

Dear FEGGA Members – Coronavirus continues to cause severe problems across Europe and is fundamentally changing the way the Golf and Greenkeeping Industries do things. FEGGA is no exception. Face to face meetings are still nigh impossible to plan ahead for; therefore, and very reluctantly, the Board has decided to cancel the proposed mini-Conference scheduled for early October and replace this with an on-line event. We are very aware that on-line events are becoming more commonplace and as a result have lost their initial appeal. The Board is searching for new ways to make this on-line mini-Conference more exciting and enjoyable. Please keep your diaries free for the 4th October; the programme will follow shortly.

Turning to the second quarter of 2021, thank you all for renewing subscriptions so promptly; and likewise, thank you to our Patrons who have also renewed in number. This means we have been able to maintain a positive cashflow, and create a healthy financial position considering the limitations being caused by the pandemic.



The FEGGA Board have been looking at the overall Greenkeeper learning situation, and having consulted with attendees at the June Education Summit have concluded that there is a strong place for GT-E, which has prompted us to form an Education Group.



This will be led by Board Member Andreas Leutgeb, and its initial objectives will be to re-introduce the GT-E Brand, and to strengthen ties with other major organisations. More of this later in the season.

As part of this process FEGGA have been speaking with numerous associations about their current educational offerings and needs, and how we can assist them in the years ahead.

This led to us inviting Goran Tyrsing from the Swedish Greenkeepers Association to attend our March Board meeting and present their newly created SGA Greenkeeper Learning and Development app.



This App is intended principally for greenkeepers in Sweden to carry a portable and shareable Log of their skills and experience. This aids their career

building and job-seeking. So successful has this App been in Sweden, and such is the foresight and generosity of SGA, that there is an offer to partner with FEGGA; and through GT-E make this App available to any FEGGA Greenkeeper Association Member who wishes to use it to further their career. The App will be translated into English, and offered free of charge, courtesy of SGA, by the end of the year. Further details to follow, but this is actively underway with a formal agreement in place.

All these discussions ultimately led to us hosting the Education Summit in June covering many areas of education which is part of our focus moving



forward. We welcome feedback on the potential use of the App, and also on any other issue within the topic of Greenkeeper Education and development.

Likewise, Environmental Sustainability continues to be a major part of greenkeepers lives. The FEGGA Board are at this time forming a Task Force to continue FEGGA's commitment to that role. It will also in tandem be focusing its attention and ensuring the FEGGA Responsible Golf Course Management document reflects any new outcomes and becomes more widely used in the digital age.

In the meantime, the Thank a Greenkeeper Day 2021 is set for September 14th. There is a huge amount of promotional material,



courtesy of the GCSAA, which will be available to everyone very shortly. Please do make use of the material and maximise the opportunity for your members to show what they do and receive at least some of the thanks they deserve.



Coronavirus has altered the way that FEGGA is able to employ the services of its Executive Officer. A new contract has been agreed and is in the process of being signed off. This new Contract confirms a reduced fixed monthly cost, and replaces this with variable cost per successful project.

In Summary, the Board and Executive Officer continue to work hard behind the scenes to bring real benefit to Greenkeeper Associations and its Members. We look forward to your continuing support.

Do please get in touch with Dean with any news, views, or any particular needs of your Association.

- Q2 Accounts are attached, and should you have any questions, please forward these to Dean.



Thank you and enjoy the rest of the golfing season

From The Board of FEGGA