

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: July 11, 2024

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

Invited Guests: Dave Twohig, Carl Teschke

Absent: Donnie Hodgkins, Elizabeth Davis

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes of 6-6 were reviewed and have been accepted.

Financial Report: Gordy reported that greens fees were down \$11,000. House Expenses were up due to the Bathroom renovations. Utilities are up due to a water bill payment.. Greenfield Savings and Investment Account are up with an increase in investments.

Renewal Updates: Gordy reported that we have 251 memberships signed up this year versus 243 from last year at this time. We have 34 new memberships versus 31 from last year. We lost 20 fewer memberships from this year as opposed to last year (39 vs 59).

Pros Report: Dave reported that the Men's Club Championship took place this past weekend. Jim Battistoni won the Championship Division with a 214 performance in the 54 hole competition (4 over par). Jake Hayden won the First Division with a 167. John Kuusisto won the Second Division with a 180. Dave further reported that the Women's 2 Ball Open will be taking place at the end of the month. The Mass Junior Tournament was successfully held on June 27th.

Conditions and Equipment Update: Carl reported that the equipment is in good shape with no major issues. Watering has been limited due to the high humidity which allows the moisture to be retained in the turf. The growth regulator has been applied and has helped the greens.

Irrigation Contractor Summary and Approval: Carl reported that Anderson Turf has won the bid to install the irrigation system. We will be making the investment of around \$120,000 with the hopes of getting the job done for the fall.

Women's Association Update: Kathryn reported that all is going well with their events and golfer participation.

Software Subcommittee Update: Steve reported that their committee has met once and received a database of what each golf course does. They are used at various levels. Payment Membership Bills, Pro Shop Inventory, and Food/Beverage will go in separate buckets. It continues to be a work in progress.

Member Liaison Update: Concerns that members had were reported to Donnie. Steve addressed them in an email to fellow board members prior to the meeting at which time they were discussed. The 7AM opening will continue. This will allow the grounds crew to get their watering and spraying done ahead of the first group of golfers. The drainage area on 7 to the right of the gold tee was cleaned up and the door was removed. A request to post the by laws was made. We are working out the glitches to make this happen. Effective immediately, Jay Morgan will be replacing Donnie Hodgkins in the Member Liaison position.

New Business: The biggest item of importance is to hire a replacement for Dave who is retiring at the end of the year. We need to have a better job description for the position. The Connecticut Section of the PGA is working with us to help find a replacement. Our goal is to have a job description ready by September and a hire by October 15th.

Next Monthly Meeting: August 14, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Minutes prepared by Mike Hanieski, Secretary