

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2025

Present: George Oulundsen, Gordy Palley, Bonnie May, Shawn Durocher, Kathryn Mahony, Don Hodgkins, Emily Ziomek, Glenn Allan, Carl Teschke, Jack Stanne, Elizabeth Greene, Bob Nakosteen

Absent: Greg Kwolek

The meeting was convened at 5:01.

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted unanimously.

Financial Report Update: Gordy reported that little has changed since the November report. Among the topics discussed was a proposal to raise the cost of a seasonal fee for Amherst College students from \$50 to \$100, and to have the Club receive the fee directly from students. This will be discussed with Amherst College officials.

The cost of the new shelter on the 7th tee was discussed, as well as the decision to layoff a member of the grounds crew for the winter.

The report was approved unanimously.

Pro Report: Shawn will continue to staff the clubhouse through December 23.

She urged members with clubhouse credits to cash them in.

The ordering of new bag tags was discussed, and it was agreed to order 500 because of the unit price break for that count. Shawn reported that there is an adequate supply of score cards; and that the cameras are up and functioning.

The issue of dues payment with credit card vs cash or check was discussed, as were other relevant budget details.

Superintendent Update: Carl reiterated that no seasonal workers will be retained over the winter, for a saving of \$20,000. There followed a discussion of Carl's need for grounds crew staffing next season.

Women's Association report: Kathryn had nothing new to report.

Member Liaison update: Glenn brought up the water heater in the old club house, and repair vs replacement was discussed.

2026 Budget Proposal report: George walked the committee through details of the proposed budget for next year. The overall budget picture for the Club is a net income deficit of \$29,000. When the non-cash depreciation expense is excluded, the Club's projected net income is projected to be positive at nearly \$39,000.

The Board approved a \$1 increase in 9-hole cart fees, and a \$2 increase for 18 holes.

Folding a "cart card" into a "Premium Membership" was discussed and approved.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2026 budget, contingent on minor revisions that were recommended.

Committee Assignments: The following committee assignments were finalized, with vacancies noted:

- a. Finance Committee – George, Gordy, Glenn, Jack S. Food & Beverage – Kathryn and Bonnie
- b. Licenses and Permits – Jack S. Emily, and Gordy
- c. Software Committee – Gordy, Shawn, TBD, TBD – Jack S. and George to support
- d. House Committee – need to identify a Cleaning Crew – outside or volunteers - TBD
- e. Greens Committee - TBD
- f. Tournament Committee – Shawn and for Women: Carole, Hilary; for Men: Donny, TBD
- g. Handicap Committee – Wally Kielb and Yvonne Kielb

Emily suggested creating a "Junior Golfer Committee", which was unanimously supported.

Emily agreed to serve on the committee, and will welcome other member's participation.

Other Business

- Don brought up the issue of the collection of a sales tax with Clubhouse credits are cashed in. He said that other clubs wrap the sales tax into the credit, and would like to see the Club do the same. This issue will be discussed going forward.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Next Monthly BOD Meeting: January 7 at 5pm

Minutes prepared by Bob Nakosteen, Club Secretary