

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026

Present: Greg Kwolek, George Oulundsen, Gordy Palley, Bonnie May, Shawn Durocher, Emily Ziomek, Jack Stanne, Kathryn Mahony, Glenn Allen, Elizabeth Geene, Carl Teschke, Bob Nakosteen

Absent: Don Hodgkins

The meeting was convened at 5:07pm.

The February minutes were approved with changes. Minutes for the January meeting, which have been revised to reflect contract conversations with Shawn and Carl, were also approved.

Financial Report: Gordy and Carl presented the financial report. In their words, things “look pretty good”. Member signups are ahead of last year, the investment account, which last year was down based on the purchase of new golf carts, is now in better shape.

Some time in June, the Club will have to pay \$95,000 for new equipment: A greens mower and a large utility vehicle.

Pro Report: Shawn gave updates on the “Youth on Course”, and the “Club Partner” programs. The former program encourages and subsidizes young golfers; and the latter program is sponsored by the Mass Golf Association and connects the Club with various Mass Golf resources.

She reported on various routine matters regarding clubhouse maintenance.

Shawn also reported on identifying and engaging an individual who will clean the clubhouse twice a month. Bonnie, who identified and discussed the job with the person, reported that the fee for cleaning is \$50 per hour, and estimates that 1.5 hours twice a month will be needed for sufficient cleaning. As the season opens, the bathrooms and windows will need cleaning, so Bonnie will check if the individual can do windows.

Amherst College Liaison Report: Elizabeth reported that the AC golf team members have volunteered to assist in the Club’s spring cleanup. The target date for their involvement is the weekend of March 28th. Other dates are available.

Superintendent Report: Carl told us that the snow cover on the greens precludes taking core samples to test for depth of the frost.

The hiring of greens staff was discussed.

An “automated mowing machine” may be demonstrated at the Club. Carl told the Board that other clubs have found that, even with the large upfront expense, these mowers ultimately save sufficient staff time that they are cost-effective.

Women’s Association report: Kathryn reported that organizational activities are ongoing. The Association is interested in clinics run by Shawn and/or Rick.

Member Liaison update: Glenn had no update.

Event Planning: Greg presented a draft standardized pricing structure for sponsored events at the Club. Various edits were suggested. It was agreed that this structure is a real improvement over the ad hoc approach utilized in the past.

Committee Reports:

- Kathryn described her approach to stocking drinks and other items in the clubhouse. This entails bulk purchases from Costco, and storage at the Club. Storage containers need to be purchased and shelving will be setup in the clubhouse basement.
During the discussion, Bonnie told us that Progression Brewery has offered to create an “Amherst Golf Club” beer, at a reasonable price and quantity. The reaction around the table was very favorable, and it was determined to proceed with the purchase.
- Club licenses and permits are all set for the coming season.
- George will be setting up and convening the software committee ASAP.
- The House Committee’s main task has been accomplished with the hiring of a cleaner for the Clubhouse
- The Greens Committee will be established and convened soon.

Other Business: Amherst College has hired a company to install a fire alarm and security system in the clubhouse. The installation will take place between now and mid-April.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21.

Next Monthly BOD Meeting: Wednesday, April 8 at 5pm.

Minutes prepared by Bob Nakosteen, Club Secretary