

Minutes of the Ely Golf Board 8/6/2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm at the ECG clubhouse by President Linda Enquist-VandenBranden. Other board members present were Kevin Lawler, Scott Drechsler and Ruth Logar. Acting Clubhouse manager Connie Lindgren and ECG member Lori Casey were also present.

The minutes of the 6/17/2025 board meeting were approved as read.

President's Report/Events

Due to the vacancy of the managers position as a result of the Executive Board meeting on 7/14/2025 it was recommended that Connie Lindgren be moved from her interim position as manager to permanent manager. A motion was made by Linda to approve Connie's status as permanent manager, a 2nd was made by Scott. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Thank you Connie!

Tim Cooper contributed a great deal to the club over his years as manager and we truly appreciate his hard work, as it made our course a much better place. We thank him for his dedication and wish him much luck on future endeavors.

The Board received the resignation letter from Dave Schmidt and respectively thanks Dave for his time on the board. His term goes through 2026 and a replacement will be appointed at the annual meeting.

There is an ATM machine in the clubhouse now.

The Polish Delight Tournament went well. The clubhouse staff did a great job and the pizza truck was well received. There was a discussion about the Par 3 format. Tee box locations will be revisited and changed for next year.

Next tournament is the Big Cup on August 16 followed by the Soup Cup on September 6.

Treasurer's Report

Since the prior board meeting, we approved via virtual vote the purchase of a new sprayer to replace the old one that was unrepairable. Based on recommendations from the finance committee, decision was made to utilize \$20K funds from Edward Jones account with remainder of \$47K purchase price coming from primary savings and checking account funds.

From a profit and loss standpoint, we are still working to bring the financials current, but draft numbers are showing estimate \$15K ahead on the revenue side offset by a similar increase in ground operations expense (equipment and labor), making net income YTD comparable with same time last year.

Noted revenue includes a \$600 donation from couples golf leagues designated toward power sprayer and hose caddy) and a \$500 donation from Morse township.

Manager's Report

Connie has been working with Golf Now to update the EGC website. Current board information still needs to be updated. Lori Casey has been administrator in the past and will be a backup to Connie.

Connie will look into different streaming options for the clubhouse tv.

Connie reports the clubhouse staff is working very well together. The course has been very busy and staff wants members to remember to call for tee times. There have been lots of positive comments from visitors about the fantastic condition of our course this summer.

Clubhouse hours will change to 9-5 starting September 2 though closing of the clubhouse on September 30.

Building and Grounds Report

The pressure washer donated by the couples league for rinsing personal and club owned carts is available outside the maintenance shed.

Handicap Committee

Lori reported the course was rated earlier this year by the MGA. As a result the committee talked to the MGA and #9 hole will remain a par 5 for the forward tees.

Old Business

There was continued discussion about the Morse Township, City of Ely and Lucky Boy contracts. Connie will look for copies of our contracts to see where they stand.

A thank you letter will be sent to Morse Township for their contribution this year and a request for contribution will be sent to Fall Lake.

New Business

Election Announcement for 3 open board positions will be posted tomorrow, August 7. August 19 at 7pm will be the deadline for members to sign up to run for the board. Connie will make up a ballot on August 20 and members will start to vote on August 21. They will have until September 15 at the annual meeting to complete voting.

The annual meeting will be September 15 in the EGC clubhouse at 5pm.

The next Board meeting will be September 11 at 5pm in the EGC clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm

