

AMHERST GOLF CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 8, 2023

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

Meeting called to order by Steve at approximately 5:00 p.m. in Zoom.

Agenda Item/Topic		Discussion	Follow-up Action
1.	Previous Minutes	The minutes from the January were unanimously approved.	
2.	Financial Report	Gordy reviewed the Club's current financial situation. Our situation is comparable to last year at this time. There was a short discussion of how guest passes would be distributed to those who contributed to the capital account. The report was approved unanimously.	
3.	Pro's Report	In Dave's absence, there was no Pro Report.	
4.	Grounds Report	Carl discussed the status of new and repaired equipment. He also reported that there is still 7" to 8" of frost on some of the greens, and that play should not commence until the layer of frost has completely melted.	
5.	Amherst College Update	Steve reported a conversation with the interim chief financial officer for the College. They discussed ongoing tree work being supported by the College, and the need to paint the old club house. The Club's lease states that the Club, and not the College, is responsible for this maintenance. It is hoped that a sharing of the expense can be negotiated. The lease agreement expires later this year, and it is hoped that the Club can negotiate a sensible limit to the Club's liability for capital expenditures. Elizabeth reported that the College is implementing limited layoffs, perhaps an indication of the College's financial condition.	
7.	Members' Liaison report	Don reported on member concerns:	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up temporary pins on the course for winter play. In addition to potential liability issues, this practice would allow players to walk the fairways on frozen ground, causing damage to the grass root system. • Steve was identified as the Greens Chair, in response to a member's question. • A member asked how Board membership is determined, and what the process is for joining the Board. This process has been clearly defined previously. 	
8.	Women's Association Report	<p>Katheryn told us of plans to convene the Executive Committee to plan for meetings, tournaments, and other events.</p> <p>Katheryn requested an additional \$500 be allocated to the Association. The need for the allocation, as well as the existence of a separate budget item for the Association, were discussed.</p>	
9.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve announced the formation of a Communications Committee consisting of Donny, Kathryn, Clair, Jack, and Darren Estes. The Committee will develop a plan for better communication between the Club and the membership. • The budget for the upcoming year was discussed and approved unanimously. 	
10.	Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, at 5pm. The meeting will be held at the Club, with a Zoom option.	

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6pm.

Minutes prepared by: Bob Nakosteen, Secretary