**Minutes FOR ELY GOLF BOARD -THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

**In attendance: Scott Dreschler, Kevin Lawler, Bud Ahrens**

**On Phone: Erik Kurnava, Ruth Logar**

**Employees in attendance: Justin Hirdler & Connie Lindgren**

1. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2025

Motion to approved minutes by Scott, seconded by Kevin. Minutes unanimously approved.

1. President’s Report/Event

Most of my report is regarding tournaments so I will combine. First, I need to

compliment all of the staff on how smoothly the two tournaments (since our last

board meeting) went. The course was in beautiful shape and I hear a lot of very

positive things about it. The clubhouse staff handled everything effortlessly and

everyone works extremely well together. Having the atm is a huge bonus,

especially to the out of town teams. I sent at least 5 people there on Saturday.

So, thank you to everyone for making the tournaments such a success!!

The Big Cup went very well. Based on some negative comments, it seems that it’s

best to just limit any of the tournaments to 18 teams. It’s where we ended up

anyway, but we will just have to wait list overflow for next year, unless we end up

getting a huge wait list. As Justin can attest to, there was unfortunately some

vandalism done to some of the plugs to the big cup holes. He can explain better,

but because of that and some other vandalism we purchase some game cameras.

We also got the other cameras mounted and up and running. Connie/Justin can

elaborate on that. We need to send the message that vandalism in no way will be

tolerated.

The Soup Cup also went very well and had a full field. After some feedback from

most of the golfers, I’ve decided to head in the direction of bringing back the two

day version, as it was when it was the Harvest Moon tournament. Everyone was

very supportive of the idea. It will definitely make flighting a little easier. I also

have some ideas on getting more sponsorship for that tournament but will work

on that this winter. Thanks again to the staff for making everything run so

smooth!!

1. Treasurer’s Report

The financials are caught up and cleaned up.  After the of the season, we will take time to clean up the formatting.

As of 8/31, revenue is up year over year by $30K.  All income categories are up, i.e. club house, green fees, membership, etc.   Expenses are up as well, leaving net income up just $4,000 year over year.

The balance in our Edward Jones account has recovered to nearly $132,000.

The cub is responsible for paying property tax to the Town of Morse, a cost of $450.

1. Manager’s Report

We now have a subscription to YouTube TV and can get a lot of

different channels including NBC Golf and local channels. We can either

pause it during the winter months or cancel in October and sign up

again in May.

We have put up some cameras outside the Clubhouse and Trail Cams

pointing at some greens (pictures go directly to the Managers phone)

to see what goes on after hours on the Golf Course Grounds. Hopefully

with everyone knowing this there will be a lot less damage being done

going forward.

I’ve been speaking with Midwest Golf Cars (who we currently get our

golf cars through) and Yamaha Golf &amp; Utility to see what our options for

golf cars are for next year.

After Board discussion, it is recommended that we continue our agreement with Midwest for at least one more year, and look into other options in the early part of 2026 for the 2027 season

1. Superintendent’s Report

Crew has leveled red tee boxes on 1, 5 & 8!!

Crew is busy cutting and trimming trees at the moment. Ramping up for a new Red tee box on #9 before the season is over. Green & Tee aeration is scheduled for the week of 9/15, fairways may get done depending on time.

Other fall projects include irrigation blown out, cart maintenance, equipment maintenance and a spray for mold towards the end of October after which the course will be closed.

Had some damage to the hole “plugs” during or after the big cup tournament. Very frustrating for Justin and his crew who work tirelessly to provide a beautiful course.

Projects for 2026 include increasing the par 3 (holes 4 & 7) Tee boxes to accommodate the amount of play we are receiving. No expected equipment needs and the Rough mower will need to be replaced in a few years. Please start financially planning for the replacement NOW.

1. Old Business-

Update on contracts for Morse Township, City of Ely and Lucky Boy

-Morse: current through 6/2026

-Ely: current through 5/20256

-Lucky Boy: current through 12/31/25, proposal for lease renewal being taken to city council

Update on the letters to Fall Lake and Town of Morse; they have been sent and thank you letters have been sent.

1. New Business

None

1. Meeting Adjourned @ 5:41
2. Next Meeting is Annual Meeting Monday September 15, 2025 @ 5:00pm