

The OSTMA chapter started off the year with a bang, having a very busy week in February.

On Thursday Feb. 23 the OSTMA in conjunction with the MOPARK association held a Turf and Ground maintenance Seminar at the Springfield Cardinals training facility, in attendance were around 50 Sports Turf Managers from the Southwest MO and Northern AR area.

There were some great topics discussed and presentations shared from several experts in the field, if you would like to contact any of these guys in the future, they are here to share their vast knowledge and assist our needs an organization.

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We hope to benefit our members with several other educational opportunities throughout the coming year. If you know of someone who hasn't become a member yet, let them know it will be well worth their while. Also if you have any ideas or topics you would like to touch upon please let one of your board members know.

Following up the Turf Seminar, the chapter reached out to numerous businesses and fellow chapters to receive donations for a field work day to benefit the Joplin Eagles baseball team.

After the deadly tornado last year, the Joplin community is still in the rebuilding process. All of the field maintenance's equipment, tools, and field materials were severely damaged or lost.

Coach Kirk Harryman was being pushed to get the field that had been rebuilt by FEMA this past fall into playable conditions in a very short time.

Board Chairman Brock Phipps worked with Joplin schools to get this work day set up. Donations were made by several local and national businesses and STMA chapters. We as a chapter would like to take a minute to say thanks to these great folks:

OSTMA members; Brock Phipps, Derek Edwards, Jeff McQueen, Paul Downward, Lacy Graham, Larry Howard, Michael Moyer, Jeff Williams, and Garret Calhoun.

Green Life, SOCAL STMA, National STMA, Legacy Farm and Lawn, Beacon Athletics, Capital Sand Co, Diamond Pro, Profile-Turface Athletics, Pennington Seed, Superior Rents, and Southern Athletic fields.

OSTMA recently elected new officers

President- Lacy Graham

Vice President- Michael Moyer

Secretary/Treasurer- Larry Howard

Board Members

Brock Phipps

Jeff McQueen

Paul Downward

Upcoming Events

May 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00- Lunch Meeting -Dealing with Summer Stress

June 29<sup>th</sup>- Springfield Cardinals Baseball Game sponsored by Barry Siems of Wan Wall Equipment

RSVP to Barry by June 25<sup>th</sup> at 417-770-0289 (18 tickets available)

July 10<sup>th</sup>-University of Missouri Field Day

August 1<sup>st</sup>- University of Arkansas Field Day

August 15<sup>th</sup>- Tour University of Arkansas Sports Facility and Turf Farm

December 12<sup>th</sup>- Year End Meeting

To raise money for the chapter we now have available OSTMA Sweatshirts \$20.00 and Hats \$10.00

Please contact a Lacy if interested 417-268-7679