

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2026

Present: George Oulundsen, Bonnie May, Shawn Durocher, Jack Stanne, Glenn Allen, Emily Ziomek, Gordy Palley, Carl Teschke

Absent: Bob Nakosteen, Elizabeth Geene, Greg Kwolek, Kathryn Mahoney, Don Hodgkins

Financial Report: Gordy reported that our membership is slightly up from the same time last year (260 compared to 250). We have added 7 new memberships for the Fall so we have reached the same number of members as last year already. CID is higher although the number of people giving is a bit lower.

Greens fees are up, just above \$36,000, compared to same time last year. There are a lot more non-member greens fees than last year.

We have paid for the new triplex.

Most line items in the budget are staying fairly consistent with last year.

Our bank accounts remain very healthy.

Go Berry approached us to see if we'd be interested in putting in a freezer to hold their frozen yogurt. They said they would take care of the cooler. Our food license does not cover this so it is probably not something we will pursue.

Pro Report: George and Shawn are working on a memo to go out to the club membership reminding everyone of some golf etiquette and golf rules. Shawn wants to create a welcome packet or something for new members. Leagues are wrapping up. Glenn suggested that we let people know that there are articles and videos pertaining to rules in each email where you get your handicap update. Perhaps we could house these on our Facebook page.

The computer in the clubhouse where people enter handicaps is down. The Board agreed that George should purchase a new computer (something lower end).

The Jack Shea Tournament was a great success. Good attendance and many donations for the raffle.

There have been complaints about people peeing behind and in the new shelter near the red tees on hole 7. We will make a sign reminding people that restroom facilities are located in the clubhouse. Perhaps install fake cameras to deter people from doing that. If any club member or Board member sees someone doing this, they should tell them that they need to leave the course immediately.

Superintendent Report: Based on the report from USGA survey, several options were discussed to address the clay layers beneath our greens, including dressing the greens with sand before deep-tining the greens or doing what is called Drill and Fill. The Drill and Fill takes a little longer to recover but might reach the goal of increasing the sand layer faster. Carl will still get an estimate for the Drill and Fill but he doesn't think that option will be worth the money or the time needed for the greens to heal from that procedure.

The new triplex is in operation. Now Carl and his crew will clean the old one up and try to sell it or at the very least, will put it in the scrap metal pile (Amherst College).

We talked again about building a lean-to for Carl's equipment. He would need about a 12x24 structure. He would place it over near the gas tanks. The Board will discuss this at the end of the season. In the meantime, Carl will get an estimate for tearing down the existing structure and replacing it with a new pole barn.

Carl and his crew took down the old grill on the cart shed and replaced it with a new railing and flower pots. It looks great! Thanks Carl.

As far as staff is concerned, Carl now has 2 full timers and will have a part timer coming on in the fall when Kathy goes back to work at the school. The extra 700 hours will take care of this and Carl is happy with the work staff.

Carl is working with Amherst College to level and expand the parking lot on the right side (as you drive in).

Women's Association: No report. Bonnie May reported that all is going well with the Women's Association.

Event Planning: Greg was not in attendance so there wasn't a report. George said we are doing well with our outside events. There is at least one more event scheduled for September.

Member Liaison Update: Can we clean up the cart paths so stones won't get into the grass? This is on Carl's to-do list.

There was a question about changing the cups (on the greens) Saturday and Sunday. Carl said that the cup positions are changed out every other day unless there are special events/tournaments on the weekend.

Could we see about getting a demo robot mower? Carl made a request to Toro but nothing has come from that yet. There is an issue in that we don't have access to power down on hole 2 and 3. We'd need a solar docking station down there.

Software Committee: Jack has talked with someone who is willing to come in and look at all our computer hardware and software. Then he can make suggestions as to how we should manage everything. If he can't do it himself, he has lots of contacts who could possibly do it. George asked Jack to get a quote from him.

Greens Committee:

The greens committee has been very active this summer. Susan Teasley is the chair. She did a lot of research about other courses in our area and found that our course's red tees are 5318 yards compared to 4931 yards in courses in western Mass. There are only 2 courses in the state with longer courses for the red tees. Susan and Sue Everden actually measured drives during our Niners and Legends play. They suggested that we try some temporary tee boxes on Holes 2, 8 and 3 and have ideas of where they might be placed.

The committee also discussed putting some netting along the wood line on Hole 7 below the 150 marker to catch balls that are rolling out of bounds. It was noted

that this could possibly kick balls back into play. The Board will go out and take a look at this at the next board meeting.

Susan also asked if the Chair of the Greens Committee should be a regular voting member on the Board. It was suggested that, for now, the committee chair should be invited to Board meetings when they have information to report out to the Board.

Tournament Committees: Based on discussions between the Committee and Shawn, most tournaments, except our big ones (e.g. Steamboat, Garber, NovemberFest, etc.), will move to one day tournaments instead of the 2 day tournaments.

There seems to be positive feedback to the idea of inviting women to participate in the Steamboat Tournament.

Shawn may try to reorganize the men's and women's Member/Guest Tournaments.

Other Business: A member of the club wants to donate \$10,000 to replace all the benches on each hole. The Board is in full agreement with this.

Chris Hait would like to take on the position of Social Director for the Club next season. He has lots of great ideas to bring the community together.

People like the new flags on the greens. Carl is going to fix the grommet on our American Flag.

Emily Ziomek will look into changing our list of officers for the town and for the state. This is important to maintain our licensure.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 pm

Next Meeting – Sept. 9th.