

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: August 14, 2024

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

Absent: Elizabeth Geene

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes of 7-11 were reviewed and have been accepted.

Introduction of Dave Wilson: Steve introduced Dave Wilson, PGA Consultant of the Connecticut Section via Zoom. He is working with our hiring committee to find a club replacement for Dave Twohig.

Professional Hiring Update: Dave Wilson gave a brief synopsis of the hiring process and timeline in finding a replacement. He explained that they concentrate on three areas; 1) Advertising, 2) Marketing, 3) Recruitment. The job posting will go live on August 22nd. They will be looking for the best candidates. There will be a clear transparent procedure for recruitment. All applications come into one bucket and confidentiality is imperative. The application deadline will be September 9th. There will be a conversation with the search committee on September 13th. The vetting process will take place narrowing the field to between 6 and 10 candidates. The hope is to hire the new club pro by our Annual Meeting on October 19th.

Financial Report: Gordy reported that dues and CID donations are up. We should be receiving our annual check from Amherst College soon. The Investment Account has increased by \$10,000. Greens fees are down regarding walk-ins.

Renewal Update: Gordy reported that we have 254 memberships signed up this year versus 253 from last year at this time. So far, this year we have 3 new fall memberships. Last year we had 18 new fall memberships.

Women's Association Update: Kathryn reported that the Twilite Leagues were finishing up August 17th. She further stated that their tournaments are going well.

Member Liaison Update: Concerns that members had were reported to Jay. Steve and Jay addressed them prior to the meeting at which time they were discussed with the fellow board members. The consistency of the greens was a concern. Currently they are mowing everyday. The roughs were also a concern. They thinned out when there was no rain. The roughs filled in with the rain. Needing to clean up between holes 7 and 8 was another concern. This will be taken care of. Also, there were concerns about the fringes and fairways being too high. Lastly, we will be addressing the out of bounds markers to make sure they are properly placed.

DT Retirement Committee Update: Jean reported that Dave's retirement party will take place on October 23rd from 5-9:30 at the Delaney House. Fellow committee members Doug George, Mark McCandlish and Sue Everden are working on a program for the event. Jack Jemsek will be selling tickets. The cost will be \$65 per person which will be for the meal and Dave's retirement gift.

Cart Committee Update: Gordy reported that we will be purchasing 14 new golf carts. The cost is \$6,740 per cart for a total of \$94,360. No deposit is required. We need to decide how we are going to pay for them. The plan might be to pay for 7 of them and get a loan for the other 7 but we haven't voted yet.

Irrigation Committee Update: Steve reported that we are projected to have the installation begin around October 15th. Carl will be ordering the parts. Marking out where the heads will go, along with the boxes needs to take place prior to installation.

Next Monthly Meeting: September 11, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Minutes prepared by Mike Hanieski, Secretary