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STMA President-Elect Kaufman resigns

THE SPORTS TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION'S President-Elect, Martin Kaufman, CSFM, has resigned from its Board of Directors due to a change in his membership category. Kaufman recently became employed by Turf Managers LLC, which moved him from a sports turf manager into the commercial category. Commercial members are unable to ascend to the Presidency, and STMA's Bylaws require any officer on the presidential track who becomes employed in the commercial sector to resign within three months. Kaufman was to ascend to the Presidency in January 2013 during STMA's Annual Meeting.

"It has been a privilege to serve on the STMA Board for the past four years. I cherish my involvement with STMA, and certainly prize this period of time serving as a K-12 Director, Treasurer and President-

Elect", said Kaufman. STMA President James Michael Goatley, Jr., PhD expresses his regret on Kaufman's departure. "Martin has been a very valuable Board member and an outstanding representative of this industry. We will miss his enthusiasm for serving STMA, but we realize that this new position is a great opportunity for Martin and his family."

When a President-Elect resigns, STMA's Standard Operating Procedure dictates that the President assumes the duties of the President-Elect and that the President and Immediate Past President each serve a second term. This means that for 2013, Goatley will remain President, and Troy Smith, CSFM, will continue as Immediate Past President. Secretary/Treasurer David Pinsonneault, CSFM will ascend to President-Elect during the annual meeting as

scheduled. Also according to the SOP, Goatley has the authority to appoint a President-Elect for the remainder of Kaufman's term, or to appoint a qualified member to fulfill the role of conference oversight, which is the primary responsibility of the President-Elect. Any appointee would not ascend to the presidency.

"With just a few months left in this year, I am not appointing a President-Elect. However, I would like for Martin to continue to work on the conference. His in-depth knowledge of the conference planning thus far will help ensure that STMA will provide an excellent conference experience for our members," said Goatley. Kaufman has agreed to continue to lead the conference oversight team. "I would be honored to continue to work on the STMA Conference," said Kaufman. ■

Deadline for STMA awards is October 15

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OCTOBER 15? The start of Texas Native Plant Week? The start of National School Lunch Week? Yes, it is as well as the deadline to submit award and Founders Award nominations and applications to STMA? Don't miss it!

Submit an application for one of the many STMA awards and SAFE scholarships or grants. The Awards Program consists of:

Field of the Year awards made in football, soccer, baseball, softball and sporting grounds in three classifications: schools and parks, colleges and universities and professional stadiums. Winners receive three nights hotel at the annual conference, full conference registration, apparel, plaque and recognition.

Founders' Awards. These four awards are given to individuals who embody the characteristics of STMA's founders Harry C. Gill, George Toma, Dick Ericson and Dr. William H. Daniel. Since these are surprise awards, the winners receive one night hotel, travel and complimentary conference registration at the next year's conference. Please nominate a deserving peer for one of these awards!

Minor League Sports Turf Manager of the Year. In cooperation with Minor League Baseball, STMA presents an award in four classifications: AAA, AA, A and short season or rookie at the Baseball Winter Meetings Awards Luncheon.

Innovative Award. Presented to commercial members whose new product, service, equipment or technology enhances the effectiveness of the sports turf manager or improves the playing surface.

The Scholarship & Grants Program offers the following funds through the SAFE Foundation: \$12,500 to deserving 2-year and 4-year students (winners also receive three nights hotel and a complimentary conference registration)

Gary Vanden Berg Grant. \$1,000 for a deserving student who completed an internship this past spring or summer. (Recent graduates are eligible) The winner also receives three nights hotel at the annual conference and a complimentary conference registration.

Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant. \$1,000 for a deserving chapter member to go to the STMA Annual Conference. The winner also receives a complimentary conference registration.

For complete information and submittal forms, go to STMA.org, Professionalism Tab. ■

STMA selects Orlando as 2017 Conference Site

THE STMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS has selected the Orlando area for its 2017 conference location at the Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center. Attendees will receive an excellent room rate (nearly as low as its 2010 rates!), a \$25 dining card, free Disney World tickets, and complimentary airport transportation. Exhibitors will have the exhibit hall carpeted at no charge. Make plans now to bring your family and extend a vacation on either side of the conference. The dates are January 17-21, 2017.

STMA also has four other exciting locations lined up for its upcoming conferences and exhibitions. In 2013 (Jan. 15-18) we will be in Daytona Beach, FL; in 2014 (Jan. 21-24) San Antonio, TX; in 2015 (Jan. 13-16) Denver, CO; and in 2016 (Jan. 18-22) San Diego, CA. Each of these venues has excellent hotel and convention facilities, which are right in the heart of each city's dining, entertainment and cultural districts ■

SAFE Foundation Kicks off its 2nd Annual Campaign

THE SAFE FOUNDATION, STMA's charity, will begin its second fundraising effort for the Grass Roots Campaign on Jan. 1, 2013. SAFE raised nearly \$5,000 in its initial effort in 2012, a small, but significant start to helping it fund education, scholarship and research.

SAFE has redirected its efforts to make a difference in our communities by developing programs that will help neighborhoods have safer and sustainable sports fields. This is an area of great need. SAFE is currently reviewing program proposals for developing an inventory of sports fields in need, which will allow for focused, corrective efforts through STMA chapters.

