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President's Update



The AGSA Board of Directors held a conference call meeting yesterday where the following items were discussed: **COVID-19** updates, Upcoming **Turf News** and **Whatsapp** participation.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Golf courses are slowly starting to wake up and many have skeleton crews performing the basic tasks. It was recognized that over the next few weeks there will be more staff required to perform the essential maintenance tasks. At this time nobody knows when golf courses will be permitted to open to the public.

All facilities will need to be organized to follow their provincial regulations for social distancing, sanitation and the number of people that can be on site at any one time. In NS, no more than 5 people can be on site at any given time under the current emergency order.

Please exercise caution before posting photos of maintenance activities on social media platforms. We have a society that is nervous, scared and watching for anything they perceive as unnecessary right now.

TURF NEWS

After reviewing the information from the survey that was circulated to our AGSA members attending the 2020 Atlantic Turfgrass Conference, it is clear that the majority of you both read and see value in the publication. According to the survey, member generated articles and local information is what people want to see in the Turf News.

The Challenge!

The AGSA BOD is asking all members to think about something they can contribute to the publication. It can be a short piece with a photo or two of anything that you have done that others may benefit from reading. It could be a picture of a modification to equipment, a small improvement project... anything at all really. Our editors and printer will help with formatting and grammar so that your information is professionally presented.

So let's rise to the challenge. You may be contacted by a BOD member and asked to give something.

WHATSAPP

The AGSA Whatsapp chat group was started almost two weeks ago now and we have over 50 members participating. It has been a valuable tool for members to share and connect. If you are not registered yet, please contact Jim and he will set you up with an invite to the group. There have been many very valuable conversations, articles, and photos shared so far.

The BOD is also going to offer access to the app to some interested non member superintendents during this COVID-19 golf closure so that these individuals may receive

information and support from the AGSA. Hopefully, the AGSA will ultimately gain future long-term members from this exercise. If you know someone who is in this situation, please see if they are interested and we can set them up to participate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the WhatsApp logo.

John Mills
AGSA President

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