

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: April 10, 2024

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

Invited Guests: Dave Twohig, Carl Teschke

Absent: Gordy Palley, Elizabeth Davis

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes of 3-13 were reviewed and have been approved.

Financial Report: Steve reported that Depreciation will add \$9,600 into the cost. We have a balance summary of \$110,000 with approximately 90 members that haven't renewed from last year. All bills have been paid. Between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was moved into the Investment Account.

Renewal Update: Carl reported that we have 169 memberships signed up versus 176 from last year at this time. With golf season in full swing membership numbers should continue to climb. From April 1 thru April 10 we received \$3,000 in Greens fees.

Pros Report: Dave reported that the schedule of various leagues is complete. The following are the league opening dates.

Mixed Couples League: Mondays PM starting May 13

Women's Niners: Tuesdays AM Starting April 30

Men's League (Hitters Division): Tuesdays PM starting May 7

Men's League (All Other Divisions): Tuesdays PM starting May 14

Legends of Golf: Wednesdays AM starting April 17

Women's Twilight League: Thursdays PM starting May 2

A Rules Official will be coming to the course to check on the setup for holes 2 and 3.

Grounds Report: Carl reported that the course is all cleaned up. The cost was around \$2,000. He stated further that the grass is greening up. The grounds crew will clean up any bad areas and top dress. It should all fill in within one month. Sprinkler heads on holes 2, 4,5,7 and 9 were replaced last year. Holes 1, 3, 6 and 8 will be taken care of as necessary. We are waiting to get our \$55,000 from Amherst College that we receive annually. Unfortunately, we will not be able to get an advance from Amherst College with the hope of doing the irrigation system sooner rather than later. We decided that we will bank the \$55,000 when we receive it and will have the work done late this year if possible. The optimal time to do it would be in the Fall. However, we are at the mercy of the company's schedule.

Women's Association: Kathryn reported that their Tournament Schedule is complete, Please refer to the schedule on the website. They will be having a social meeting and scramble on Saturday April 27.

Member Liaison: Donnie reported that members were requesting more holes on the practice green. Carl stated that this has been taken care of. They also questioned the pine cones on the course. They have since been removed. There were also concerns of signs on 1, 3 and 9. Some members felt they were too close to the green. They have asked if they could be moved to different areas. It is being taken under consideration to see if this is possible. Looking to change hole markers more frequently and addressing the height of the roughs were also requested. Carl stated that the tees and cups are changed every other day.

New Business: There have been potential golfers who are interested in playing leagues without being a full member. After much discussion, we are experimenting with a potential solution in hopes that they will become members in the future. Here is what we have come up with. For one time only, a new golfer will be able to participate in league play. It would be for the Women's Twilight Leagues and Men's Tuesday night leagues only. They would have to pay up front for the league season. They would not be allowed to participate in Tournament play. This is a one time opportunity only and cannot be repeated in the future. Also, they can't have been a club member in the past. The limit on this is no more than 5 people. It is being conducted on a one year trial basis and will be readdressed next year.

Next Monthly Meeting: May 8, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Minutes prepared by Mike Hanieski, Secretary