

**Thendara Golf Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2025**

Directors Present: P. Donnelly, A. Down, T. Down, K. Engelbrecht, K. Gagan, T. Harwood, S. Hirshfield, B. McCarthy, T. Noonan, J. Santamour, P. Venetz

Special Guests: R. Chapman, J. Fortier

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President T. Down.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: T. Down reported that copies of the June 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes were previously distributed via email to the Directors. Reading of the minutes was waived and a motion was made that they be accepted by T. Noonan and seconded by S. Hirshfield. A vote was taken by the Board to accept the minutes as written and approved by all.

GREENS COMMITTEE: J. Fortier reported.

- New dump site in the woods on the left side of 3 fairway
 - Plan to chip and clean it in the Fall
 - Will evaluate the possibility burning in the winter
 - Will resume using it immediately per T. Down
- Dump site on right side of 13 fairway
 - Approaching maximum capacity
- Right of 13 green from comfort station to back of the green
 - Planning to take down all trees 10' to 15' tall and to limb up taller trees
 - Will improve sun and airflow to 13 green
 - Will start after Member-Guest
- Between 10 and 11 fairways
 - Plan to trim with weed eater before Member-Guest
- Sidewinder mower going through Grasslands shop July 14 then will arrive at TGC shortly after
- Water usage
 - Purposely using less water to keep course dryer as it improves playability, makes the course more durable, decreases potential for disease in turf, and environmentally conscious
 - Year to date used 871,000 gallons in 2025 vs 4,979,000 in 2024
 - Obviously, some difference due to more rain in 2025 but not 4M gallons more
- Planning in-house heavy aeration to add sand to greens in the Fall
- Will look into acquiring a truck style rotary spreader
- Still planning deep tine aeration in Fall by outside vendor
- Verticut mower refurbished and cutting completed on approaches this week

A motion was made by A. Down to accept the Greens' Report and seconded by P. Venetz. A vote was taken to accept and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT: R. Chapman reported.

- Goal of 2025 budget is to have \$105,986.44 to spend on capital improvements and equipment
- Have already spent \$49,774.05 on new sprayer, fryer, tree project, electricity project, new ranger cart, cart barn wiring
- Additional capital improvements and equipment planned: aerator (\$45,000) and sidewinder mower (\$16,000)
- Additional capital improvements and equipment being considered: cart path patching and more stump grinding
- Expenses are above projected due to staff starting early to clean up course
- Overall down \$13,655.72, but at end of May was down \$40,592.34 as significantly improved weather has allowed rounds played to begin catching up to projected
- Through May rounds were 38% below projected, through June only 14% below projected

A motion was made by T. Harwood to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by K. Engelbrecht. A vote was taken to accept and carried unanimously.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: P. Donnelly reported.

- All set for Member Guest tournaments
- Planning to replace kitchen doors
- New outdoor furniture tabled until 2026
- Brad Birnie has ordered the part required to make new electrical service generator ready
- Issues in men's room have or are being addressed

A motion was made by T. Noonan to accept the House Report and seconded by J. Santamour. A vote was taken to accept and carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: No report.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: S. Hirschfield reported.

- Men's Member-Guest maxed out at 54 teams with 2 teams on waitlist
- Ladies Member-Guest all set for tomorrow

A motion was made by T. Harwood to accept the Tournament Report and seconded by A. Down. A vote was taken to accept and carried unanimously.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: No report.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE: No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No report.

BY LAWS COMMITTEE: No report.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE: B. McCarthy reported.

- TGC member Keith Stinton who is a lawyer reviewed the articles of incorporation and tax returns of TGC and Western Adirondack Golf Corporation and advised that creating an independent entity that could accept tax deductible donations for use on capital projects for the course and clubhouse is not legally possible
- The Long Range Planning Committee will begin to explore setting up a Capital Improvement Fund that could accept taxable donations
- The Long Range Planning Committee is already exploring other funding sources as well.

A motion was made by T. Noonan to accept the Special Projects Report and seconded by P. Donnelly. A vote was taken to accept and carried unanimously

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: No report.

FIVE YEAR PLAN COMMITTEE/LR PLANNING: T Harwood reported.

- Met June 22 to continue finalizing items/projects with their approximate costs on the spreadsheet that will be a working document
- The first major project being researched in depth is parking lot resurfacing and creation of a bag drop area
- Details of this proposed first major project will be shared at the next regular board meeting
- The committee has also taken on exploring the possibility of the Donald Ross Society Foundation being a funding source for course restoration
- Other potential funding sources such as grants and low interest loans are also being researched
- Next meeting is July 22

A motion was made by J. Santamour to accept the Five Year Plan/Long Range Planning Report and seconded by P. Venetz. A vote was taken to accept and carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

- New dump site in the woods left of 3 fairway covered in Greens Committee Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Generator
 - T. Down asked Joe Stefanko to evaluate TGC minimum requirements

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- T. Noonan asked BJ Queen to evaluate TGC minimum requirements
- Both contractors will be asked to submit detailed proposals
- Install will not even be considered until after the club closes in October depending on financial standing

A motion was made by T. Harwood for adjournment at 7:40 PM and seconded by T. Noonan. A vote was taken to accept and carried unanimously

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday August 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse.
The Western Golf Corporation Annual meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.
The TGC Annual meeting will follow at 7:30 pm.**

Notes compiled and respectfully submitted by Beth McCarthy – Secretary