

**Amherst Golf Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: March 13, 2024**

**Present:** Steve Elkins, George Oulundsen, Gordy Palley, Kathryn Mahony, Donnie Hodgkins, Jay Morgan, Jean Gowdey, Elizabeth Davis, Emily Ziomek, Jack Stanne, Mike Hanieski

**Invited Guests:** Dave Twohig, Carl Teschke

Meeting called to order by Steve at 5pm

**Previous Minutes:** The previous minutes of 2-13 were reviewed and have been approved.

**Financial Report:** Gordy reported that we are \$21,000 ahead of last year. He stated further that dues income is up and expenses are down by about \$5,000. Presently, we have 93 golfers who have renewed their membership. With the golf season just around the corner, membership numbers should rise significantly.

**Pros Report:** Dave reported that we will be following the same schedule as last year. The Club and Women's Association have full calendars for the season. The final schedule is being finalized and will be posted on the website upon completion. On June 27th the Mass Team Championship will take place. There will be 4 matches with Crump and Fox, Springfield Country Club and Longmeadow Golf Club.

**Grounds Report:** Carl reported that we have received two quotes; both around \$110,00 for the irrigation system. This represents about 22% of the course's annual revenue. While the work needs to be done the board feels it should be done either next spring or in August. A tree on the right side of Hole 1 will be taken down. Also, a couple of trees will be removed between the 2nd and 3rd fairways as they are safety hazards. There is minimal damage on four of the greens and they will be touched up.

**Proposed 2024 Budget:** It assumes that the irrigation system is not being done right away. With the cost being around \$110,000 for parts and instillation the plan is to bank the capital money that we receive from Amherst College. The work will now take place either at the end of 2024 or before we open in 2025. From a revenue perspective the proposed budget assumes about a 3% increase in dues, 4% increase in greens fees and 7% increase overall due to the increase in College funding. This budget ends with a paper profit of about \$48,000. This would allow us to purchase the walk behind mower. It would cost between 15,000 and 20,000. We still would have a fair amount of cash in the bank

**Women's Association:** Kathryn reported that the Amherst Golf Club Women's Association is in the process of developing a Team Reach website, to connect women who are looking for others to golf with outside of league and tournament times. Their tournament schedule is all set.

**Member Liaison:** Donnie reported that members were looking to get the course open. Members also expressed concern about damage on holes 2 through 4 which is being taken care of.

**Member Clean Up and Opening Day:** Clean up day is rescheduled for Sunday March 24th due to the heavy rains forecasted for Saturday March 23rd. Volunteer helpers will meet at the club around 8:30am. Rakes and gloves are requested. If the course work is completed within a couple of hours then the course will open at noon.

**Renovations Update:** All new bathroom fixtures have been completed, New toilets, sinks, xlerator hand dryers and toilet paper rolls have been installed. The wall paper has been removed and replaced with a fresh coat of paint. With the Pro Shop being over 25 years old it had a makeover done with the cleaning of the rugs and tiles. Club member Ray Beaudoin contributed all the labor saving the club a good sum of money. Thank you Ray.

**125th Anniversary:** With the Men's Club Championship being held July 12th-14th, the 125th Anniversary will not be taking place that weekend as previously reported. It will probably occur sometime in the spring.

**Next Monthly Meeting: April 10, 2024**

Meeting adjourned at 6pm

Minutes prepared by Mike Haneski, Secretary