

Spirits not dampened at MAFMO event

While the weather may have affected the turnout at the May 27 meeting, it did not dampen the spirits of those who braved the rain. The area was experiencing its 22nd day of rain in the month. Host Mike "Sully" Sullenberger gave tours of Spuhler Field, the 2002 College/University Baseball Field of the Year and, despite the rain, worked in tours of some of the other fields as well. Attendees were able to see first hand the field featured in the April issue of *SPORTSTURF*.

Sully shared the procedures he had used to deal with almost 2 feet of snow that hit in the spring on the day before a big game and how that allowed the game to go on as scheduled. He also discussed the various factors involved with mowing in the rain, a problem shared by the majority of the attendees. Another challenging issue he presented was the slowing effect of the cool rainy weather on the Bermudagrass growth and transition out of the perennial ryegrass.

The meeting and barbecue were set up in tents adjacent to George Mason University's Stadium that is used for soccer, Club Football, and track and field. The tents were in place in preparation for the upcoming weekend's NCAA Regional Track and Field Finals. So, along with great barbecue, attendees also got a taste of what is involved in hosting such an outstanding event, one of only four across the country.



STMA executive director Steve Trusty was in attendance to speak to the Chapter about activities at National, including the Awards Program, Certification, Conferences, and the SAFE Foundation. Before the General Meeting, Trusty met with the Board to discuss the duties of each Chapter Officer and how they can more effectively interact with each other to provide a strong chapter.

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During the business portion of the meeting, those members in attendance voted unanimously to take the necessary steps to change their name to Chesapeake Chapter STMA. In presenting the recommendation from the Board, Chapter President, Nick Gammill, CSFM, stated, "Chesapeake more accurately describes the geographic area that we will be focusing on and it gives the signal that we are off to a fresh start." MAFMO stood for "Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization."

The soon to be re-named Chesapeake Chapter also plans to work closely with the neighboring Virginia and KAFMO Chapters to schedule events that will complement those Chapters' events and not compete with them.

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Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter is planning a major event for July 11. Morning sessions will be held at St. Norbert College. The afternoon events will be held at the legendary Lambeau Field.

For more information on the Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715-346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota and Iowa Chapters will hold their annual Chapter Clash on July 11-12. This year the events will take place in Minnesota. The MN Chapter's annual Tour on Wheels will be held August

13 and will again incorporate a St. Paul Saints game.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota at tel. 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will meet July 15-16 at the University of Virginia. Join the "Tailgate Reception" on July 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM for a tour of UV's Scott Stadium and Harrison Field and the Harrison Field reconstruction presentation. Registration for the July 16 Field Day begins at 7:00 AM at Davenport

Field. Educational sessions and demonstrations run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. STMA President, Bob Campbell, CSFM, will be the featured speaker.

For information on the Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703/324-8590.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): The Chapter will again participate in the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Field Day July 16.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, con-