

**KMGA Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2011**

President Chuck Clinard
Vice President Dave Vernier
Secretary Curt Wiser
Board Members Jack Bullard Pete Farner
Director of Golf Steve Tyler
Greens Superintendent Rick Laux
City Manager Ken Collard **Business Manager** Thomas Skrobola
Parks and Recreation Frances Jewell
Economic Development Jerome Kisscorni
Greens Chair Quincy Franklin **Clerks Office** Scott Borling (Minutes)
City Commissioner Barbara Miller

Guests – Mike Stangl, Jason Luft, Diane Warden, Ken Frisbee

- **Absent from meeting:** Quincy Franklin; Barbara Miller; Curt Wiser
- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Board President Chuck Clinard
- **The Minutes** Motion made by Jerome to accept minutes, 2nd by Chuck Clinard

Proposals

- I. Jason Luft made a proposal to the board to add disc golf to Red Arrow with an estimated cost of \$510 for a 9 hole course. The disc golf could be ran on existing holes.
- II. Diane Worden made a proposal to setup a volunteer team to assist at Red Arrow starting Summer 2012. Also stated she would like to see pull carts available for rental. Motion was made that Diane Worden would work with Jason Luft/Steve Tyler/ Frances Jewell to have a complete proposal ready for next month's board meeting. Approved
- III. Ron Williams proposal was reviewed by the board and rejected.

Business Manager report

- I. Tom Skrobola indicated the KMGA is roughly behind \$63,000 in regards to annual revenue projections.
- II. Steve Tyler made a point that April-June revenues were down in 2011 due to a wet spring compared to the past 2 seasons.
- III. Cart rental has been up for 2011, still have no data for individual course breakdowns

Greens Committee Report- Rick Laux

- I. Courses are in great condition compared to last year. Planning on aerification next week at Eastern, and the week after at Milham.
- II. Starting to cut down on labor at both courses. The board commented that Rick was doing a great job with the condition of the courses.
- III. Rick Laux was asked by the board if he would be able to make it with current budget next year : Rick stated No, not with the current setup

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Director of Golf – Steve Tyler

- I. Milham park recently won the Reader’s choice award from the Kalamazoo Gazette for best course in the area.

Old Business

- I. Ken Frisbee spoke to the board and stated there has been poor communication from current board to existing members. Also stated the KMGGA used to donate over \$100,000 a year in excess to the City while times were good totaling over 1.6 Million over a a 10 yr period.
- II. Chuck Clinard requested to have new Membership rates available by the October Board meeting.

New Business

Golf Proposition

- I. Much discussion regarding the new proposition that was brought to the board regarding director of golf position. Dave Vernier requested that we should try to renegotiate Steve Tyler’s contract.
- II. Rick Laux stated that he couldn’t see a 3rd party company coming in to the existing position and putting any money down to run the courses.
- III. Tom Skrobola stated “He didn’t understand why this board continues to show loyalty to Steve Tyler & MPE “
- IV. Chuck Clinard stated he would be open to a new deal with Steve Tyler if it could transpire by next months board meeting.
- V. Pete Farner brought up an idea for a Town Hall Meeting at Eastern to show existing Membership what is currently going of with the KMGGA. No date for event was set.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by David Vernier

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