



MEETING  
ELY GOLF CLUB  
Wednesday, June 20, 2023  
4:30 p.m. – Clubhouse

Board of Directors

**Meeting of the board** on Wednesday, June 20 was called to order by President Len Clewett at 4:37 p.m.

**In attendance:** Len Clewett, Frank Guldbrandsen, Scott Drechsler, Tim Cooper, Justin Hirdler, Member Barb Soderberg and by phone Lori Casey. **Absent:** Louis Gerzin, Adam Hagin and Linda Enquist VandenBranden.

**Recognition and thanks were given to:** **1)** Barb Soderberg & Karen Dahl chairs of the Beautification Committee for their leadership in beautifying the course. Their entire committee (full list in May minutes) were recognized for their ongoing effort and donations to brighten the grounds with flowers. **2)** Justin Hirdler and staff for their diligence in keeping the course in good conditions despite the drought! **3)** Clewett, chair of youth golf, thanked all of his volunteers: Tim Cooper; Frank Guldbrandsen; Kevin & Jo Lawler; Ward Patterson; Brooks Shepard; Kurt Soderberg; David & Michelle Young and Sara Clewett. Delicious treats were donated and prepared by Karen Dahl and Diane Vertin. Curt Johnson donated a large supply of gently used golf balls. **4)** Thanks to Bob Artisensi and Curt Johnson for their tree and weed trimming.

**Minutes** of May 16, 2023 were approved 4-0. (M) Guldbrandsen, (S) Drechsler.

**New and Old Business**

**A. Ely Area Golf Foundation Board (EAGFB) – Barb Soderberg**

The foundation was incorporated in 2004 with objective to improve and support Ely Golf Club golf along with promoting the sport as a recreational activity. There have been several donors to the foundation who supported the club and its activities in three general categories above \$10,000, \$5,000, or \$1,000. Donations were invested and its successful growth has provided essential capital to our club. Donors are recognized on plaques inside the Ely Golf Club.

In past years the Foundation Committee has been extremely active soliciting contributions. However, In the present, donations have declined, volunteer committee members find it difficult to monitor the fund properly due to their own time commitments, knowledge and loss of John Sadler. The fund has been invested with Edward Jones for several years and John has their primary fiduciary member. Considering all the present events, the Foundation Committee made the unanimously decision to dissolve. Based on their bylaws, funds must be transferred to the Ely Golf Club. The final amount will be disclosed upon transfer.

Soderberg, past President of the EAGFB informed the board of their dissolution. She and Clewett will continue to discuss this transaction. The Foundation Board hopes the Ely Finance Committee and Golf Board continue to honor the intent to use these funds for major capital expenditures not for ordinary income. It is also recommended they continue to partner with Edward Jones-the current financial advisor. Clewett recommended a bylaw or resolution be drafted to protect these funds. Casey will draft a resolution.

**B. President – Clewett**

1. Town of Morse Agreement with EGC – has not arrived, Casey will again check on this agreement.
2. Fall Lake Township Donation Letter (Morse has been received) – Casey will draft a request to Fall Lake.
3. Clubhouse Deck – still researching the deck.
4. League Status – The blocking of tee times for leagues is under review. It appears other than the Commercial League, three leagues do not always utilize the entire course for their shotgun starts. Within the next two

months Clewett and Cooper will look at options that may free up more tee times without disturbing league play. This could provide needed income for the club and open popular tee times for members.

**C. Superintendent - Hirdler**

1. The course is struggling a little bit with drought-so no major projects are planned.
2. Hirdler recommended revisiting digging of an irrigation well-discussed a year or two ago.
3. Tom Homer joined the team again this season.
4. The fairway mower is not in good shape – have begun to look into a new or used mower. It is difficult to find parts.

**D. Treasurer’s Report - Clewett & Cooper**

The year has started well. Green fees are up \$5,500 and membership is growing well. Cart rental is well above last year and so is pro-shop income. The grounds had a large purchase of fertilizer. Equipment repair and parts are up due to older equipment needs. Tournaments are approximately the same with the Polish Delight profiting \$2,10 (16 teams). See financial document on Page 3.

