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 Carnmill, stated, “Chesapeake more accurately describes the geographic area that we will be focusing on and gives the signal that we are off to a fresh start.”

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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 upcoming events, contact Robert Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority at e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703/324-8590.

Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association: 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 Chris Brindley at 715-346-3622 or chbrindle@uwsp.edu.

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-