

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025

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

Absent: Carl Teschke, Elizabeth Geene

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes of May 14 were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Report Update: Gordy reported that we have \$10,478 in CID's this year compared to \$8,950 last year at this time. We have \$23,704 as a result of daily cart rentals and the membership and cart packages. Greens fees are at \$37,183; up from last year. The Club House Rental is at \$1,050 from the first event in April.

Membership Update: Gordy reported that we have 242 memberships this year versus 248 last year at this time. We have 24 new memberships this year.

Pros Report Update: Shawn reported that there is a 125 piece minimum for bag tags. Therefore, we will start fresh next year. Also, a meeting will be set up to discuss the parameters for upcoming tournaments.

Greens Committee Meeting Summary: George reported the approval of outsourcing deep tine aerations of the greens in early Spring. The committee estimates the cost at between \$2,000 and \$5,000. This will allow Carl and his crew to focus on the other aspects of the course during the early opening time of the season. Also approved was targeting the speed of the greens at 9 on the stimp meter with a range of 8-10 depending on weather and course conditions.

Superintendent Update: Carl reported via email that all the bunkers have had sand added to them. He stated that as of now they are fully staffed with 2 full timers, 1 summer helper and a part timer. The green speeds on the putting green and the 5th have been checked. In one direction it is around 9 feet and the other way it is 10 plus feet. The crew has been mowing at noon for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday leagues providing a fresher cut. Due to the amount of rain, cutting on 2 and 3 occurs when possible.

Member Liaison Update: Jay reported various items that need to be addressed. Is the fringe effort that was started last year being continued this year? A need to understand what the process is to determine green speeds. The Board needs to see the process with the hope that Carl can do a demonstration. Also, what is our rolling of the greens process? There was some concern that maybe the effort to increase speeds is not in the best interest of the majority of our membership. Jay recommends that no new changes to the course be made until a review of

past requests is analyzed. A list to review will be provided at the next Board meeting. There was also a discussion about ordering more sand to complete the bunker project.

New Logo Update: Shawn reported that Jesse would have a new logo update by the end of July.

Event Planning Update: Greg reported that the Isenberg and Graduation celebrations went well and a good time was had by all. The UMass Chefs outing will take place on June 12. There are 40 golfers at \$65 each. Other upcoming events are the Spoke Restaurant golf outing on July 27 and the Hurricane Open on August 23.

License Permit Update: Jack reported that everything is all set. Going forward, we are looking to establish an annual calendar of what needs to be done by certain dates.

Software Committee Update: George reported that all is going well. They are getting help as needed.

Pro Shop Volunteer Update: Emily reported that all is good.

Food and Beverage Committee Update: Kathryn reported that members are using coffee cups for things other than coffee. They are looking into seeing if we can get complimentary cups for water.

House Committee Update: Will be looking for volunteers to clean up the big house.

125th Celebration Update: An email will be sent to set up a committee.

Tournament Committee Update: Looking to set up a meeting to discuss what needs to be done for upcoming tournaments.

Next Monthly Meeting: July 9, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Minutes prepared by Mike Hanieski, Secretary