

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes  
May 6, 2024**

**Captain: Patti Bell**

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Present:** Patti Bell, Cindy Fuller, Camille Giuliiodibari, Janet Gonzales, Vicki Krattli, Barbara Nilsen, Mazie Rice, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle

**April 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes** - Mazie made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Janet. All were in favor, so the minutes are hereby approved.

**Co-Captain Report: Helen Varenkamp-** the Invitational trophies were ordered and already came in. Everyone on the committee is either done with their area of responsibility or they are proceeding ahead of schedule. Janis was asked to mention the issue of pock-marked greens to the VGC. Donna will be meeting with Kathy Kyne regarding signs.

**Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry-** no report.

**VGC Report: Janis LeCompte** – The report is attached to these minutes.

**Playdays: Kerry Besmehn/Cindy Fuller-** Cindy reported as follows:

April 2024 we had 794 players and paid \$1,323 in sweeps

April 2023 we had 750 players and paid \$1,370 in sweeps

Cindy said she received a request from Pam Schramm to get a pdf of the roster. Before doing this, Patti said she will speak with Pam to determine the purpose of this.

**Tournaments: Camille Giuliiodibari/Millie Anne Schwerin-** Camille reported that Beat the Pro was played on March 18. There were 52 players, and 14 actually did beat the pro. It was recommended that the June 13 no sweeps day be changed to a two-person scramble format and that sweeps be paid. Therefore, Patti and Kerry will meet with Scott and James to discuss this recommended change. June 6 is Guest Day, which is perfect day to bring Invitational guests out for a practice round. According to Vicki, the qualifying round of the Handicap Tournament went well. There was an issue with a person who can't play on an alternate day, so the SOP's were reviewed. According to the SOP's, if opponents are unable to agree on a day for their match, the Tournament Chair and the Captain shall meet with them to schedule a mutually agreed upon date for play.

**Handicap: Janet Gonzales/Marky Olsen-** Janet reported that they are still signing-up the Shonis, and they are up to 29 at present.

**Membership: Mazie Rice-** we currently have 118 active members. Mazie sent out a new roster, and the only change is Deb Woods changed to her new married name of Kaczmarek.

**Rules: Vicki Krattli-** Vicki spoke with Men's Club Treasurer and NCGA rules official, Don Chaisson, recently regarding having a rules seminar. More information will follow soon.

**Mediation: Barbara Nilsen-** there is nothing to report on for the month.

**Old Business**

**History of 18 Hole Ladies albums-** Helen and Patti have the albums, and it was recommended that Helen write up an email for Patti to distribute which lets our membership know that these albums will be available at two upcoming lunches (and stored in the Posting Room in between the lunches) for ladies to take whatever they want. Thereafter, everything will be trashed or recycled, as appropriate.

**Common Course Courtesy – Etiquette** - Patti distributed the document “Common Course Courtesy – Etiquette” to all members. It was recommended to Barb Nilsen that she take one section from the document and present it to attendees at lunch on Thursday, and additional etiquette topics be presented at a few more lunch meetings. The BOD recommended that this is important as team play and tournament play are ramping up starting in the month of May.

**Saturday Tournament May 18** – Mary reported that she and Debbie Moore have 40 players (ten foursomes), and there is one on the wait list. Since the tee sheet filled-up in two days, it is recommended for the two remaining tournaments that ladies know in advance when sign-ups will begin. The game on May 18 will be a cha-cha-cha, then lunch will be held at Montgomery Center (hot dogs, potato salad, fruit salad, and dessert supplied by Kerry and Lo) with an option to bring bathing suits and swim or sunbathe after lunch. Helen recommended that we tell ladies that lunch is at 1:00 p.m. to allow enough time for all ladies to finish golf. For next year, we will try to get a shotgun start and more time slots for more foursomes. Mary will announce at lunch Thursday that the wait list is re-opening, as there will likely be some dropouts.

### **New Business**

**V Pendants and Bells**- Diana would like to purchase two more pendants and bells. Janet made a motion to approve the purchase, the motion was seconded by Vicki. All were in favor, so Patti will let Diana know that the purchase is approved.

### **Action Items:**

- Patti Bell to speak with Pam Schramm regarding usage of the pdf of our roster
- Patti Bell and Kerry Besmehn to speak with Scott and James regarding making June 13 a two-person scramble and pay out sweeps
- Helen Varenkamp to write up an email for Patti Bell to distribute to the membership about having the historical albums available at two lunches (and stored in the Posting Room in between) so that members can take whatever they want, and then dispose of any leftover photos and documents thereafter
- Barb Nilson to present a section of the Etiquette document at this Thursday's lunch
- Mary Wagle to announce at this Thursday's lunch that the wait-list for the Saturday Tournament on May 18 has been re-opened
- Patti Bell will advise Diana Hallock to purchase two more pendants and bells.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm**

**The next meeting is on Monday, June 3, 3:00 p.m. in the Patio Room**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Wagle, Secretary

**Villages Ladies 18-Hole Board Meeting May 6, 2024**  
**From VGC Meeting April 11, 2024**

Opening Remarks – Rob asked the committee to look over Janis LeCompte’s Course Report in her absence and direct questions to her.

GMS Report – Mark Wilson reported that fairway topdressing on the big course is 50% complete and the par-3 course 20% complete. His team is trying out new equipment to decide what equipment needs replacing and at what cost. There is still not a conclusive diagnosis on the creek leak, but they are filling the creek hoping for a visible answer when it’s full. Test bunkers will be happening in late May. Cart path repairs will start on April 15<sup>th</sup>, slurry application April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Culture of Care – Scott and Mark will make an evaluation of the tee boxes based on the Tee Box report and present their findings at the next meeting.

Golf Operations – Scott reported March had 12 days of rain and three red flag days so about \$39K in green fees were lost. Yellow buttons were installed along the yellow penalty area on 9, and 18 will be done next week. Golf revenue rounds up 7% for the fiscal year.

Rules/Geese - Dave Dimmick reported that geese addling is continuing through the end of April, with hazing to begin in May.

Financial Report – David Gonzales reported February green fees are down 28% probably due to rain. Fiscal ytd green fees is \$5.5k favorable. February total golf revenue is down 35.7% unfavorable to budget. Total ytd golf revenue is up 1%, \$20K. Employee expenses are 13.5% over budget. Operating expenses are 9.7% over budget. The water bill overcharge is still not resolved.

Revenue – Mary Wagle had 50 golfers with 49 staying for dinner. The next Nine and Dine is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday sweeps on March 17<sup>th</sup> had 47 players and 28 staying for dinner. April 14<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> are the next scheduled Sunday sweeps. The Swinger/Shoni mixer is April 16<sup>th</sup> and the first Friday night twilight is on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Couples Invitational is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Board Liaison – Bob Krattli reported that the budget for next year will be challenging. Insurance has gone up exponentially, wages are increasing, and water/sewer costs are increasing. Not all the VGC wants are going to happen immediately so be patient.

Open Discussion – Betty Hall is concerned that the divots on the Par-3 course are not being addressed by maintenance. Scott said he would investigate. As a reminder, we ALL need to fix our divots, even ones that may not be ours. Betty also mentioned carts are being driven too close to the greens. Scott will have entrance and exit poles installed. Clay Curtin wants to re-imagine the set-up of the May 4<sup>th</sup> Club expo to include male representatives present to speak about 6 clubs to attendees. Gail Tuft asked Scott when we should expect new flags and he responded any day.