



2021 MTF Annual Meeting

Executive Director Report

Fund Raising Efforts

Covid19 impacted all 4 of the MTF major fundraising events for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Each event normally conducted by the Foundation were discussed to determine if: a) events could be hosted b) impact of Covid19 on donations and other incomes under financial uncertainty. Those events are listed in committee reports. Another avenue to offer support funding was the Annual Turf School.

- **2021 MTF Annual Conference** – Limitations and Restrictions for on-campus gatherings prevented hosting the 2021 Edition of the MTF Annual Conference. **Dr. Kevin Frank hosted his Annual Turf School in a Virtual Format.** To help patronage the MSU Turf Program the MTF had several industry partners and individuals who offered financial support of the event. Support of the Virtual Turf School included the following:



Donations Report – Golf Clubs/Courses & Allied Industries

The MTF thanks the following golf courses, clubs, and allied industries for their individual support of the MSU Turf Program the past fiscal year.

Golf Donations

Oakland Hills Country Club/Detroit Golf Club/Birmingham Country Club/Belvedere Golf Club
Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club/Forest Lake Country Club/Fox Hills – Dul Foundation

Total donations by these clubs/courses: \$22,235.00

Allied industries

Michigan Golf Course Superintendent Association/Golf Association of Michigan/Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association/Northern Great Lakes Superintendents Association

Total donations by these organizations: \$24,936.00

Fiscal year 2020 -2021

With Covid19 uncertainty, the MTF would also like to acknowledge golf courses that have supported the Foundation during our current fiscal year. Their support is appreciated by the MSU Turf Team and MSU Turf Program.

Red Run Golf Club/Meadowbrook Country Club/Crystal Downs Country Club/Bucks Run Golf Club*

Current Fiscal Year to Date Donations: \$10,095

* Denotes new donor.

Golf Course donation update – 2020-21

In the spring of 2020, the MTF was scheduled to begin an initiative to actively encourage other clubs in the state of Michigan to add their courses name to the list of courses above. This initiative “20 -4 -2020” was intended to have 20 new clubs join as supporters of the MSU Turf Program. The “20-4-2020” initiative was scheduled to begin at the 2020 GAM Annual Meeting. Cancellation of the Annual Meeting and uncertainty of Covi19 impact have scheduled this initiative for 2021.

Dr. Brian Horgan – Chairperson, Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences

Dr. Horgan was recently chosen as the Department Chair and met with the MTF Executive Board prior to the shutdown related to Covid19. The meeting included discussion on the MSU Turf Program and his vision going forward.

Jackie Guevera - Graduate Student Assistantship

Jackie Guevara (2020) follows Anne Stouffer-Hopkins (Fellowship- 2019) and Thomas Green (Rieke Endowment -2017) as recipients of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Graduate Assistantship Fund.

Michigan Golf Alliance

The Michigan Golf Alliance (MGA) is composed of the 5 various Michigan Golf Industry Associations. The MTF participates in a research capacity and for the Alliance and contributed time and information during the Covid19 discussions in the spring. Those discussions lead to golf opening in Michigan and the Michigan Golf Course Association earning a National Award for its leadership of the effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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