



Newsletter

FEBRUARY 1960

The Association's January meeting was held Jan. 4 at the Waltham Field Station, 39 members attended and 9 guests.

The Directors meeting started at 9:30 A.M. and the below listed Committees were appointed for 1960, the first named to act as chairman.

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| Educational | - | John Sperandio, Ray Brigham, Robert Grant |
| Golf | - | Guy Tedesco, Ernie Wolfgang, Ted Murphy |
| Publicity | - | Joseph Butler, John O'Connors, Dick Blake |
| Research | - | Robert Grant, Tony Garanci, Sam Mitchell, Jr. |
| Employment | - | Leon St. Pierre, Albert Sanders, Joseph Oldfield |
| Finance | - | Phil Cassidy, George Webster, Norman Muciarone |
| Welfare | - | Mel O'Kelly, Mario Fanizia, Arthur Anderson, Edward Beucher |
| Newsletter | - | Homer Darling, Phil Cassidy, Dick Blake |

Mike O'Grady and Bill Ash were appointed a committee of two to file names, addresses, clubs, etc. so that this information might be available to all members.

Bob Grant, Ray Brigham and Nary Sperandio were appointed to plan an award for Dr. Jesse DeFrance.

Arthur Anderson and Paul O'Leary were appointed a committee of two to represent our Policy to the National Turf Conference at Houston, Texas.

The Massachusetts Turf & Lawngrass Association will hold its annual meeting in the Students Union Building on the campus of the University of Mass., Amherst, Mass., at 4:00 P.M., March 10, 1960.

It is requested that the New England G. C. S. A. members who are members of this association, send in their renewal forms and check for \$3.00 and that those who are not members of this association take steps to join.

Many progressive movements are planned by this association for 1960; we should all give it a boost by giving some support. A good start would be 100% membership instead of the present 30.

"Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow." - Emerson



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Dates to Remember:

National Turf Grass Conference & Show - Shamrock Hilton -Feb. 1-5 at Houston, Texas
U.S.G.A. Greens Section Meeting - Biltmore Hotel - January 29 at New York City
Massachusetts Turf Conference - University of Mass.,-March 10-11 at Amherst, Mass.

The February meeting of the New England G.C.S.A. will be held at Waltham Field Station, January 8, 1960.

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| Directors Meeting | 9:30 - 10:30 |
| Business Meeting | 10:30 - 11:30 |
| Lunch | 12:00 |
| Educational Program | 1:30 - Speakers |

A Timely Topic:

Winter Protection of Greens, here at Whitinsville we plan to apply three applications of Calo-Clor during the winter, one in late November, another in December, both sprayed and the rate is 3 oz. per 1000 sq. ft. The third application is applied with enough Milorganite or sand to cover the green. The application is made with a Cyclone spreader on wheels, applied after the January thaw. If the winter is open and winds severe, we spray a wetting agent (Aqua-Gro) to greens. This has been done for the past three years and no damage to greens from desiccation or snow mold are the results.

Snow is also removed, if melting paths are made across greens to take advantage of surface drainage, thus a minimum amount of ice or water remains on the greens.

I might add that our greens are closed to play during the winter as we feel that the entire membership should not be responsible for the damage done by 5% of the members who would play on greens during the winter.

Did you know that our attendance at Waltham has been steadily dropping? What can we do about it? How about some creative criticism.

"Neither praise nor blame is the object of true criticism, - Justly to discriminate, firmly to establish, wisely to prescribe, and honestly to award, - these are the true aims and duties of criticism" - Simms

The editor - Dick Blake