

**KMGA Monthly Meeting  
July 21, 2009  
Minutes**

<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Greens Chair</b>
Tom VanderBerg	David Vernier	Teresa Snook	Rick Margelis
<b>Board Members</b>			
Vic Callahan	Bob Cavanaugh	Chuck Clinard	Quincy Franklin
Noel Ocen	Lee Stuart Jr.		
<b>Director of Golf</b>	<b>Business Manager</b>	<b>Greens Superintendent</b>	
Steve Tyler	Don Brinks	Ron Williams	
<b>City Manager</b>		<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
Ken Collard	Thomas Skrobola	Frances Jewell	Jerome Kisscorni
<b>City Commissioner</b>	<b>Clerk's Office – (Minutes only)</b>		
Barbara Miller	Scott Borling		

- **The Minutes** of the June 16, 2009 meeting were approved.
- **Don Brinks presented the Business Manager's Report.**
  - **YTD Financials -**
    - Green's fees are down nearly \$70,000 from 2008.
    - Revenue is down \$20,000 from 2008 but spending was reduced, creating a current \$9,000 revenue excess over YTD 2008.
    - Administrative costs – spending is down \$3,000 from 2008.
    - Course Maintenance – KMGA saved approximately \$20,000 using generic chemicals this year.
    - Fuel and utility costs are on schedule to be under budget in 2009.
    - Projected net savings over budget is approximately \$30,000.
    - Encumbered Funds as of 6/30/09 = \$168,500
      - \$42,500 – reimbursement to Steve Tyler for paying labor costs during the first part of 2009.
      - \$31,000 – paving of EH parking lot
      - \$95,000 – debt service to City of Kalamazoo
    - It was noted that before large amounts of money are allocated for projects (i.e., paving of parking lot), Board approval is needed.
- **Steve Tyler presented the Greens Chairman's Report**
  - **Eastern Hills -**
    - West Nine Flooding Issues
      - Draining continues. Hole #4 has been mowed and is playable. However moving on to #5 is an issue, so the current route-around layout is still in play.
      - Ron Williams will purchase more used clocks for the irrigation system. They are relatively inexpensive and will serve us well.
  - **Milham Park -**
    - Trees:
      - Several more Ash trees will be removed in the fall.
      - Three Linden trees have been added to Hole #3.

- A 150-year-old Oak tree on Hole #8 fell. It has been removed, and mulch was made for use on Hole #4.
- **Steve Tyler presented the Golf Director's Report.**
  - **On-Course Memorials:**
    - Two members have approached Steve regarding purchasing a tree and/or plaque for the course in memory of a loved one. After discussion it was determined that a standard needs to be set.
    - Vic Callahan will investigate options and will meet with Steve to discuss types of trees and plaques (dimensions, placement, etc.) that would be appropriate for the course.
  - **Board Outing/Orlin Loen Appreciation -**
    - Date & Location: Thursday, August 20 at Eastern Hills
    - Barbara Miller will provide lunch; Don Brinks will provide a cake in honor of Orlin.
    - Vic Callahan and Bob Cavanaugh will contact and invite past Board members who served with Orlin over his tenure. Spouses of former Board members will be invited to the luncheon.
  - **Eastern Hills**
    - Beer and Wine License
      - The license is now in place and generated \$8,000 the first 20 days of July. Purchases totaled \$4,000 during that time period
      - Revenues are increasing daily; \$20,000 - \$30,000 is expected to be gained by the end of 2009.
      - Inquiries for 2010 bookings have been steady.
      - Due to a change in state requirements regarding Club Keno, Steve has decided to wait until Spring 2010 to add this feature.
  - **Ratings**
    - Eastern Hills has been re-sloped and rated. New scorecards are being generated. Steve and Vic Callahan will meet to discuss how they will be set up.
    - The issue of re-ranking holes on each course was brought up. There isn't time to generate all the information needed to re-rank the holes before the new scorecards are made, but Steve will explain how rankings are determined in the next newsletter.
  - **Rate Changes**
    - Memberships will be offered at \$350 for the remainder of the year.
    - To motivate more play during down times, a reduction in greens fees will be offered weekends after 1:00 - \$25 for 18 holes, \$15 for 9 holes; both rates include a cart.
- **Old Business**
  - Vacant Board Seat – Since there are no qualified candidates from the 2008 election (i.e., no City residents), four candidates will be elected in the fall 2009 election. One will fulfill the term begun by Orlin Loen (two years) and three will be elected to full three-year terms.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa L. Snook, KMGA Secretary