fingers crossed that Mother Nature doesn't throw us a curve ball in March.

At the Invermere AGM, a special Kootenay Chapter resolution was passed allowing assistant superintendents to serve on the executive. This is a progressive and positive step that will serve us all extremely well.

Our meeting schedule for the 2009 season is well on its way and includes the following:

March 17 - Greywolf Golf Course, host Darren Reddekopp. Seminar TBA and skiing??

June 16 - Revelstoke Golf Club, host Jairad Burke. WCTA traveling road show?? (To be confirmed) and golf.

August 18 - Cranbrook Golf Club, host Kevin Schiefner. Seminar TBA and golf

September 14 - Copper Point Golf Club, Host Dave Lister, Fall Field Day.

November 17 - AGM Copper City Saloon in Invermere.

I would like to thank all host superintendents for taking the time to plan and organize these events. We would like to encourage you all to attend the fall field day August 18th at Copper Point. I know host Dave Lister will put on a fun and exciting time for all participants.

We would like to congratulate Jerry Rousseau on his new position as Executive Director, WCTA. Your hard work and dedication towards the Kootenay region have not gone unnoticed. You will always be welcomed back home. We all wish you the best of luck.

Interior Region Report – Davin Marr

As the winter fades and spring approaches, I can't help but wonder what 2009 has in store for all of us. With a looming recession the most common topic of conversation these days, I think it is fair to say, we are all in for a very interesting and likely challenging year.

As most years in the past, 2008 was a great year for many golf courses but trying for several others. It is sad that several golf courses in our area are experiencing financial difficulties and potential failure. With so many companies across the country and around the world, laying people off and some even closing their doors for business, it is upsetting to think that a majority of our clientele may not be golfing as much as they used to, if at all.

However, not all is gloom and doom: there may be a small silver lining in this situation that may help us to solve a recent 'staffing issue' we've endured over the past few years. It should be a nice change in 2009 to be able to pick and choose staff with a little more prudence as the number of dependable people looking for employment continues to grow.

In other happenings in the Interior Region this winter, the CGSA presented a one-day seminar on Human Resources Practices in Kelowna featuring Ross Dunsmore on January 22, 2009. The event received a fair turnout, but certainly could have been better attended. We are all busy individuals but we owe it to the various organizations we belong to and ourselves to attend these functions that are supporting us in our profession. With that thought in mind, I appeal to each of you to give some thought when you have the opportunity to attend a meeting, a seminar, or the chance to speak up at your regional meetings, to do so. Become active in your association. We owe it to ourselves to speak up and help out to keep our association and profession alive and strong.

Winter has been fairly challenging across our country this year, and our region has had its share of cold and snow as well. I think I can speak for everyone and state that spring will be a welcome sight. With that thought in mind, I hope that everyone has had a wonderful and de-stressing winter, little to no winter kill, and wish everyone all the best in the year ahead.

Hopefully some of you will be able to attend either the WCTA conference in Victoria or the CGSA conference in Halifax, if not both. Please make an effort and attend our first meeting of the year hosted by Mike Harrison at the Osoyoos Golf and Country Club Tuesday April 14th 2009 at 10:30am. Respectfully Submitted, Davin Marr, Interior Chapter President. BCGSA

Vancouver Island Region Report – Rory Johnstone

It was another busy year on the Island with good attendance at meetings and events. The W.C.T.A. Traveling Road Show got things started in April at the Olympic View Golf Course in Victoria with Bryan Wood as Host Superintendent. Thanks to Bob Wick and all the speakers for a great day.

June saw the Pro/Super Tournament played at Arbutus Ridge Golf Course with Host Superintendent Ron Olausen. Bragging rights go to Gill LeBlanc and Lance McCullough from the Cordova Bay Golf Course.

Thanks to Brett Lamontage, Terry and staff for hosting the BCGSA Exchange Tournament at the Cottonwood Golf Course in August. A good time was had for all of those attending.

Our Fall Windup Tournament was held at the Qualicum Beach Golf Course with Host Superintendent Rory Johnstone. 50 people participated in the golf and over 70 enjoyed the dinner and dance that followed. The new executive was elected. Thanks to everyone for stepping up.

President: Mike Kearns
Vice President: Rob Watson
Secretary: Paul Davies
Treasurer: Mike LaRoy
Past President: Greg Kowalski

This past January, the 2nd Annual MS Society Hockey Game Fundraiser was held surpassing its goal of raising \$50,000. Congratulations to all of those involved for a wonderful job.

C.G.S.A. Report – Tim Kubash

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the CGSA news and events for 2008-2009. The Board of Directors reviewed the CGSA's mission statement last year. After hours of brainstorming by the board, we eventually came to the conclusion that the mission statement that has been in place for several years was highly effective and we elected not to change it. The mission statement reads:

The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association is a society committed to excellence in golf course management and environmental responsibility through the continuing professional development of its members.

