

AMHERST GOLF CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: May 10, 2023

Present:	Steve Elkins, Mark McCandlish, Jean Gowdey, Bob Nakosteen, Don Hodgkins, Kathryn Mahony, Gordy Palley
Invited guests:	Dave Twohig

Meeting called to order by Steve at approximately 5:00 p.m. at the Club.

Agenda Item/Topic		Discussion	Follow-up Action
1.	Previous Minutes	The minutes from the January were unanimously approved with a correction. Please note that Gordy later pointed out that Amherst College is holding the Club responsible for \$15,000 toward the refurbishment of the old clubhouse.	
2.	Financial Report	Gordy reported that the current paid membership is 223 (compared to 227 last year at this point); this includes 26 new members (compared to 21 new members last year at this point). Club members contributed \$8,379 to the capital investment fund this year, compared to \$6,985 last year. The Club financials were reviewed. As part of this review, the Club's budget for the Women's Association was discussed. Information explaining the budget line will be presented at the next Board meeting. The sign board was discussed, with the hope that members will support those merchants that support the Club by paying for a sign. The report was unanimously approved.	
3.	Grounds Report	In Carl's absence, Steve discussed the grounds. The focus was on the condition of greens. Carl has an action plan for improving the green's condition. The new "middle tee" on the 7 th tee is nearing completion.	
4.	Liaison Report	Don reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The condition of the greens was foremost among the concerns • It was suggested that the cart sign on the 9th fairway should be moved • It was suggested that the rough should be made more forgiving • A sign on the practice bunker, asking that bunker shots avoid aiming at the practice green, was suggested. 	.Create a sign for the practice bunker
5.	Women's Association	Kathryn reported on upcoming immediate past and future events, including the Solheim Cup, as well as women's leagues.	

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7.	Communications Report	Kathryn discussed the development of the newsletter and other initiatives.	
8.	Capital Investment Funds	<p>Priorities for capital expenditures from the members' contributions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club sign on Rt 116 • New sprinkler heads for greens sprinklers. These cost \$250 per head, and rotate in a semi-circle to avoid watering the bunkers. The purchase of 21 sprinkler heads, @\$250 per head, was unanimously approved. 	
9.	Social Report	The Amherst Chamber's "After Five" event was discussed. The event will take place on June 14 th starting at 5pm. The Club has a number of responsibilities, including the coordination of parking (with overflow parking on Rt 16, and the shuttling of guests to the Clubhouse), the putting contest, and the beverage bar. Board members volunteered for various responsibilities.	
10.	Next Meeting	There will be a special meeting of the Board, by Zoom, at 3:45 on Monday, June 5 th . Bob has already sent out a Zoom link for the meeting.	

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6pm.

Minutes prepared by: Bob Nakosteen, Secretary