

KALAMAZOO MUNICIPAL GOLF ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
April 20th 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

President:	Curt Wiser
Vice President:	Mike Dunphey
Secretary:	John D. Bradshaw
Dir. Parks and Recreation	Sean Fletcher
Board Members:	Steve Feffer, Ruthie Walker, Larry Braithwaite

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dir. of Management Services/CFO:	Thomas Skrobola
Economic Development:	Jerome Kisscorni
Board Member:	Chuck Clinard

STAFF PRESENT

Director of Golf	Dean Marks
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VISITORS PRESENT:

None

Approved minutes are forwarded to: Shelby Moss for Scott Borling, City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon at Kalamazoo City Hall, 3rd floor meeting Rm. Minutes of March 16th, 2017 were approved.

1. Deans Report:

- Dean submitted a written report.
- Dean stated that Milham had a bad month for March because of weather, but April was looking better so far. However, the budget is behind for the year—but not by much.
- Spring fest is scheduled for the following weekend and so far 28 teams have signed up. Feedback from players regarding course conditions is very positive.
- Red Arrow opened on 4-15—with minimal flood damage. New coordinator Mary Beth Gillies has done a good job with setting up the volunteers.
- A tree fell by GPA, near the power lines, and Dean discovered, during repairs, that the VFD at the pump house was affected. An insurance claim is in process. However, the VFD at EHGC is ALSO NOT WORKING and needs replacement. Since it cannot be determined what the actual cause at EHGC was—no claim for insurance will be submitted. Cost will be about \$5,000
- Dean stated that the 4700 rough mower is not working at EHGC and they are trying to determine the problem. The 'new used' mower should be there soon.
- The Groupon deal has started with 39 sold to date earning \$1,600.
- Dean stated, in regard to the discussion last month of a potential purchase of golf carts, that he will stay with our current lease at EHGC. Best long term solution is to own gas carts, but that is not financially feasible at this point.
- Dean reported as to KJGA: He will be conducting a video blog interview with Bobby Guy to promote Jr Golf and the RA Golf Outing.
- There was a discussion about limiting or cutting down the 'on-course coolers'. No decision was made.

Events:

- The first couple's event is scheduled for 5-12-17 and is scheduled to be a Big Hole event.
- The Cleveland wedge event is scheduled for 4-22 at 6 PM, and looks to be a great deal for wedges and instruction.

2. Greens Report:

- Course in "great shape".

3. Red Arrow:

- Open, minimal flood damage. Brochures for the RA Golf Outing are out and Board Members are actively 'talking it up' and getting sponsors and players.
- This year the instruction league of Junior Golf will be conducted at RAGC

4. Eastern Hills Update:

- See above, Deans Report.

5. New Business:

- Continued discussion regarding Dean's long term contract. Dean and Tom have the same goals— they just need to get the details drafted into an easily digestible presentation. The outlook is good.
- Mike brought data to review as to the City Commission presentation on the benefits the Courses provide to the City and its kids. For example, last year 425 kids were involved with KJGA, as well as kids that were involved in Parks and Recreation.
- Further, Mike's data showed that 65 kids played at the Courses from area High Schools last year.
- Mike and Steve will put together information for a presentation to the City Commission and Sean will provide a good date for that presentation.

The next Meeting of the KMGA will be held on 5-18-17 at 12 noon in the City Hall 3rd floor meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

John D. Bradshaw
Secretary