The CGSA Certification Program is in its second full year of implementation. Currently there are 107 Accredited Golf Superintendents and 23 Master Superintendents. The program is voluntary and consists of two designations – the Accredited Golf Superintendent and the Master Superintendent. Both of these designations are based on the National Occupational Standards, and as such will clearly define the skill set the individual has attained. The CGSA certification program should have a positive impact on the image and profile of the superintendent within the Canadian Golf industry. The CGSA is currently beta testing a CEC online tracking tool. Once the kinks are ironed out it will be available on the CGSA website, most likely late March to early April.

Environmental issues remain a strong focus for the CGSA. CGSA is working with the RCGA, NGCOA and the OGSA to review and comment on the regulations put forward by Bill 64, the province of Ontario's legislation making cosmetic use of pesticides illegal. As it now stands, golf courses are exempt, and we must continue to work hard to maintain those exemptions. These bans are hitting close to home for a lot of us, in my city, Salmon Arm, council recently passed a bylaw banning the use of cosmetic pesticides. Golf Courses are currently exempt as long as we operate within the guidelines of the Provincial regulations. I expect that the province of BC will follow the Province of Ontario and pass a provincial ban before too long. Even though wherever bans are in place, golf courses are currently exempt, there is nothing saying that will continue forever.

A revision of the CGSA Environmental Management Resource Manual is underway. Items that are being introduced or revised are: nutrient management, maintenance facilities, course renovation, water management, contact information and colleague examples. The CGSA is developing a policy on nutrient use; and is also working on the development of a resource that would provide superintendents with materials to utilize and approaches to follow when faced with action against the use of regulated and approved products. Work is also moving forward on the development of a paper or reference resource that illustrates the contributions that golf courses make and the benefits that accrue to a community as a result of having a golf course within its boundaries.

PMRA legislated re-entry times for pesticide applications is another area where the CGSA would like to help its membership. The CGSA will be seeking input from superintendents in order to prepare a best practices guideline with respect to re-entry intervals.

The CGSA has developed a specific page on its website to provide access to golf related IPM resources. A sound IPM program is an essential component of the strategy when discussing pesticide bylaws with municipalities and pesticide legislation with provincial environmental ministries.

The 2007 annual compensation survey response rate was 36%, with 96% of respondents completing the on-line version of the survey. The average salary for superintendent \$70,634, with the average total compensation package for superintendent at \$83,042. Average ratio of Superintendent's salary to operating budget – 15.5%. The 2008 compensation survey was distributed in late November, the response rate was 28%, results will be tabulated and reported soon.

The 2008 CGSA Environmental Best Practices Survey was distributed in early January, there was a 21% response rate. 92% of responses were completed on-line, average cost for inputs (pesticides, fertilizer, water, etc.) was \$111,844. 98% of respondents keep pesticide application

records and 96% keep fertilizer application records. 98% indicate that they are familiar or very familiar with IPM practices.

The 2009 Canadian International Conference and Trade Show will be held March 7 – 11th, 2009 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The event will provide 8 pre-conference seminars over 2 days, including a one day water use symposium, a 3-day education program consisting of 35 hours and 38 speakers. We hope to see you there.

The CGSA is your association; we are here for your benefit. Please feel free to submit your comments and suggestions to help us serve you better. Thank you and have a great season.

Moved by Brent Shandley, seconded by Brett Lamontagne
that the reports be accepted as read. **"Carried"**

Pre-Conference Tournament Report:

Ralph gave a brief report on the BCGSA Pre-Conference Tournament held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Gorge Vale Golf Course. Scott Wheeler and the crew did a terrific job of preparing the course that was in excellent shape. There were 72 participants in the golf tournament and about 80 attended the banquet. The Kwantlen Polytechnic University students set up a tent with a fun survey where participants could win prizes.

Due to an unforeseen frost delay, the tournament was delayed until a 2:00 start time, which did not allow the participants to finish the 18 holes. Two busses had been reserved to transport members to and from the golf course. Only one bus was needed. In future tournaments it will be asked of those registering if they need transportation, or perhaps transportation will not be arranged and participants will look after their own needs in that regard. Some negative feedback had been received regarding the delayed frost as well as the \$130.00 fee to play. It was suggested that members would like the amount to be kept under \$100.00. Over \$3000 in prizes was given out and the BCGSA will realize revenue of approximately \$1300.00 from the tournament.

Amendments to Constitution & By-laws

Moved by Garth Sjolie, seconded by Brett Lamontagne
that the British Columbia Golf Superintendents Association adopt the changes, as previously circulated to the membership, and attached to these minutes, to reflect the changes to its Constitution and By-law, and that these changes be forwarded to the Society Act for filing.

"Carried"

Proposal for Centralized Billing:

The Board would like to see central billing go forward but they feel it would be best if all regions were on board. This matter will be brought back to each region to be voted on prior to the finalization of the BCGSA office taking over the invoicing for membership dues.

