

AMHERST GOLF CLUB
Annual Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: October 16, 2021
Meeting Site: AGC Pro Shop Deck

Board Members Present:	Mark McCandlish, President, Gordy Palley, Treasurer, Jean Gowdey, Member-at-Large, Laurie Shannon, VP of AGC Women's Association (representing Barbara Brown).
Invited Guests:	Dave Twohig, Club Professional, Carl Teschke, Superintendent; Jack Jemsek, Communications and Marketing.
Board Members Excused:	Steve Elkins, Vice President, Jay Morgan, Member-at Large and Member Liaison, Elizabeth Davis, Amherst College Representative, Barbara Brown, AGCWA President.

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

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1.	President's Overview	<p>President Mark McCandlish thanked the 35 members in attendance and for their continuing support of Amherst Golf Club and introduced the board members present. In reviewing accomplishments of the past year, Mark noted that the 60+ members who participated in the March clean-up day saved our club considerable labor expense and enabled us to open several days early.</p> <p>Mark announced that we had a sound year financially in terms of membership level and revenue from daily greens fees, and that Treasurer Gordy Palley would be providing details in his financial report.</p> <p>He thanked those involved with the recent Mass Golf on-site review and adjustment of our slope and handicap ratings: Marie Appleby, Sue Everden, Laurie Shannon, Jay and Michelle Morgan, Jim Thomas and Pro Dave Twohig.</p> <p>Other positive developments mentioned by Mark were AGC's hosting and member support of fund-raising tournaments by The Friends of Jones Library, The Hospice of the Fisher Home and Hurricane Classic.</p> <p>Also noted was our on-going, positive relationship with Amherst College which continued its generous assistance toward our capital equipment purchasing.</p> <p>Mark also summarized the major grounds projects completed during 2021 including the replacement of the arborvitae between the 4th and 5th tee boxes, and the resurfacing of several cart path areas</p>

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		<p>(which was actually being completed while the meeting was in progress!).</p> <p>In citing some of the challenges facing AGC going forward, Mark mentioned the pause we have taken in renting out areas of the club for evening functions such as weddings and meetings. We hope to revive this income stream in 2022. He said that increased membership and daily play has at times resulted in more challenge in getting near-term tee times. The board is monitoring membership levels and tee time usage each month and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Mark indicated that considering national economic conditions and associated price increases, the Board has begun to discuss increases in our membership fees and daily greens fees, which haven't been raised in 7 years.</p>
2.	Previous Minutes	Mark reviewed the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, and they were approved by unanimous voice vote, following a motion to approve by Laurie Shannon.
3.	Financial Report	<p>Gordy Palley reviewed our year-to-date financial statements: Our finances are sound as the result of strong daily greens fee receipts and membership levels that have grown from 273 in 2020 to the current 288 members. Estimated expenses for the remainder of the year are \$85,000. He also noted the success of the Jack Shea scholarship tournament which generated \$2350 from the tournament plus related donations.</p> <p>The Financial Report was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
4.	Women's Association Report	<p>AGCWA Vice President Laurie Shannon representing Barbara Brown reported that the women had high participation in their leagues and tournaments. She also mentioned an initiative to engage young female members through contact with the Amherst College women's team and coach Elizabeth Davis.</p> <p>At its Annual Fall Meeting on October 3rd, the Women's Association elected the following officers and committee chairs:</p> <p>President: Barbara Brown (re-elected for 2nd year) Vice President: Laurie Shannon (re-elected for 2nd year) Secretary: Claire Christopherson (re-elected for 2nd year) Treasurer: Kate Hersey, (re-elected for 2nd year); and Tournament Co-Chairs: Rhonda Mariani and Sue Everden (re-elected).</p>
5.	Grounds Committee Report	Mark reported on behalf of Grounds Chair and VP Steve Elkins and recognized other members of this re-configured group: Glen Allen, Marie Appleby and Jeff Edwards. He gave an overview of the arborvitae project in the 4 th /5 th tee area, and thanked Marie and Gordy for their

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		efforts in negotiating a discount for the tree purchase. There was a general discussion of the plan for managing tree removal and trimming, and for expanding the forward 4 th tee.
6.	Pro's Report	Pro Dave Twohig summarized the tournament results for the year.
7.	Election of Board Members	<p>The following members were elected to the AGC Board by a unanimous voice vote:</p> <p>President: Mark McCandlish (2-year term)</p> <p>Vice President: <i>To be filled</i></p> <p>Treasurer: Gordy Palley</p> <p>Secretary: Jack Jemsek</p> <p>AGC Woman's Association Rep.: Barbara Brown (AGCWA President)</p> <p>Amherst College Rep.: Sue Everden</p> <p>At-Large Rep. and Member Liaison: Jay Morgan</p> <p>At-Large Rep.: Jean Gowdey</p>
8.	Questions and Comments from Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger Frant asked about the status of the maple tree behind the 9th green. Mark mentioned that the Grounds Committee will monitor the spread of the tree and consider trimming to prevent undue restriction of the teeing corridor from the back 8th tee boxes. • Dave Lithgow passed along a 'thank-you' from the board of the Jones Library, following their successful charity tournament fundraiser, which was generously supported by AGC members.
9.	Closing	Mark McCandlish thanked the members who attended the meeting and thanked the staff and volunteer Board members for their willingness to work on behalf of Amherst Golf Club and its members. All attendance were invited to a barbeque following the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:32 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jean Gowdey, Acting Recorder