

Amherst Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026

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

Absent: Elizabeth Geene, Gordy Palley, Emily Ziomek

The meeting was convened at 5:32 pm.

The April minutes were approved. The secretary apologized for not posting the minutes at the Club, and promised to improve.

Financial Report: Carl presented the financial report in Gordy's absence. He reported that the Club now has 239 paid members, compared to 237 at this point last year. We discussed members who have not yet paid but are playing rounds. It was agreed that this should be curtailed.

Despite the rainy and windy conditions this spring, greens fee revenues are up compared to last year.

Carl also discussed current staffing and the structure he follows in determining pay for new staff.

In sum, Carl stated that the Club is "Doing pretty well" financially.

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Pro Report: Shawn reported that the "Youth on Course" program has resulted in 278 rounds being played by young golfers so far this spring. It is hoped that the golfers in this program will want to come back to the Club as they move out of the program.

She reported that the leagues are in full swing.

Also, there are issues with the Lightspeed software, and Shawn is having trouble connecting with tech help. Further efforts will be made to discuss Lightspeed issues with a person, rather than an AI chat box.

Superintendent Report: Carl reported that the delivery of new equipment is expected soon.

Having hired both a part-time and a full-time grounds worker, the grounds crew is now fully staffed as compared to last year. Carl says that training the new staff is ongoing.

George would like to discuss the financial implications of adding grounds staff in June. At that point, we may have a better sense of the financial feasibility of additional hiring.

Women's Association report: Kathryn reported that women's leagues are doing well, with a lot of players. She expressed gratitude for the new shed on the forward 7th hole tee box.

Member Liaison update: Glenn reported that a member's wish for a 9-hole greens fee, reduced from the flat rate charged regardless of holes played. The Board unanimously agreed to "hold the line" on the current fee structure.

He also discussed with Carl about the repair around the pump next to the old clubhouse. Carl said that it is on his list to be done once the staffing is better trained.

Glenn also suggested that Board members should be encouraged/required to play in one or two tournaments a year. This was discussed briefly, but no action was taken.

Event Planning: Greg reported that the two UMass events went well. The Isenberg women's event has even reserved a fall date for their next event.

The policies and fee structure for renting the deck took up the remainder of the report. Many issues were brought up, ranging from staffing levels to having towels available in case of rain. Greg is going to draft a policy for the Board's consideration.

Committee Reports:

Food and Beverage: Kathryn requested that the Club pay for a Costco membership, as the food and beverage inventory is purchased there. It was unanimously agreed to do so.

House: The person hired to clean the clubhouses, new and old, is working out well. Very thorough.

Tournament: Shawn described the potential and problems with the software designed to promote tournaments.

It was suggested that past members be made aware of the tournament schedule, and encouraged to play. There is an issue with the volume of signups for some tournaments.

Other Business: The timing of the installation of the new alarm system is uncertain.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12.

Next Monthly BOD Meeting: Wednesday, June 10 at 5:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Bob Nakosteen, Club Secretary

