

The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes February 5, 2024

Captain: Patti Bell

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Patti Bell, Kerry Besmehn, Janet Gonzales, Janis LeCompte, Barbara Nilsen, Mazie Rice, Millie Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle

Patti distributed the definition of a putt, as the USGA Rules of Golf do not define putts, but refers to strokes taken on the putting green. The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association defines putts as follows, and this is an SOP addition:

- Any stroke made at the ball while on the green is considered a putt.
- If you chip a ball that is on the green, it is considered a putt.
- If you putt your ball off the green, the next stroke is a chip, no matter what club you use.
- If your next stroke from off the green goes in the hole, it is a chip-in.

Patti discussed another SOP addition, which is posting. When you play less than 18 holes, but more than nine holes, you must enter your score hole-by-hole, and the computer will calculate the differential using the expected score on those holes not played. All nine holes, on the same front or back nine, must be played for a nine-hole score to be acceptable. There are three posting options for hole-by-hole, which are: Nine Hole Score, 18 Hole Score, or 10 – 17 Hole Score.

Patti said that the NCGA billing was sent to Villages Accounting on January 15, and it will show on the February HOA statement.

Co-Captain Report: Helen Varenkamp

Helen reported that the first Invitational committee meeting was January 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Patio Room. Planning is underway, and the theme reveal will be at the General Meeting on February 29. The next committee meeting will be on February 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Patio Room.

January 8, 2024 Minutes Approved: Mary Wagle

Patti Bell made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Janet Gonzales seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry

No report.

VGC Report: Janis LeCompte – See Janis LeCompte's report at the end of the minutes.

Playdays: Kerry Besmehn/Cindy Fuller

Kerry reported that there were 147 players in the month of January with \$316 in sweeps paid out. This is 46 more players than January 2023 and \$100 more in sweeps paid out. Kerry has been working with Shoni's Captain, Betty Hall, and they have scheduled an 18 Hole Ladies/Shonis Mixer on November 12, followed by lunch. Captain's Trophy play days are February 29 and March 7. They were unable to change the Saturday Tournament time from 8:30 to 8:00.

Tournaments: Camille Giuliobari/Millie Anne Schwerin

Millie Anne reported that the meeting of tournament chairs was on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at Donna Quartaro's house at 2:30 p.m. All documents are now posted on the website, and all chairs have their binders, with the exception of the Turkey Shoot.

Handicap: Janet Gonzales

Janet reported that she has been working with Delma Juarez from the Swingers on the NCGA billing,

and the total for both clubs is \$9,952. The Shonis are going to join NCGA, so they are starting the process. Janet said that she is now getting the Villages Resident Change Report, so this will help her maintain a more accurate membership list for our club. Janet told Patti that she would update the email distribution list.

Membership: Mazie Rice

Mazie reported that there are four new members for 2024. This brings the total up to 119 (66 are dual members of the Swingers, and nine of those are Swingers Primary).

Rules: Vicki Krattli

No report. Patti said that there will be additional rules seminar opportunities in 2024, and she will provide the information.

Mediation: Barbara Nilsen

Barbara reported that a dispute has come up, but she was not going to discuss the details at this time, as the dispute is being worked out.

Old Business

Past Captain's Lunch

This has been changed from February 8 to February 15.

New Business

General Meeting

Patti reported that the General Meeting will be on February 29, and she has asked Janis to give a VGC Report. This will be added to the agenda.

Partnership EC – Loanne Rube and Geri Wilk

Patti reported on the 2024 EC Rules.

- Tournament sign-up begins March 7, and play will run April 4 through October 17.
- After selection of a partner, sign-up on the registration sheet and place \$10 per two-person team in an envelope and give it to Loanne or Geri at lunch on a Thursday.
- A team consists of two players on any combination of tees (example #2 and #2, #2 and #2/#3 combo, or #2/#3 combo and #2/#3 combo). Once registered, no change in tee assignments is allowed.
- Players and partners will keep track individually of the lowest gross score per hole on up to eight EC play dates on the EC scorecard. Team handicap and flights will be based on July 1 handicaps. Team handicaps will be determined by the total of both handicaps divided by two. If the spread between partners is more than eight strokes, the higher handicap will be adjusted down to comply with the eight-stroke maximum spread.
- Play eight games out of the following 14 dates: April 4, 11, or 25; May 2 or 30; June 27; July 18 or 25; August 1, 22 or 29; September 26; October 10 or 17.
- On a play day, EC cards will be taken out from the EC box on the registration table. The entire score is recorded on the first day of play. On subsequent EC play days, the holes where there is improvement only should have the score recorded. Each day of play, the card must be attested by someone in the playing group who is not an EC partner. All EC cards must be returned immediately after play to the EC box, and not taken home. If cards are not returned on the day of play, that day will be considered disqualified. If an EC card is taken out of the box, the score must be attested even if no score is improved for any hole.

Action Items – a recap of decisions

No votes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. – Next meeting will be on March 4, 2024, 3:00 p.m. Patio Room

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

Villages Ladies 18-Hole Board Meeting February 5, 2024
From VGC Meeting January 11, 2024

Deep tine aerating has begun on holes 10,11, and 18. This will be ongoing. Inter-seeding of thin spots on the fairways is nearing completion. The high traffic areas (gates) and other thin areas of the rough will be next. Bunkers are being tilled and are about 50% complete with the sand being redistributed throughout the bunkers. GMS is working on irrigation for #2 tees but may be delayed as tee sizes are being reevaluated. Sprinklers were added to the turf reduction area. There may be a leak in the creek area of 9/18. It is being addressed. Tree trimming has been done on holes 13,14,16, and 17. Bunker tubing has been removed.

Golf Operations – Member rounds of 18 holes, 9 holes and par 3 course were all up YTD by 4%. Pro Shop holiday sale was a moderate success with \$13,000 in sales. The removal of three hazardous eucalyptus trees is pending.

Culture of Care – Janis and Mike Schwerin drove the course to assess the #2 tee box sizes. They felt that more information was needed as the sizes depend on the amount of play as well as who plays from the boxes. However, it was observed that holes #5 and 9 seemed somewhat smaller. They also noted that all the tee boxes need better definition. They found three tee boxes that were in particularly poor condition -#2, 5, and 13. The tee box on 17 appears not to be level. Rob asked Bev Poellot to have the Six Clubs report on tee box play to help to analyze use.

Financial Analysis – Green fees through November show a favorable variance of \$31,500. Golf revenue through November shows a favorable variance of \$45,400. Golf surplus YTD shows a surplus of \$108,300. GMS invoicing will correct the overage once obtained.

Revenue Generating – Two reps from the Six Golf Clubs will attend New Resident Orientation on January 24th to promote golf. The Six Golf Clubs is welcoming Doug Moore as the incoming Men's Club President. Two Swingers exchanges will be coordinated by Mary on March 12 and October 17 to replace the annual Invitational. Mary will be meeting with Scott on January 17th to plan afternoon tournaments for members and guests as well as a spring Couples Invitational. She will also work with the Shonis on the Clyne Solely Tournament.

Club Board Report – there is nothing new to report.

General Discussion – Mike Schwerin made a motion to recommend the golf course be open for play on Christmas Day going forward. Dave Dimmick seconded the motion. A draft will be drawn, and a memo will be sent to the CBOD with this recommendation. Susie Q Conklin brought an issue to the VGC about a penalty area needing better definition. Dave Dimmick will work with the Rules Chairs of Six Golf Clubs to resolve the issue and propose solutions to the management team, if any are needed.