



MINUTES
ELY GOLF CLUB BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2026

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** by President Linda EVB at 5:07pm at the clubhouse.
- II. **ATTENDANCE:** Present were Board members Linda EVB, Ruth Logar, Mary Levar, Ryan Mahoney, Scott Dreschler, Deb Szutenbach and Erik Kurnava (by phone) and Manager Connie Lindgren.
- III. **MEMBER/VISITOR:** none
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 23, 2026 meeting minutes approved as read
- V. **NEW – OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Presidents Report/Events** – The closure of the clubhouse for a couple days during the recent air quality events from the wildfires was the right decision. The fire situation has negatively impacted EGC as well as other Ely businesses and may continue to do so in the foreseeable future. The Blueberry Par 3/Big Cup tournament went ahead on the weekend with 13 teams playing (only 1 team didn't show up) and resulted in a 4 team playoff. The next tournament is the Big Cup on August 15.
Justin has reported that damage to the course has decreased. Cameras and evening monitoring by clubhouse staff seems to be having an impact so no further formal policy on course infractions by members will be developed at this time as it is already addressed in the bylaws. Continued vigilance from all of us is still warranted.
 - B. **Finance** –Ruth presented an updated financial report now that Connie has gotten QuickBooks up to date and after the finance committee meeting last week. Income is slightly down this year compared to last year but it is hard to compare as some categories were not reported the same with the switch to online Quickbooks. It will be easier to compare going forward next year. Expenses are up, mainly due to the need to replace a mower. Tournament costs are also now more accurately reflected in the reports. The Edward Jones account has done well over the past year. The possibility of opening it up to new memorial contributions and the possible tax liabilities associated with new contributions was discussed at the finance committee. Ruth will follow up with this Overall, with the decrease in tourist traffic earlier in the season

and now with the wildfire situation we anticipate our net income will probably be down this year.

- C. Superintendent & Building/Grounds Report** – The newly purchased mower was delivered and malfunctioned on day one. Linda will not sign the agreement until the repaired mower is returned. We currently have a loaner for the duration of the necessary repairs.

The golf course continues to be very dry. Justin and crew are watering which raises some concern about water usage. He will continue to monitor water usage.

Midway Builders provided an estimate for the damage to the garage and ECG received an insurance reimbursement of \$3800. Justin and crew will do the repairs.

- D. Manager's Report** – Connie reported updated scorecards are now being used. Review of Golf Now information showed that 4th of July week receipts increased \$5K over last year. ECG received a \$500 donation from Fall Lake Township. Connie will send out a thank you note.

Andy Brandau reached out to Connie and asked her to encourage the Board to consider restarting a Summer Youth Golf League. See comments under Other Reports/Business

E. Other Reports/ Business

- 1. Youth Golf** – The Board fully supported the suggestion from Andy Brandau to restart a Youth Golf league. Mary Levar will set up a meeting with Andy and begin gathering input and consult current volunteer Youth Golf Camp coaches about how to proceed.

2. Golf Cart Leasing for 2027

Several golf courses in the area including Giant's Ridge, Virginia and Eveleth use Versatile Vehicle out of Brainard for cart leasing. Ryan reported they could provide 20 EZ-Go carts (years 2020-2022) at the same \$20K price we have with our current contract with Midwest Golf Cars if we go with a 3 year lease. They suggested they could give a better price if we went with a 5 year lease. Connie will contact them to see what that would be and if the leasing price includes transport costs. In addition she and Ryan will contact the previously named courses for feedback about their satisfaction with Versatile Vehicle. Scott also suggested finding out what it would cost to buy our current fleet from Midwest Golf Cars.

3. Open Board Positions/Elections/Annual Meeting

Election announcement for 2 open board positions will be posted by August 11.

August 24 will be the deadline for members to sign up to run for the board. Connie will make up a ballot and members will start to vote on August 25. They will have until Sept. 15 at the annual meeting to complete voting. The annual meeting will be September 15 in the ECG clubhouse at 5pm.

VI. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday Sept. 15, 2026 at 4pm in the clubhouse, followed by Annual Meeting at 5pm

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:10pm