

The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes January 8, 2024

Captain: Patti Bell

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Present: Patti Bell, Kerry Besmehn, Cindy Fuller, Camille Giuliodibari, Janet Gonzales, Cheryl Heusser (for Gloria Landry), Vicki Krattli, Barbara Nilsen, Marky Olsen, Mazie Rice, Millie Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle

Patti distributed 2024 Goals and Objectives. Janet Gonzales mentioned that in Section 3.c. participation in the Handicap Championship Tournament was not that low. With respect to the recommended survey to identify issues with the tournament, it was decided to have a hand survey at one of the lunches. The Board commended Patti for doing a good job on the document.

Patti asked that all Directors review their responsibilities.

Patti received a document from Diana Hallock with regard to SOP Changes. It was recommended that in Section 7., a., 3), d) that the Halloween and Charity tournaments be separated making d) Halloween, e) Charity, f) Turkey Shoot, g) 9/18 Mixer. Additionally, the 9/18 Mixer should be every year instead of every other year. Helen Varenkamp made a motion to approve the SOP changes, and Vicki Krattli seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the SOP changes will be made. Diana made more recommendations, but it was decided that Patti get back to Diana with respect to only one subject, which was donations to the Silver Creek Junior Girls Golf Team.

December 4, 2023 Minutes Approved

Mazie Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Kerry Besmehn seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the minutes are approved.

Co-Captain Report: Helen Varenkamp

Helen reported that the first Invitational meeting is January 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Patio Room. All reservations have been made, including for the Ice Room and Gazebo. February 29, the date of the General Meeting, will be the big theme reveal.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Heusser

Cheryl reported:

The ending Checking Account Balance is \$5,570.36 (which is favorable to budget by \$2,876.66)

The ending Savings Account Balance is \$3,003.83

VGC Report: Janis LeCompte – See Janis LeCompte's report at the end of the minutes. Mary Wagle presented the report due to Janis LeCompte's absence.

Playdays: Kerry Besmehn/Cindy Fuller

Kerry reported that there were 44 players for the first Captain's Trophy play day of the year. Michelle Chung won Captain's Trophy and Camille Giuliodibari won low putts. Patti will be able to look at the results of play days going forward.

Tournaments: Camille Giuliodibari/Millie Anne Schwerin

Camille reported that the meeting of tournament chairs will be on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at Donna Quartaro's house at 2:30 p.m. For the four Saturday Tournaments in 2024, Kerry will meet with Scott concerning the format of our first one. Patti may sit in on the meeting if Kerry would like her to.

Handicap: Janet Gonzales

Janet said that we have 17 handicap only ladies. Janet proposed that if these ladies decided to go to a club within The Villages, they don't have to be billed again the \$46 for NCGA. Janet will have Gloria write a check for the amount of \$3,236 for NCGA, when TBD (and the amount may change). Shonis will not belong to NCGA at this time.

Membership: Mazie Rice

Mazie reported that there are three new members who signed up over the holidays, and they started playing in 2024. Patti asked Mazie to send her the photos of the three new members.

Rules: Vicki Krattli

Vicki reported that a number of ladies are going to the NCGA rules school in February. It will be at Castlewood.

Mediation: Barbara Nilsen

Barbara had nothing to report this month.

Old Business**Review Preliminary Budget for 2024 and Approve**

Cheryl reviewed 2024 Budget dated December 31, 2023. After a thorough line-item review, a motion was made by Mary Wagle to approve the budget as presented, and Janet Gonzales seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the 2024 Budget dated December 31, 2023 is approved.

New Business**Reporting of Play Day Results**

Patti will email blast the leaderboards to the membership instead of just having the results posted on the website.

NCGA Club Representative Approval

Patti asked for approval to make Gloria Landry our NCGA representative to be our conduit for information to and from NCGA. Marky made a motion to approve Gloria Landry as our NCGA Representative, and Janet Gonzales seconded the motion. All were in favor, so Gloria will be the 18 Hole Ladies Club representative in 2024 to NCGA.

Partnership EC Report and Recommendations for 2024

Kitty Ohtaka has asked if Saturday play could be counted as being in the EC games. The period of play is April 1 through October 17, during which time 13 days are allotted. It was decided that Saturdays will not be counted in the EC games. It was also reported by Kitty that the rules are not being followed properly. Players should only fill in the improved number only and all cards need to be returned after each game.

General Meeting February 29**Action Items – a recap of decisions**

- SOP Changes approved
- 2024 Budget approved
- Gloria Landry as 2024 NCGA representative approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. – Next meeting will be on February 5, 3:00 p.m. Patio Room

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

Villages Ladies 18-Hole Board Meeting January 8, 2024
From VGC Meeting December 14, 2023

Opening Remarks – Ray Blinde and Teddy Morse have resigned their positions on the VGC. Mike Poelott will no longer be a voting member of the VGC. Debbie Moore, David Gonzales, and Dave Dimmick have joined the VGC.

GMS – GMS has finished topdressing. This will be a long-term process to improve fairway conditions. They will now start deep tine aeration which will also aid in conditioning the course. GMS has also started inter-seeding and mulching dead areas of the course. Slump holes have been filled with plugs. GMS is working on the 2 tees irrigation and culture of care will drive the course to examine tee areas needing enlarging. Tee areas on the par 3 course are being redefined and GMS is realigning the #1 tees on the 18-hole course.

Financial Analysis – October green fee revenue was \$2.8K unfavorable to budget but YTD was \$26.2K favorable. Golf revenue is 45.5K favorable through October. Golf expenses were \$31.3K favorable YTD. Combined revenue and expenses are \$78K favorable YTD.

Geese Reduction – Ray Blinde made a motion to the CBOD to continue hazing through February and to add money to the budget for addling as a yearly activity. The process should be announced in the Villager 2 weeks prior to the start of addling through completion so people who find nests can report them. The reasons addling was not as successful this year was due to: colder weather meant geese laid eggs later resulting in a bumper crop of geese after addlers had left, not hazing the geese in January and February off the course (which meant geese were not laying on the course), the contractor did not check the course for nests where many were found, we did not publicize that we were addling so we had no resident participation in reporting nests.

Bunker Project – The project has commenced, and design is underway. Any golfers having comments or suggestions can bring them to VGC members or Mike Poellott. Primary objectives being considered are: a refreshed look, reestablishment of bunker edging and reshaping as necessary, unfair challenges to be corrected, reshaping some bunkers for easy access, reduction in size and/or elimination of some bunkers, possible addition of some bunkers for strategic value, addition of capillary lining for drainage improvement, replacement of sand with new white sand for enhanced visibility. The design process will include detailed plans and sketches hole by hole.

Culture of Care – Janis had requests from the 18-hole women's club to remove tubing from the bunkers and asked if there could be cross training for staff to learn golf genius. Scott reported that Owen is being cross trained and Mark will have his crew remove the tubing. If you notice tubing, please let Janis know so she can report it to Mark. She also mentioned that there should be stop signs on all exit areas from the cat paths to the streets. Apparently, there are some stop signs missing.

Club Board Report – Bob stated that a walk through with the VGC and EVF will occur prior to the Request for Proposal for the bunkers being released. There has not been a decision made about how to operate the course for golfers during the renovation. Also, white sand is very expensive so a decision on sand has not been finalized.