The Grass Roots Campaign is directed to STMA members. Member support is a critical first step to fundraising. Before SAFE can seek donations from those outside of our core industry, such as an athlete or by partnering with a health and safety organization, it must have the support of its membership. SAFE is pleased to report that 100 percent of the SAFE Board of

Trustees and the STMA Board of Directors have contributed to this fundraising effort.

In addition to the Grass Roots campaign, SAFE receives funding from other sources including the Toro Giving Program which funds the Dr. James Watson scholarships, and Turface, which funds the Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant. Many companies and members also donated (and continue to donate) to the Gary Van-



den Berg Internship Grant. The golf tournament, live and silent auctions, casino night and raffles, which are held at the STMA annual conference and exhibition, also raise money for SAFE.

SAFE uses every dollar donated to further its mission of: To enrich communities through championing safe, sustainable sports and recreation fields for all athletes. SAFE has no paid staff; the STMA Board of

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Directors allows its staff to assist the Foundation. The current board of trustees includes Chairman Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, SCPS; Cathy Bradley, Ken Curry, Gil Landry, Ph.D., David Pinsonneault, CSFM, CPRP; Chad Price, CSFM; Doug Schattinger, Jay Warnick, CSFM; Steve Wightman and Executive Director Kim Heck.

SAFEFields.org will be live next month. In the interim, SAFE has its information at STMA.org, SAFE Tab. The Grass Roots Campaign and Pledge card are located there if you want to get a head start on this donation! SAFE accepts checks, credit cards and ACH automatic deductions if you wish to spread out your payments. SAFE is a 501 c 3 charity, and donations may be tax deductible. ■

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B ☐ MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENT — Superintendent, Landscape/Ground Maintenance Manager, Foreman, Supervisor
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3 Do you have the authority to buy, specify or recommend products and/or services for your business or organization?

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Football field attacked

The drought has been tough on us this year but we were allowed to water the football field and it was doing fine until the first week of August when large areas of grass started to die off and turn brown. A week later the dry areas came up in large chunks and had no roots beneath. Since then the school administration and coaches are coming down on us about not watering enough. Our field is nearly unplayable. What direction would you give us to proceed? I've been hearing about Japanese beetles and grubs, could that be the problem?

Scott Johnson, West Salem
Iowa SD

Following up with Scott confirmed that the problem was indeed caused by grubs feeding on the root system. The Japanese beetle crossed the Mississippi River about 5 years ago and now has been reported throughout most of Iowa. Japanese beetles are notorious feeders on selected trees and shrubs and the grub feeds on turf-grass roots along with our other grub species associated with the masked chaffer and June beetle. They have slightly different life cycles but the important thing to remember is that the beetles appear in the summer and lay eggs in the ground that form feeding grubs during the month of August, just before the start of football season.

Summer-applied insecticides will help control the grubs shortly after egg hatch when they are small. Even if you use a preventative insecticide it is important to start checking football fields weekly in early August for grub activity, since insecticide failure does happen. Raccoons, skunks, and crows tearing up the surface in search of grubs are also an indication of what lies beneath the grass.

If a mid-summer preventative grub insecticide is not used then August scouting for grubs is ab-

solutely essential. In dry years irrigated fields are a prime target for adult beetles to lay eggs. We conducted a 2-year high school football field grub scouting program and found that the normally recommended IPM grub threshold of 9 grubs per square foot was not sufficient for athletic fields because of the low tolerance for dislodged turf during in high traffic areas. Our recommended threshold for high traffic athletic fields is 2 to 4 grubs per square foot using 20 4-inch samples evenly spaced throughout the field.

It has been difficult to get anyone interested in pulling core sample and counting grubs even though it only takes about 45 minutes per field. As an alternative walk the field end zone to end zone along the side lines, hash marks, and center. About every 10 yards just give the grass a good tug and occasionally cut into the ground and look for grubs in the top inch of soil. Any places where the grass looks slightly off color, wilted, or damaged, give it a check.

The strategy is to find them when they are small because they are more difficult and sometimes impossible to control when they are large. Grubs occur in pockets and are seldom evenly distributed throughout the field and that is another reason why the uniform sampling method to determine thresholds limits is subject to interpretation. If it is August and I find

grubs in one or two places on the field I usually recommend immediate grub treatment with dylox because the threat of an unplayable field, as Scott has described, is not well received by coaches, athletic directors, and parents. Dylox insecticide lasts about a week in the soil and if watered into the grub feeding zone will give effective control of first and second instar grubs that are less than a half inch long. Older and larger grubs are more difficult to control and may require a second application of dylox.

The message here is use some form of scouting to control the grubs before they get too big. By September grubs have caused considerable turf damage and are difficult to control. Killing the grubs will allow roots to grow and begin to stabilize the surface, but this can take over a month. Fertilize with nitrogen to speed growth and recovery. Broadcasting perennial ryegrass to allow "cleating in" of the seed will help, but this too takes about a month to see a substantial benefit. Pantera annual ryegrass can be used for fast cover if you do not want the ryegrass to persist in your Kentucky bluegrass field. As a last resort the field can be rolled after and before each game to temporarily increase surface stability.

The real message here is to look beneath your field surface in August if you want the fans to see the field from above on Friday nights. ■



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