A question was raised from the floor regarding the dues structure and whether or not there would be a set fee across the province. Rob answered that each region would maintain its own autonomy and will be allowed to set its own rates.

2008 Financial Report – Presented by Greg Austin

Moved by Craig Stocker, seconded by Greg Kowalski
that the Financial Report for the year 2008 and dated December 31, 2008, as circulated, be adopted.

"Carried"

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2009 Budget was presented by Greg Austin.

Moved by Brent Shandley, seconded by Greg de Jong
that the Budget for the year 2009 be accepted.

"Carried"

Brian Finnigan Memorial Fund Bursary

This year's recipient of the Brian Finnigan Memorial Fund Bursary is Adrien van Dyk of Greywolf Golf Course. A cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to Adrien.

WCTA Turfgrass Research Donation

A cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be presented to the Western Canada Turfgrass Association Research Fund.

BCGSA Superintendent of the Year

Ralph Tromp was named the BCGSA 2008 Superintendent of the Year and will be presented with a plaque at the banquet tonight.

BCGSA Article of the Year Award

Lawrence Kinch of BrettYoung Turf Products was honoured as the 2008 Article of the Year recipient and was presented with a certificate and a BCGSA Jacket.

Newsletter Naming Contest

Daryl Nagy of Oakcreek Golf & Turf was the winner of the Newsletter Naming Contest. The new name of the newsletter will be called "The Dogwood".

CGSA Director

Tim Kubash has been appointed as the BC Director to the CGSA for a further two-year term.

CGSA Superintendent of the Year

Dean Piller has been nominated for the CGSA Superintendent of the Year once again this year.

2009 Exchange Tournament

This year's Exchange Tournament will be held on September 20-21, 2009 at the Whistler Golf Club. Prices are being worked out for golf in addition to discount rates on rooms. The Sunday will be an informal day, possibly with pool and darts. Monday will start off with a meeting of the BCGSA, a one-hour presentation by a speaker, followed by golf, banquet & prizes. Further details will be forthcoming in the next few months and will be available on the website.

BCGSA Jackets:

Crested jackets have been purchased and are available for sale for \$95.00 each. If any golf course is placing an order for jackets, it was asked if the BCGSA could piggy-back on the order to try and purchase them for a reduced price.

CGSA 2011 Conference:

Tim Kubash announced that the WCTA would be co-sponsoring the CGSA Conference in Vancouver in March 4-11, 2011.

Correspondence – Brian Youell – Future Direction of the BCGSA

A letter had been received from Brian Youell outlining a proposal for the BCGSA to move forward as an association in adding the position of an Executive Director to enable this growth, holding an affordable education conference, and improving our professionalism in British Columbia as a whole. It was reported that the Board had agreed to set up a Committee to look into the feasibility of this matter and it will be headed up by Rory Johnstone.

Brian addressed the meeting regarding his proposal outlining that as an association we are faced with more and more challenges in order to fight pesticide and water restrictions and more challenges are coming that are specific to superintendents. We are one of the few provincial associations that does not have an Executive Director to compliment our association that has a superintendent's background to represent us as a province. He went on to state that he would like to see the BCGSA move forward to offer affordable education for all members of the BCGSA, with a conference similar to the Alberta Property Manager's Conference, clarifying that this would not compete with the WCTA or the CGSA.

A brief discussion followed and it was suggested that perhaps we could invite representatives from the Alberta Golf Superintendents Association to meet with us to find out more information. It was also suggested that Board members could attend the Alberta Property Manager's Conference to get first hand knowledge of putting together an Education Seminar.

BCGSA New Executive:

President	Rory Johnstone
Vice President	Greg Austin
Treasurer	Greg Austin (First Year)
Treasurer	Davin Marr (Second Year)
Past President	Rob Wilke
Secretary	Davin Marr
Director of Membership	Kent Bird
Communications Director	Kevin Schiefner
Director to the CGSA	Tim Kubash

Further nominations from the floor were called for three times, and there being no further nominations, the new Board was duly elected. At this time the Chair was turned over to the new President, Rory Johnstone.

Rory Johnstone thanked those members of the Board who were stepping down for their service over the years and welcomed the new members on the Board who were stepping up.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLOOR:

Vancouver Island Region – Charity Fundraiser

Greg Kowalski addressed the meeting briefly announcing that the Vancouver Island Golf Superintendents Association recently held a fundraiser where it raised \$70,000.00 for MS. He stated that this event was run under the umbrella of the BCGSA and not just the VIGSA.

Lower Mainland Region

Kent Bird announced that the Lower Mainland was putting together a slate of excellent speakers for their upcoming meetings this year and welcomed members from other regions to attend.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the BCGSA will be held at the BCGSA Exchange Tournament to be held on September 21, 2009 at the Whistler Golf Course in Whistler, B.C.

Adjournment:

Moved by Trevor Jones that there being no further business, the Annual General Meeting adjourn. (Adjournment @ 4:30 pm)

Rob Wilke, President

Rory Johnstone, Director