

**KMGA Monthly Meeting
September 15, 2009
Minutes**

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

- There were no changes to the unofficial **minutes** taken at the August 18, 2009 meeting (no quorum).
- **Don Brinks presented the Business Manager's Report.**
 - **Financials –**
 - KMGA's 2010 budget was approved at a special meeting (see attachment). Adjustments were made to make debt service to the City a greater priority.
 - YTD revenue is down \$10,000 from 2008.
 - Course Maintenance – costs are currently down about \$50,000. After fall chemicals are applied the total savings for 2009 is estimated to be nearly \$30,000.
 - Steve Tyler has been fully reimbursed for 2009 labor costs. He also covered \$18,000 in extra EH renovation costs, which is yet to be paid. Steve will bring a detailed list of these upgrades to the October meeting where we will discuss a pay-back plan.
 - Labor costs are down by nearly \$100,000 from 2008 but we are still looking at another \$120,000 to be paid out this year. Don Brinks and Steve Tyler will come up with a plan for further reductions this year and into 2010. This plan will be presented at the October Board meeting.
 - KMGA's cash balance is down to \$80,000, mainly due to irrigation issues.
 - There is still \$105,000 left to pay this year on the Master Plan loan from the City.
 - Bank charges for credit card sales continue to increase as this form of payment increases. Approximately 70% of patrons paid by credit card in 2009.
 - Capital Expenses – the new irrigation pump, and other like-items, should be considered "capitalized items" instead of expenses on the financial sheet.

- **Rick Margelis presented the Greens Chairman's Report**
 - Milham Park**
 - There is a new fence along #5 fairway and a new City Parks Department building will go up on the other side of this fence in coming weeks.
 - Potential Injury Areas – there are deep holes around sprinkler heads approximately 50-75 yards in front of the #12 tee box and near the senior tee box on #3. Steve will get with Ron about getting these fixed ASAP.
 - Fairways - Worm castings are back resulting in muddy fairways. Height of grass cutting will go up next week.
 - Geese control suggestion – Statues/replicas of wolves. Westside Medical uses this method and it seems to work.
 - **Trees –**
 - Ash Tree to the right of #9 green is dying; a replacement is planned for the same area, approximately 25 yards up. Ashes are also dying on #3 and between #14 & #15. These trees are integral parts of these holes and will eventually need to be replaced.
 - In memory of Jan Virkus, a new Red Bud Tree was planted and memorial plaque was placed between the 9th green and 10th tee. A Red Bud was also planted left of the #3 green. These are fast-growing trees.
 - An Austrian Pine next to the practice area by #10 is dying. In light of the attached article regarding Austrian Pines, Todd Prior, the City Arborist, will make a recommendation regarding what to do about this particular tree.
- **Steve Tyler presented the Golf Director's Report.**
 - **Dollar Spot at Eastern Hills** – The greens affected seem to be our newer greens - #2, 6, 10 & 11. The staff will not be treating dollar spot the remainder of the year, as they feel it is more important to use available funds on snow mold protection.
 - **Mold Testing by MSU-** no word yet on test results of samples taken from #10 green in August.
 - **Eastern Hills Concessions** – customers are asking for pitchers and 10 oz. glasses of beer at the bar. This accommodation will likely be made.
 - **Board Elections –**
 - There is one 2-year term and three 3-year terms to be filled.
 - Tom Skrobola will meet with Steve and Tom VanderBerg to talk about the City vs. non-City issue discussed at the August meeting.
 - Appointees - It was suggested that the pro's at both MP & EH give suggestions for these Board positions. Noel Ocen's term expires at the end of 2009.
 - **Memberships -**
 - Steve would like to stay with the same rates but create new categories. Ideas: one day per week; weekend only; week-day-only memberships.
 - A new rate schedule needs to be voted on in October in order for City to approve budget. Steve will e-mail pricing ideas to Board Members prior to the October meeting.

- **Old Business**
 - New Handicapping System – Steve will attend a meeting in Grand Rapids later this month to pursue a new handicapping system possibility.
 - **Eastern Hills**
 - Fountain repair is in-progress.
 - The on-course restroom will be fixed in the spring.
- **New Business**
 - New magazine, “Home Team Sports” is available at the MP pro shop.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa L. Snook, KMGGA Secretary