

AMHERST GOLF CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: January 11, 2023

Present:	Steve Elkins, Mark McCandlish, Jean Gowdey, Gordy Palley, Bob Nakosteen, Don Hodgkins, Elizabeth Davis, Kathryn Mahony, George Odundsen

Meeting called to order by Steve at approximately 4:30 p.m. in Zoom.

Agenda Item/Topic		Discussion	Follow-up Action
1.	Previous Minutes	The minutes from the November were unanimously approved, with corrections.	
2.	Membership Update and Financial Report	Gordy reviewed the Club's year end financial situation, as well as prospects for 2023. In summary, the Club is in sound financial shape. The report was approved unanimously.	
3.	Pro's Report	In Dave's absence, there was no Pro Report.	
4.	Grounds Report	Steve reported that the trenching on the course was completed, and the greens were prepared for winter. Planned upcoming work includes trimming the tree behind the 9 th green, and planning a clean-up day in March. A "divot party" will also be scheduled.	Set dates for clean up and divot party.
5.	Amherst College Update	Elizabeth had nothing to update.	
7.	Members' Liaison report	Don reported on member concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up temporary pins on the course for winter play. This was discussed, and the consensus is that this would be problematic. • Developing more practice areas. 	
8.	Women's Association Report	Katheryn had nothing to update.	

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9.	New Business	<p>The Board discussed a number of possible priorities for improving members' experience. The possibilities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving sand traps. • Upgrading the Club's sign at the entrance on Rt 116. • Improving the gardens around the old club house. • Consider removing the cart routing stakes on various fairways prior to the green. • Posting of event and tournament results more quickly, and improve distribution to membership. • Consider have a Club social, possibly with food trucks and a wine tasting. • Consider using capital funds to build stairs on tee boxes where needed. • Irrigation on 8th and 9th fairways. 	Order priorities and develop cost estimates.
10.	Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th, at 5pm.	

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Bob Nakosteen, Secretary