1. Call to order by President Holmes at 10:02 am. In attendance President Jeff Holmes, CGCS, Vice President Justin Bickel, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Ostrander, Dan Dingman, Dave Pawluk, CGCS, Mike Rosen, Jim Bluck, CGCS, Jeff Sweet, CGCS, Rob Steger, CGCS & Assistant Liaison Troy Evans. Absent: Brad Fry, Past President Gregg Matthews & Dan Mausolf.

2. MSU Turf Club: The President Lewis Nowakowski and Vice President Ryan Beers of the MSU Turf Club presented on their plans to try to get to the Golf Industry Show in San Diego. They went through a detailed presentation on their efforts to raise funds to help offset the high cost of travel to San Diego followed by a Q&A from the board.

3. President’s comments: Jeff spoke about the importance of making time for MiGCSA service like we all do with our other volunteer efforts. Speaking from his experience from many years in the business that he has found that it is important to get away even for a day, even if it feels like you can’t. The course will be there tomorrow.

4. Approval of the minutes; 17 March: Jim Bluck asked about the note from last meeting about the scholarship awards idea. This has been around for a while and is the idea of having an MiGCSA specific ceremony for the scholarship winners and their families. This is a great idea in theory but is hard to put into practical use. The logistics and attendance are not available at this time. After discussion Jim Bluck made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Jeff Holmes.

5. Financial Report: Adam went over the bottom line as the MiGCSA is tracking toward another profitable year. Jeff Holmes spoke about the check writing process and oversight with Adam and the financials. He and Adam will be looking into the process and trying to come up with a better solution that will leave the chapter with less possible exposure to any questions of the financials.

6. 2015 MTF Donation: A total of $33,922.32 was the total from the 2015 Fundraisers, the board approved a disbursement as follows.
   a. $22,422.32 to the MTF
   b. $9,000 Scholarships
   c. $1,000 EIFG
   d. $1,500 MSU Turf Club

7. Bill Hobson, Michigan Golf Live: There was much discussion on the subject of this being to negative and possibly asking the golfers to do too much. The board decided on the following timeline. Adam will ask Bill to try to soften the message. If he is not able to do so then we will look through B roll footage to try to find some replacements of the areas of concern. If we are not able to achieve the desired results this way we can look into the possibility of re shooting some scenes. Adam will get the first part started with Bill.

8. GCSAA Delegate and Voting: Mark Ostrander was the MiGCSA Delegate for 2015. He recommended we support the bylaws changes. He also recommended we vote for Darren Davis in the Secretary/Treasurer position. His recommendations for the new board member are Kevin Breen & Jeff Millies. The board approved these recommendations.

9. MiGCSA Website Update: The www.migcsa.org website is in need of updates to make it more user and mobile friendly. This was brought forward by Gaslight Media our current provider. Adam agrees that there is need for a refresh, he will discuss with Gaslight and also other companies. He will report back to the board at future meetings how the process is coming and what costs may be associated with this.
10. Hiring and Compensation Committee: Rob Steger spoke about a conversation he had with Eric Davey. Eric would like to form a committee to promote the hiring of MiGCSA Members. This is based on the trend of hiring outside of the State and thus not creating any movement within Michigan. The Board approved this new committee to be named later.

11. MiGCSA Outreach/First Tee Detroit: Jeff spoke about the need to utilize the MiGCSA for more social projects like habitat for humanity and other projects that are more community related than turf. He asked the Board to try to identify these opportunities and bring them to Adam for promotion. Adam updated the Board on the First Tee of Detroit and their resurgence. Adam told them about a meeting he set up with Chris Wilczynski and Randy Pinchan to possible build a practice facility for them to use with our help. This is an ongoing process. Jeff asked the board if they were ok with the possible expenses that may accrue from this project, Adam thought they would be minimal.

12. Turf Conference Track Naming: The MTF has made an offer to rename the tracks at the turf conference to indicate the associations they represent. For example the golf track would become the MiGCSA track. The Board was not in favor of this as we are not involved with the planning and production of this education.

13. 2016 Event Calendar: There is a need for a site for the 2016 State Championship in late August. Dave Pawluk thought Bob King at the Orchards would like to host this event, Adam will follow up with Bob. We are also in need of a Western and Big Event site. Mark Ostrander will be in contact with Ron Fox about having Point O’ Woods host, if that is not an option Jeff Holmes with speak with Keith Patterson at Kent C.C. Rob Steger will contact Eric Davey about hoisting the event at Prestwick Village, if he is not available Dan Dingman will reach out to Jon Sabat at Plum Hollow and if that is also a no then Dave Pawluk will discuss with Scott Rettmann at Walnut Creek.

14. Committee Reports:
   a. Assistant Superintendent: Troy Evans updated the group on the 4 events they held this year. Tam no longer wants to host the event so we need a new location. Troy will be looking for that location. The Tiger game was successful, discussion on having a field tour with Heather next year. Troy will reach out to her and look into tickets/Pepsi Porch for another game and report back at the next meeting. The Belle Isle field clean up went well, the local Coast Guard came over and helped out. Troy would like to do a larger event with Heathers crew next year. Jeff Holmes would like to get a meet and greet on the West side.
   b. By-Laws: Adam suggested we make a change in the bylaws to reflect the class EM Equipment Manager this would be a change from the Class D we currently use for Mechanics. This was approved by the Board.
   c. Communications: Justin spoke about the fall feature article being a conference preview in this issue and for this to be a permanent placement. Justin is looking for Off Course Profiles. The committee will meet at the conference. Adam spoke about the design change to BRD Printing.
   d. Education: Jeff updated the group on the education committee meeting and the needs for the Spring Meetings. Adam spoke about the need for Board members to attend the night before the Northern Meeting to go to dinner with Rhett Evans.
   e. Government Relations: Adam updated the Board on Legislative Golf Day on June 2nd and the importance of having numbers to show the representatives.
   f. Membership: Dan Dingman updated the group on the last meeting at the 2015 conference. The idea of facility membership for an all-encompassing membership for all people at the facility. Jeff asked Adam to send the expired 2014 members list out again.
g. Nominating: The board discussed the open positions in the Detroit area, also Jim Bluck and Brad Fry are up for reelection. Jim will run again, Jeff will ask Brad if he wants to run again. Jeff will also speak with Gregg Matthews about back filling his seat.

h. Scholarship and Awards: Jim asked for volunteers to help with scholarship interviews on December 16th. He also spoke about the high quality candidates for the Heritage Scholarships we had

i. District/Events: This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

15. New Business: Justin asked Adam if there was a document that had passwords and accounts in case of an emergency, Adam will work on that document. He asked how our investment was doing, we will know at the end of the year, the last statement was down. Justin also asked how many hours he works to make sure he does not have too much of a workload. Adam asked that he be judged by the output of his work not his hours. It is a hard number to judge as he can work from any area, he will let us know if his workload becomes too much.

16. Next meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the turf conference on 1/5 at 8:00 in room 107.

17. Adjourn at 2:54