

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2025

Present: George Oulundsen, Gordy Palley, Jay Morgan, Bonnie May, Shawn Durocher, Greg Kwolek, Mike Hanieski, Don Hodgkins, Emily Ziomek, Glenn Allan, Steve Elkins, Carl Teschke

Absent: Jack Stanne, Kathryn Mahony, Elizabeth Geene

The previous minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Report Update: Gordy reported that there are no big surprises in the current report. Greens Fees are at \$104,371 so far - significantly higher than last year. CID donations are at \$11,727 versus \$8,950 last year at this time. Food and Beverage are running approximately on budget. Golf memberships are at 265 this year versus 266 last year at this time. Revenue for events is approximately \$12,000 following the events (2) with the Isenberg School and 1 with The Spoke.

Pro Report: It has been a very busy fall. Question about what Shawn and her team should be doing when asked to book greens for people instead of having them book online. They try to be accommodating, but it's a lot of information to gather when the course might be busy. Going forward, continue to encourage online booking, but try to be accommodating when there is time.

Shawn also requested something is done to encourage members to update their mobile phone numbers in the online system. We will send something out with membership renewal, and/or post information at the desk and ask members to ensure we have the correct contact info.

Superintendent Update: Carl is dealing with the grub situation. Came in early this morning to put down treatment which needs to be heavily watered in at this time.

Rough mower was supposed to be fixed by October 6. Not done yet so they are still using the machine from Amherst College and trying to minimize the damage it is causing due to its fixed cutting deck vs our smaller floating cutting decks.

Carl provided updates on equipment BOD approved for Capital Improvement. Total cost should be approximately \$105k. Will continue to update as we get more information.

Staffing has been challenging but is decent right now. Two full-time employees.

Women's Association report: Bonnie May reported that the Women's Association had their final meeting for the season and tournament last week. Overall successful season with good attendance in the leagues and for tournaments. VP is stepping down so they are looking for a new one, and there may be someone who expressed interest.

Member Liaison update: Jay reported that one issue - the skunk/grub situation was already covered. Another concern is the scalping caused by the rough mower we are borrowing from Amherst College while ours is being repaired.

Jay was also asked by a member to clarify who is placing the pins for Novemberfest. They expressed concern about the placement in previous tournaments, and what the club plan was for this year. Decision was to alternate holes between easy, medium, and hard pin placements.

Food and Beverage question about the lack of Budweiser products for a couple of weeks this summer. This is a learning curve and the committee took note of how product moved this year. Will try to adjust to avoid this situation again. The importance of ordering more Budweiser was heard.

New Logo Committee - Shawn has the new logo and will be meeting with reps soon. We will remove this item from future agendas. One concern is the 1900 on the flag being so small it doesn't work well in embroidering. The logo may change to feature the founding date in a different location.

Event Planning - Greg K reported that the Isenberg's second event was also well received and they are interested in working with us again. They had over 70 people express interest in the event while they were limited to just 72 people able to play. The Spoke will also be doing a second event at AGC this fall which is a benefit for the UMass Baseball Program. Greg expressed an interest in advertising the club and the porch as event-spaces for rent in the Hampshire Gazette for next year. The board needs to discuss further because there are implications to overextending ourselves.

125th Celebration Feedback: Overall the events of the weekend went very well. Shawn did a great job of setting up the putting green and there were many people enjoying it (including kids) as well as a big tik-tok-toe game. Jack Jemsek outdid himself on the hot air balloon. He brought in several sponsors and the event was very successful. Bonnie May donated the cake which was enjoyed throughout the weekend.

Annual Meeting planning discussion:

- Three current members stepping down. Steve Elkins, Mike Hanieski, and Jay Morgan. Jack J will send out a message to members asking for anyone interested in board to respond.

- Oct. 18 (Saturday) at 11AM – lunch following meeting
- Agenda will be sent to BOD for review the weekend of Oct. 11/12

Other Business

- 125th Anniversary Calendars – Emily circulated a rough draft of the calendar. We agreed to finish in time to print for the Annual Meeting, and give to those who attend. Additional calendars will be sold at a nominal cost through the holiday season. Initial order of 100 calendars and more can be ordered if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm

Next Monthly BOD Meeting: November 12, 2025

Minutes prepared by Emily Ziomek, BOD member