



ELY GOLF CLUB BOARD MEETING

June 23, 2026

5:00 pm – Clubhouse

- I. CALL TO ORDER** by President Linda EVB at 5:05pm
- II. ATTENDANCE:** Board members present were Linda EVB, Ruth Logar, Mary Levar, Ryan Mahoney, Scott Dreschler and Erik Kurnava (by phone). Employees present were Justin Hirdler and Connie Lindgren. Board member Deb Szutenbach was absent.
- III. MEMBER/VISITOR:** Bob Artisensi
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 26, 2026 meeting minutes approved as read
- V. NEW – OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Presidents Report/Events** – The Zup's Colored Ball Tournament on June 13 had 10 teams competing, with only 1 team withdrawing despite less than optimal weather. We sold 56 balls and the beer cart did well! The raffle took in a little less than last year. Thank you to Ryan for stepping in to help the clubhouse staff run the tournament in Linda's absence due to illness.
We are still working on designing a financial worksheet for tournaments which will give us a more accurate accounting of actual tournament profit/losses. This has been an ongoing issue for some years. Some costs of goods and alcohol have been charged to clubhouse costs and are not reflected in tournament costs. Connie is currently working on separating out tournament and clubhouse costs from this years tournaments to provide a more accurate report.
The next tournament is the Blueberry Par 3/Big Cup Tournament on July 18 which is sponsored by Burntside Electric.
Scorecard advertising has been updated with a couple new sponsors.
 - B. Finance** –Ruth gave a brief financial report. Connie is still updating QuickBooks but we are getting a better financial picture to date. Memberships are on track compared to last year but green fees and cart rentals are down. This seems to correlate with anecdotal reports from several businesses in town that tourism/visitors to Ely and the surrounding area are down this year. Hopefully, we will see business pick up during the peak season from July 4 to mid-August. Overall, our net income is still slightly better than at this time last year. Connie will have the books updated and the Finance Committee will also be meeting prior to our next meeting.

- C. Superintendent & Building/Grounds Report** – Justin has hired another employee to help him and Mark. One mower has been fixed but the other is now broken and may need to be replaced. He has asked MTI to design and give a quote for an irrigation system. He is still waiting for an estimate for fixing the garage that was damaged by a delivery truck earlier this season. He has contacted several people but no one has come out to see the damage and give him an estimate. He needs to get an estimate sometime soon so he can submit a claim for insurance. Linda will help him follow up with this.

Justin reported people continue to drive carts where they shouldn't and other ongoing damage to the course by both members and nonmembers. A discussion followed on how best to deal with this ongoing issue. Ryan is the Building and Grounds Chair and further suggestions should go through him so he can bring them up with Justin instead of everyone talking to Justin.

The Board will also follow up with a formal policy on how to deal with course infractions by members.

The course continues to be in great shape and gets complements from members and visitors.

- D. Manager's Report** – Connie asked for clarification on our youth golf policy and when they are allowed to golf without supervision. Youth under age 16 golf for free and after some discussion about who would be allowed to golf without adult supervision it was decided that kids 12 & under need someone 18 or over with them. Kids 13 – 16 can golf before 5pm by themselves, but need to follow the Junior Golf rules.

Previous discussion about decreased green fees and cart rentals led to a decision by the Board to direct clubhouse staff to no longer block out full (4 person) tee times for members when the course gets busy. This means that during busy weekends and in July and August members may be paired with other players in order to fully utilize the Tee Sheet and cart rentals to boost revenue for the course.

E. Committee Reports

- 1. Handicap** – Lori Casey wasn't present but had asked that the Board discuss and approve the handicap committees local recommendations for the scorecard after the recent MGA handicapping changes. After a discussion about the changes a motion to accept local recommendations to the scorecard was made by Scott D. and seconded by Mary L. and approved unanimously by the Board.
- 2. Youth Golf** – Mary L. reported a successful golf camp this year with 39 youth attending. All participants were fitted with clubs if they didn't have their own and will be allowed to use those clubs for the season. The clubs will be kept at the golf course. Thank you to the 12 volunteer coaches and clubhouse staff!

3. **Beautification** –Flowers have been planted and tee box gardens have all been adopted except for #6 back teebox and #9. It was suggested that Georgia Braun's family be contacted about taking over #6 as a memorial. Linda will contact them to see if this is something they would like to do.

F. Other Reports/Business

1. **2027 Cart Leasing update** – Ryan has been following up on leasing alternatives for 2027 in the event we need to find a new vendor. There was also discussion about possibly leasing fewer carts next year.
2. **Donation Letters** – Ruth will prepare letters requesting donations from Town of Morse and Fall Lake Township for Linda to sign and send.
3. **Georgia Braun memorial** – see Beautification committee report

VI. NEXT MEETING: Monday July 20, 2026 at 5pm in the clubhouse

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:48pm