

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

Present: Greg Kwolek, George Oulundsen, Bonnie May, Kathryn Mahoney, Don Hodgkins, Gordy Palley, Carl Teschke

Absent: Shawn Durocher, Jack Stanne, Glenn Allen, Emily Ziomek, Bob Nakosteen, Elizabeth Geene

Financial Report: Gordy reported that our membership is slightly up from the same time last year (252 compared to 249). Our final membership last year was 267 so it is possible we'll reach that number when people join in the fall. We would anticipate offering our Fall Special Membership again. CID is higher although the number of people giving is a bit lower.

Cart revenue is about the same. We have basically paid for all the carts purchased already, much ahead of the time anticipated. Greens fees are up by quite a bit. Most other expenses are comparable. House expense is up due to the hiring of a cleaner who comes twice a month.

We have given Carl the greenlight to hire an additional 700 hours for this year. As we look at budgeting for next year, we will discuss increasing the budget line item for Carl's staffing.

Pro Report: Shawn was absent so George reported that he and Shawn are working on a memo to go out to the club membership reminding everyone of some golf etiquette. It will also cover a few course rules as a reminder.

Superintendent Report: Carl reported out about the USGA visit and suggestions made when they surveyed our course. It seems that the green that was tested showed about 3 ½ inches of sand below the surface and then a clay layer. We should try to increase the depth of the sand layer under our greens. Several options were discussed 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. Initial estimates suggest the Drill and Fill process has a significant cost, but we will learn more and get quotes. There was also a discussion about the fact that the

course from the red tees plays longer than most other local courses. In order to shorten the course a bit for our higher handicapped golfers, it was suggested that we might add some tee boxes. Possible tee to the right of the current tee box on #2 (try temporary tee first) and moving the tee forward on #3. We will have further discussions once we receive the report from the USGA about their findings.

There was a question about the arborvitaes between 4 and 5 and why they were trimmed. Carl explained that they need to trim in order to keep them under control. We don't want them to get a lot higher, just get a little wider.

There was also a question about the crab apple trees that line the parking lot. Some people like them and don't want them removed. We asked Carl to come up with a few options for what might replace the crab apple trees if we do remove them.

We also confirmed that Carl should explore the leveling and expansion of the parking lot on the right side (as you drive in). The BOD also gave Carl approval to remove the old grill by the cart pavilion and eventually add a bench or sitting area.

Women's Association: Kathryn reported that the Women's 2 Ball Open is July 25th. President's Cup is Aug. 8th. Women's League and Niners continue to thrive.

Members Liaison: Suggested was made to clean out the area around the barn. Carl agreed to look into what he could get for scrap metal and when he had fully trained staffed – start cleaning the area.

Event Planning: Greg reported that he spoke with the Spoke people and they are set to do their event on July 26th. It will bring in about \$3,000. Women in Business are all set to go in September. They would like to continue and event each fall and spring. We have had an inquiry for an Oct. 2nd pre-wedding party. They want to play golf, but not sure yet whether that will be 9 or 18 holes. We have also had an inquiry for a multi-family graduation party on May 30, 2027.

Other Discussions:

- Carl suggested that in the future, we should be sure to move the Senior Open away from the weekend for the Women's Club Championship. This

would help Carl be able to make sure both groups have the best possible conditions for play.

- Friday July 24th is the date for the team match competition (not sure about this)
- George has received mostly positive feedback on the Operations Manual that he and Jack are working on. They have decided that they will move sections of the manual that need updating regularly to appendices. That should make the updating process much easier.
- The Fire Alarm and Security System installation will occur in 2 phases. Phase 1 will be August/September and Phase 2 will be next June.

Meeting adjourned: 6:35 pm