

**Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024**

Present: George Oulundsen, Jack Stanne, Gordy Palley, Mike Hanieski, Kathryn Mahony, Steve Elkins, Jay Morgan, Bonnie May, Emily Ziomek, Don Hodgkins, Greg Kwolek, Glenn Allan

Invited Guests: Dave Twohig, Carl Teschke, Shawn Durocher

Absent: Elizabeth Geene

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes of our Annual Board meeting on 10-19 were reviewed and accepted.

Executive Board and Member Liaison Slate Update: The slate for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member Liaison was approved. The positions are as follows.

President: George Oulundsen

Vice President: Jack Stanne

Secretary: Mike Hanieski

Treasurer: Gordy Palley

Member Liaison: Jay Morgan

Additional Reference Positions: The positions of Amherst College Liaison, Women's Association President and Past President were presented. The positions are as follows.

Amherst College Liaison: Elizabeth Geene (Appointed by Amherst College)

Women's Association President: Kathryn Mahony

Past President: Steve Elkins

Financial Report: Gordy reported that we have \$207,000 in our investment account. He also reported that we have an Employee Retention Tax Credit of \$7,670. Our greens fees are about the same as last year. The water bill is higher this year due to the process of installing and water use to help set up our new irrigation system.

CID Insert: Greg and Emily drafted a CID insert which was reviewed and accepted by the other board members. It will be enclosed with the renewal information for membership and cart fees. The information will probably be mailed out sometime in mid-December.

Fall Membership Update: Gordy reported that our fall membership was similar to last year; This year we had 266 memberships versus 264 last year.

Pros Report: Dave reported that we are halfway through our Novemberfest events. He added that these events bring in about \$5,000 worth of income. Setting up Gold/Gold tees for scoring will take place next year.

Irrigation Update: Carl reported that the irrigation system has been completed with it being about 95-97% up and running. We discussed a \$7000 overrun and an additional 1 or 2 thousand needed to complete the irrigation system. It probably won't be fully operational until Spring. It is all wired and grounded with the computer running. There were 10 heads that needed repair. All bad valves were fixed.

Superintendent Update: Carl reported that aerifying of the fairways will be taking place this week. He mentioned that he was going to start with 2, 3 and 7 before they got too wet. He also reported a quote of \$2000 for a truckload of sand to repair the various bunkers. It will be added over the current sand. Additional truckloads of sand may be necessary.

Professional Hiring Update: George reported that Shawn Durocher is our new PGA Golf Professional and the Board welcomed Shawn to her first meeting. Shawn will begin her tenure in March. In the meantime, she will be working with us to get a new logo, set up the pro shop and assist with establishing a software system for tee times and billing purposes.

Women's Association Update: Kathryn reported that their events are completed for the season.

Member Liaison Update: Jay reported that golfers were concerned with the pot holes by the driveway entrance. We are looking into getting these repaired.

Annual Membership Dues Update: There was much discussion about fees for the upcoming year. All membership dues are under review. Fees will most likely increase and the final decision will be made before mid December.

Annual Cart Fee Discussion: A lot of back and forth communication took place. There probably will not be one set fee for cart usage. A three card level is what will likely transpire. For example, 10 rounds one free, 20 rounds 2 free, 30 rounds three free. This will be finalized at our December meeting.

Committee/Volunteers Discussion: With Shawn taking over as the new club Pro there are a lot of committees that need to be formulated so that the transition goes as seamlessly as possible. After some discussion, the following is a list of the committees, what is needed and who will be heading them up.

Pro Shop Volunteer: Help Shawn set up shop, help plan Assistants Coverage (Emily)

Budget Committee: Finalize and monitor budget (George, Steve, Gordy, Glenn)

License Permit Committee: All permits needed are transferred (Gordy, Jack Stanne, Dave Twohig, Greg Kwolek)

Software Committee: Tee-time software, billing, POS software selection with Shawn (Steve, Jack Jemsek, Nate Ziomek, Kris Carver)

Food and Beverage Committee: How to manage supply, cash flow, stocking, pricing (Kathryn, Bonnie)

Greens Committee: Pro (Shawn), Superintendent (Carl), 3 persons (1 Greens Chair Person), 1 Men's Representative (TBD), 1 Women's Representative (TBD)

Handicap Committee: 2 persons; 1 Men's Representative (Wally Kielb), 1 Women's Representative (TBD)

New Logo Committee: Identify and Design (Shawn, Jay)

House Committee: Group to manage the cleaning/maintenance of buildings/structures (Jay, Mike, Greg)

125th Celebration Committee: TBD - looking for volunteers

Tournament Committee: TBD

Next Monthly Meeting: December 11, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Minutes prepared by Mike Hanieski, Secretary