

**Amherst Golf Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 9, 2025**

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

**Absent:** Mike Hanieski, Elizabeth Geene

**Previous Minutes:** The previous minutes of June 11 were reviewed and an update is in process.

**Financial Report Update:** It was noted that AGC recently received a donation from a member in the amount of \$1000. Gordy reported that Greens Fees are at \$53,114; up 45% compared to the same time last year. Capital Improvement Donations (CID) are also up from the previous year. In response to a question why payroll expenses were under budget, Gordy indicated that this was due to staffing being shorthanded.

**Pros Report Update:** Shawn reported that carts keys have not all been returned – an email will be sent to members reminding them to return keys at the end of the round. Tournament attendance has been down; this might be attributed, in part, to the weather. The Amherst Open scheduled August 3<sup>rd</sup> will be for “all comers”. George will check the Pro’s budget to see if it supports hiring a course starter; a suggestion was made to make this a voluntary position with discounted membership. Outside callers have asked why they can’t make tee times via phone. Members can make tee times both online and call, but non-members must use on-line system. The number of single players has come down significantly. The last daily tee time is set at 6:00pm; 5:30pm if with a cart.

**Superintendent Update:** Carl reported that the course has had a low rate of disease. There have been a few irrigation “snags” with sprinklers turning on during play – they have been re-set. Equipment is in good shape and is back-lapped and sharpened weekly. He stated that one full-time staff member has left and will need to be replaced by the fall. Sand traps have been re-filled though four could use more sand. Sand costs ~\$600 per truckload. New sprinklers are in stock and need to be installed. He mentioned due to the heavy rains, the leach field on Number 3 has been wet as the soil is mostly clay. The green speeds have been measured and are within the 9-11 range set by the board. George mentioned that two independent measurements using stimpeters were consistent with this range as well. The crew has been mowing Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; and rolling on Tuesday, Thursday and weekends. And the verticutter has been used.

**Womens Association Report:** Kathryn reported that attendance has been good and cancellations have been low. Members are happy with the leagues and the scoring. The women have also commented that the greens have been very “smooth”.

**Member Liaison Update:** Jay reported that a member had passed out during a round and medical assistance was provided. He noted that there has been some confusion amongst guests as to the next tee box after Number 3 (4 or 7) and directional signs are recommended. It was reported by some players that maintenance was in process on greens while in play. He recommended adding trees to Number 3 and trimming trees on Number 2 tee, also six pine trees and trees near ladies’ tee on Number 7. He inquired if new sprinklers were available. He mentioned that there should be free relief from stone drainage on Number 2 & 3. He also inquired about the fringe mowing program.

**New Logo Update:** A final logo will be done by the end of July.

**Event Planning Update:** Greg reported that the Spoke Educational Outing is on July 27 and should have 72 players. It’s a 2pm shotgun start. The Hurricane Open is scheduled on August 23.

**125th Celebration Update:** George noted that Mike Hanieski and Jack Jemssek have volunteered to lead this effort. A weekend in late September is notionally planned (subject to change). Reduced greens fees, kick-off and finish-events are also being considered. A catered dinner is planned to host ~200 persons. Doug George has volunteered to create a commemorative postage cache, if approved by the board. More volunteers are needed and welcomed to assist.

**Committee Updates:**

**Software Committee Update:** The AGC experienced a loss of power during a recent storm but fortunately the Superintendent and Pro were able to recover the system.

**Food and Beverage Committee Update:** Kathryn reported that cups are available for beverages (in addition to coffee).

**House Committee Update:** N/A

**Tournament Committee Update:** Schedules set through July.

**Other Business:** George noted that the club will develop written processes to facilitate the ongoing operations of the club and document actions.

**Next Monthly Meeting: August 13, 2025**

Meeting adjourned

**Minutes prepared by Jack Stanne for Mike Hanieski, Secretary**