

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026

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

Absent: Elizabeth Geene

The meeting was convened at 5:00 pm.

The March minutes were approved, though changes were made in the first draft.

Financial Report: Gordy reported that the Club had 189 players renew this year, compared to 186 renewals at this time last year. Twelve new members have signed on.

The monthly fee for the security system was discussed.

The Club now collects membership fees directly from Amherst College, at a per student rate of \$100.

Amherst Regional High School will pay \$1.500 for their golf team to have access to the course.

Gordy has contacted 19 local businesses for the first-tee sign board, which will contribute at \$250 per sign from those signing up.

Pro Report: Shawn reported that the “Youth on Course” program has resulted in 60 rounds being played young golfers playing the course so far.

The issue of non-golfers walking the course was discussed. At the moment, this is not allowed unless the “walker” pays for a cart. An issue with non-players on the course is the Club’s liability. *[Note: Glenn reported the morning after the meeting that, “There is no exclusion on the policy for guests on the golf course whether playing or not.]*

Placing paper towels in the bathrooms was discussed, and will be forthcoming.

The Club dress code was discussed, and time was spent “tightening up” the code.

Superintendent Report: Carl reported that a full-time grounds staffer has resigned. This leaves the grounds crew at minimal size, with but one part-time staffer. As time progresses, seasonal staff will support the grounds work. The current opening has been posted on an online job site.

Aeration of the course will take place on April 23. The Club will be closed until 2pm that day.

Removing or repairing the downed telephone pole on the 9th hole was discussed.

Purchasing a “robo-mower” was discussed, which would entail a large up front outlay, but ultimately would pay for itself. Also, replacing grass tee boxes with artificial turf, which would save considerable costs, was discussed.

Women’s Association report: Kathryn reported the spring members meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th at 11am, followed by lunch and a scramble event.

Member Liaison update: Glenn reported that a mildly offensive video was posted to the Club’s Facebook page, but taken down quickly. The issue of who has access to the Club’s Facebook account was raised, and will be investigated.

Event Planning: Greg presented a final version the Club’s event pricing structure. This document is added as an appendix to these minutes.

Committee Reports:

Various committee issues were discussed. Most of the discussion centered around the beverage selection in the clubhouse cooler.

Other Business: The new alarm system should be installed by the end of April.

The Club is going to take advantage of the Mass Golf Association’s free course assessment. This will entail an on sight review of the course and clubhouse operations.

The speed of play was discussed, with possible changes of sand traps to “grass traps”, and reconfigured greens raised as good ways to speed up play.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Next Monthly BOD Meeting: Wednesday, May 13 at 5pm.

Minutes prepared by Bob Nakosteen, Club Secretary

Amherst Golf Club
365 South Pleasant Street
Amherst, MA 01002
2026 Outings

Golf outing price is per player - 9 holes, shotgun start

72 players maximum per outing

Golf carts will be assigned by customer - 14 carts available, 28 riders

Rental clubs - \$15

Food not included, either a caterer is used or contact AGC for options

Cash bar is available (beer, wine, soda) \$100 plus cost of beverages sold

Prize money to be awarded by customer

<u>Golfers 1-28</u>	<u>Golfers 29-72</u>
\$45.00 greens fee and cart	\$30.00 greens fee
\$10.00 Pro Shop prize money	\$10.00 Pro Shop prize
\$10.00 deck usage charge	\$10.00 deck usage
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\$65.00 Riding	\$50.00 Walking