



**DRAFT MINUTES
ELY GOLF CLUB
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2020
Ely Golf Club, 6 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Linda EVB, Mikey Lund, Bill O'Neil, Scott Drechsler and Lori Casey. Absent Alexis Leitgeb and Victor Modjeski. Also in attendance were Manager Tim Cooper, Superintendent Justin Hirdler and Member Terry Cooper.

MINUTES: Drechsler moved to accept minutes of September 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Lund and approved 6-0.

COMMITTEE & CLUB REPORTS

1. President's Report – EVB

Linda thanked Bill O'Neil for his four years of service to the board as past grounds chair, vice president and representative to the EAGFB. Bill also contributed as a volunteer helping with other club projects. She also recognized and thanked Alexis Leitgeb for three years of service especially as treasurer and donating and seeking new advertising.

VandenBranden spoke how well the year went for all golfers and the club-especially during this pandemic. She said it was wonderful to see the new members and the large percentage of incentive members who returned from last year-especially increase in student memberships.

On behalf of the board EVB recognized those who purchased membership and punch cards; were sponsors or made donations; were members of leagues; participated in tournaments; volunteered to help with club projects; served as employees; and others who supported the club via green fees.

ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT		SEPTEMBER 14, 2020	
	Sept 14, 2020	Sept 14, 2019	Difference
Checking Account	\$84,684.15	\$47,831.41	\$36,852.74
Savings Account	\$27,100.04	\$27,024.00	\$76.04
Capital Fund	\$18,115.67	\$9,895.92	\$8,219.75
Youth Fund	\$7,710.39	\$7,710.39	\$0.00
Cash on Hand	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$138,110.25	\$92,961.72	\$45,148.53
INCOME			
Greens Fees	\$58,731.38	\$49,087.88	\$9,643.50
Leagues	\$2,000.00	\$3,053.00	(\$1,053.00)
Membership	\$84,324.05	\$77,116.49	\$7,207.56
Pro Shop	\$25,706.23	\$30,765.09	(\$5,058.86)
Rentals	\$33,892.52	\$22,280.37	\$11,612.15
Tournaments	\$12,955.70	\$12,089.26	\$866.44
Cost of Goods Total	\$16,777.84	\$19,682.01	(\$2,904.17)
GROSS PROFIT/INCOME	\$200,832.04	\$177,640.08	\$23,191.96
EXPENSES			
Club Operations	\$62,489.85	\$58,109.44	\$4,380.41
Grounds Operation	\$66,595.76	\$72,978.29	(\$6,382.53)
Projects	\$304.46	\$752.93	(\$448.47)
Rental Expenses	\$11,900.00	\$6,600.00	\$2,849.41
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$141,290.07	\$138,440.66	\$2,849.41
Other Income	\$5,053.40	\$7,113.91	(\$2,060.51)
NET INCOME	\$64,595.37	\$46,313.33	\$18,282.04

2. Treasurer's Report: Leitgeb

The treasurer in her report thanked the Ely Golf Club for the opportunity to serve for the past three years. She wrote, "I have learned so much and have valued all of the friendships made through this endeavor. A huge thank you to Justin, Tim, and Connie for the outstanding job they did holding the line on expenses during this uncertain time. They

kept an eye on the budget and have managed to make sure we are in the black. I also wish to thank our members for coming to the club's aid right now and submitting memberships in order to continue our positive budget growth. We really appreciate your continued support. Also, thank you to Kurt Soderberg, Bob Artisensi, and Linda for being on the Finance Committee. All of you were crucial in helping me understand the budget process and helped us stay solvent." Leitgeb provided budget suggestions which were emailed to the finance committee. She concluded that as members can see from the figures shown above, we finished well for the budget given these times.

3. Superintendent's Report – Hirdler

Projects completed this year were installing the intake pond bubbler aerators in; fixing irrigation lines; punching holes in greens to reduce thatch; verticutting greens to promote new plant growth; sanding greens for a healthier playing surface; and verticutting and punching tees. Thanks to many volunteers who fixed and painted buildings/shelters, made and installed the new water cooler, and cut trees to improve play which creates healthier turf.

Upcoming tasks include aeration of tees, fairways and greens; deep tining of greens for winter drainage, sanding greens two more times; completing #6 forward tee box; spraying for winter protection against disease; and general closure duties.

Justin thanked Artisensi, Perko and all leagues and individuals who generously donated time and money to improve our club. He also thanked Curt Johnson for helping with the tree and leveling project on #9.

4. Building & Grounds: Drechsler continues to research costs of adding new/old cart paths. An update project list is attached.

5. Manager's Report: Cooper

As you all know COVID threw us a curve ball but I think we hit it out of the park anyway. I looked back in Quick Books and this year is the best we have had since 2011! I would like to thank the staff for the extra work that went into keeping this club a safe place to be. Once again a special thanks to Connie Lindgren for picking up the slack this spring when I was sick. Many of you are aware if you tried to golf in the middle of the day we were super busy and with that comes extra effort on everyone's part. My entire staff did a great job!

This year I brought in more merchandise and clothing and financially it looks to be a success. We also did a good job on keeping membership informed of events and league times. All leagues paid their fees and all memberships are paid in full. My final cart inventory was completed and the amount of carts balanced with fees paid. Over all, I believe we had a fantastic year and hoping to repeat it next year. Let us trust that many of those that came in because of COVID restrictions return next year. I wish everyone a fantastic winter and an early 2021 spring.