**E. Manager’s Report - Cooper**

The numbers are perfect for this year because of the new software. So going forward we will have a detailed knowledge of all memberships. With that said last year and the year before are very close, but might be off by one or two.

Employee Aaron will be absent for an unknown amount of time. He is the soul caregiver for his dad. All four remaining staff will pick up his shifts unless Aaron is out for longer. I hope this will not turn into a staff shortage.

If anyone knows anyone that would like a few hours PLEASE have them call me. Hours for the clubhouse are now 7:00 to 7:00 through Labor Day. Twilight golf started on June 16<sup>th</sup> and it is ½ price green fees after 5:00PM. No discount on cart.

Live Music in the clubhouse on July 29<sup>th</sup> will be offered by Aaron Kaercher, Mike Gemberling and Brian Strom. No cover charges.

MEMBERSHIPS NUMBERS 2023 - 2021			
	2023	2022	2021
Adult	67	59	64
Adult 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	21	21	23
Adult 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	16	18	12
Couples	22	17	21
Couple 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	4	1	10
Couple 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	2	5	4
Student	16	6	12

**F. Youth Golf - Clewett**

Camp went well. There were 35 stuents-22 were first time participants. The staff did an excellent job especially since many of the participants had never played golf before. The new sets of clubs arrived on time. The shed is a bit crowded with equipment. It did help that 10% of the students had their own clubs.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 25, 4:30 pm [Meeting cancelled after mtg. and rescheduled for August 1, 4:30 clubhouse]

**ADJOURNMENT:** 5:23 p.m. by President Clewett

Submitted by Lori Casey

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Comparison  
January 1 to June 19, 2023**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>June 19, 2023</b>	<b>June 19, 2022</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Checking Account	\$58,511.87	\$27,722.84	\$28,789.03
Capital	\$43,959.43	\$56,774.43	-\$12,815.00
Savings Account	\$43,407.03	\$43,173.46	\$234.57
Youth Savings	\$7,348.44	\$7,348.44	\$0.00
Cash on Hand	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Petty Cash	-\$1.00	\$-1.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Cash and Savings</b>	<b>\$152,225.77</b>	<b>\$135,518.17</b>	<b>\$16,708.60</b>
<b>PROFIT &amp; LOSS STATEMENT SUMMARY</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
Green Fees	\$16,752.05	\$11,706.46	\$5,045.59
Leagues & Youth Program	\$363.64	\$3,077.50	-\$2,693.86
Membership	\$84,368.20	\$69,177.00	\$15,191.20
Rentals	\$10,052.27	\$5,326.68	\$4,725.59
Pro Shop Income	\$11,582.20	\$5,586.67	\$5,995.53
Tournaments	\$4,276.17	\$1,989.44	\$2,286.73
Cost of Goods (deduct)	\$5,704.12	\$11,153.12	-\$5,449.00
<b>GROSS PROFIT-INCOME</b>	<b>\$119,966.46</b>	<b>\$83,174.08</b>	<b>\$36,792.38</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Example of some Fee Increases: Accounting 23%, Ice 20%, Licenses 20%, Utilities 23%, Equipment repairs 61%, Parts 44%, Golf Cart Contract 23%. Cost to purchase Chemical/Fertilizer \$5,285 and Sand \$4,131.			
Clubhouse Payroll, Supplies, Utilities, QuickBooks, etc.	\$23,065.17	\$26,882.07	-\$2,940.90
Grounds-Payroll, Supplies, Repair, etc.	\$46,429.27	\$33,034.22	\$13,395.05
Total Rental Expenses & Projects	\$14,500.62	\$11,700.00	\$2,800.62
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$84,871.06</b>	<b>\$71,616.29</b>	<b>\$13,254.77</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b> - Income minus Expense	<b>\$35,095.40</b>	<b>\$11,557.79</b>	<b>\$23,537.61</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE</b> Example: Raffle Expense, Donations, Interest Income, Refund	\$670.70	\$150.83	\$519.87
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$35,766.10</b>	<b>\$11,708.62</b>	<b>\$24,057.48</b>