The clubhouse will close for the season October 1st.

6. Advertising – no report.

7. Ely Area Golf Foundation Board – Bill O'Neil stated the EAGFB is interested in assisting with a new project. O'Neil contacted John Sadler about the possibility of helping with the purchase of an industrial grade turf sweeper. He believes Sadler plans to contact the superintendent for more information about this and other projects.

8. Events Report (Committee: Lund, Drechsler, Modjeski and EVB): This committee was busy this year planning Zup's Polish Delight, Northland's Blueberry Ball, The Big Hole Tourney, Night Golf and the SOUP's tournaments. They hope to add another tournament next year. Recently, fourteen teams had a great time at the Superintendent's Cup-the rain arrived before the event. Profits look to be approximately \$2,745. The Night Golf Tourney is always popular and fun. Sixteen teams raised roughly \$2,285 for the club. A huge thanks you to our superintendent, manager, participants, employees, sponsors, and organizers who made these events successful.

9. Handicap Committee: Terry Cooper

Handicap Chair Cooper indicated the course was rated last year and beginning in January, because of the new World Handicap System, ratings and slope distances were recalculated to an 18 hole format. This slightly changed the slope of the course. New scorecards were printed and red and gold tee distances were corrected. No changes in the local rules. They are posted in the clubhouse and on our website.

Justin still questions the yardage accuracy on a few holes. There is a national formula to measure distances so a player cannot just laser the distance. Justin will continue to investigate the accuracy of tee markers based on current

ground plates. In the future when tee box changes occur the club will request a new rating from Minnesota Golf Association.

10. Leagues: No formal reports. All leagues paid their dues to the club.

11. Youth Golf: Brooks Shepard and Jim Townsend will be organizing the youth shed to improve club storage. Casey thanked them in advance for their work and is hopeful we continue getting the awesome volunteers who have been coaches in past years.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Membership Items: No bylaw proposals were acted on today.

2. Election Results: Thank you to those who volunteered to run for office. Two positions were needed to complete the board. Congratulations to Len Clewett. He was a write-in candidate and received the most votes. There was a tie for the second seat-Macy Anderson and Dave Fleishman. Both indicated to the manager earlier in the day they were withdrawing from candidacy for personal reasons. The board decided at the meeting to contact the membership to ask for board volunteers. Appointments will be made in October.

Note: Kurt Soderberg was the only other write in candidate and when officially contacted after the meeting indicated he would volunteer for a short period of time, will continue to serve the board and remain on the finance committee however, he is not interested in a full time board position.

NEXT MEETING: The next Annual meeting is scheduled for September 13th, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The Executive-Reorganizational meeting will be held on October 6, 2020, 5:20 p.m. and the Board's Monthly Meeting will follow at approximately 5:45 p.m. All meetings are in the clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT: President EVB adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Casey
Board Secretary

Approval Pending: September ____, 2021

**ELY GOLF CLUB
2020 "PROPOSED" PROJECTS AND CAPITAL
ACQUISITIONS**

Progress	General Priority	Item	Description	Projected Cost Updated 9/22/20
	On going	Irrigation	Continue irrigation repairs/improvements improve irrigation on hole #3	Unknown
	1	Tee Box	Expand #6 tee box & extend irrigation and add landscape bricks. Place stone tee marker, golf plaque and landscape area to right of cart path- assisted by Ladies League	\$1,000 expansion irrigation only Fall 2020
✓	2	Shelter Memorial Benches	Continue work to repair-paint shelter on #7 Replace memorial benches on three holes #2, #5, #8 (or #3, #6, #9), and place on concrete slab	8/2020
		Industrial Sweeper	Purchase Used Industrial Sweeper to reduce time spent on maintenance and improve playing surface, especially in fall weather.	\$4,800 (estimated)
		Hand Rails	Add additional handrails to steps on #7 & #9.	Unknown
	3	Forward Tee Boxes	Improve forward tee boxes (length/extend) #5 Improve forward tee boxes (length/extend) #8 Improve forward tee boxes (length/extend) #1 Improve forward tee boxes (length/extend) #9	Approx. \$1000 each No Landscaping
		Cart path Addition, Repair, and Extend	Repair tree roots on #5 cart path Extend #8 path back to top of hill Add-extend #9 cart path to forward tee box to avoid motorized cart turf damage	Crew Unknown
	4	Cart path Addition, Repair, and Extend	Add cart path to #2 gold and #6 red tee box to avoid motorized cart turf damage.	Unknown
✓	5	Tree Removal	Thin trees on back on #4 green for airflow and increase play options in red penalty area. Remove tree by #4/5 pond to reduce debris clogging pond	9/2020 8/2020
✓			Remove dead spruce on hole #9 and #8 - level and take out tree on #9 to improve play Men's League Donation	9/2020

Completed	General Priority	Item	Description	Projected Cost
	6	Bunker	Raise back lip of #7 bunker for visibility and direct roll downward	
	7	Tee Box	Redesign #7 Tee Box	
	8	Teeing Area	Improve top tee access and area on #4	
	9	Marquee Sign	Replace sign on Central Avenue advertising golf course.	
✓		Pond Aerifying	Waiting on electrician to complete work before installation of bubbler in hole #4-5 pond	Completed 8/2020
		TOTALS		Unknown cost if not listed

The list is prioritized however many factors including financing, donations, board and superintendent input may alter this order.