

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes
April 1, 2024**

Captain: Patti Bell

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Patti asked Camille for a hard copy of the tournament list. Patti also reminded everyone that all Board Members should be attending the lunches after golf on Thursdays.

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

History of the 18 Hole Ladies- Vivian Brown attended the meeting, and she brought with her some albums from three boxes of historical documents that were formerly located in the storage cage at the Corporation Yard. Since there is no longer room in the cage to store the three boxes, they are now at Vivian's house. It was decided that Vivian will ask Judy Rodriguez to help sort through the contents in order to dispose of things that are no longer necessary.

March 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes - Gloria 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- sign-ups are complete, and there is a full field of 36 teams. There are also 57 two person teams for the horse race. Everything is on schedule for planning.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- from the March 29 financial report, income is \$16,229.36, expenses \$1,356.94, leaving a checkbook balance of \$14,871.42. The savings account balance is \$3,004.21.

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

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

March 2024 we had 304 players and paid \$419 in sweeps

March 2023 we had 101 players and paid \$360 in sweeps

YTD 2024 we had 631 players and paid \$1,124 in sweeps

YTD 2023 we had 466 players and paid \$973 in sweeps

Tournaments: Camille Giuliiodibari/Millie Anne Schwerin- The Charity Tournament on March 14 to benefit Hospice of the Valley resulted in \$5,660 being collected for their organization. Beat the Pro is the next tournament on April 18. It will be one best ball of each twosome for scoring.

Handicap: Janet Gonzales/Marky Olsen- Janet reported that she and Marky have signed-up 24 Shonis to get their NCGA handicaps.

Membership: Mazie Rice- we currently have 118 active members. Mazie is now getting the move in/move out report, which will help her track membership numbers more accurately.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki worked with Monica to create the Match Play rules.

Mediation: Barbara Nilsen- Barbara handed out the document "Common Course Courtesy – Etiquette" to all Board Members. After the meeting, she will email a soft copy to everyone requesting their feedback on the document no later than April 7. Barbara would like to have a final document ready by April 15. The document would then be distributed and discussed at the May 2 luncheon after golf.

Old Business

Saturday Tournament Report March 16- Kerry said that there were 40 players. Everybody was able to go out earlier than their appointed tee time. After golf, there was a pizza and salad luncheon at Kerry and Lo's house. All of the ladies thoroughly enjoyed the tournament. The May 18 tournament will be handled by Debbie Moore and Mary Wagle.

New Business

Handicap Tournament Qualifier (May 2)- Vicki said they have 45 players, and there could be more that will sign up, as the deadline is April 15.

Action Items:

- Camille will give Patti a hard copy of the tournament list for 2024
- Vivian Brown will contact Judy Rodriguez regarding sorting the three boxes of historical documents
- All BOD members will get their comments to Barbara on the soft copy document, "Common Course Courtesy – Etiquette"

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

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From VGC Meeting March 14, 2024

GMS Report – It took 484 labor hours to clean up the storm debris from February storms. Aeration of fairways is near completion and 90% of roughs and tees have been sprayed for English daisies. They are testing new equipment, which is run off lithium batteries, so they run lighter and won't leak fluid.

Culture of Care - Janis, Mike Schwerin, and David Gonzales reported that according to guidelines, 50 of the 90 tees are too small, with #1 & #2 tees being the biggest problem. The Culture of care team, Scott, and Mark will re-evaluate tee boxes and prioritize changes needed. Janis and Helen will be driving the course starting this month to evaluate course conditions for the Ladies invitational.

Golf Operations – Golf operations were down 9% due to the wet February including 15 days of rain, 4 black flag days and 8 red flag days. The expense for the course clean-up was approximately \$100,000 but hopefully revenue will help make up the deficit in the next few months. It was discussed to possibly remove broken Kirby markers and replace them with cheaper alternatives. No final decision was made.

Rules/Geese – Dave Dimmick reported that more yellow stakes have been placed on 9 and 18 to resolve the penalty area issues. Geese egg addling will begin on the 18th and continue for 4 weeks. Hazing will continue.

Financial Report - David Gonzales reported that green fees were down 19% in January. Revenue was down 9%. January employee expenses were up 10% and January total operating expenses were 3.5% over budget. The water company has confirmed they made a \$100,000 error on our water bill and will correct it.

Revenue Generating – Mary Wagle reported that the 18-Hole Women and Swingers mixer was a huge success. 94 players, 91 stayed for lunch. The Swingers Exchange had 88 attendees. Sunday sweeps will begin on March 17th. The first Wednesday Nine and Dine is April 3rd and the Swinger/Shoni mixer is April 16th.

Golf Architect – Mike Poellot updated the bunker project progress. The team met in February to present preliminary design plans. Plans were approved and construction documents were authorized to proceed. In March GMS reviewed each bunker to assess the square footage of sod needed to repair disturbed areas. An interview with a second construction manager was cancelled due to illness of the contractor. Mike brought up the issue of the turf reduction project on hole #8 and expressed disappointment that the area has lost several plants due to neglect and over spraying of weed chemicals, killing many of the plants. This was not his vision and he asked that the Board address this issue. Bob Krattli will bring it to the next CBOD meeting.

Open Discussion – Teddy Morse asked about Par 3 course bunkers. Mike assured her that Par 3 course is part of the bunker plan. Mike also brought up that it would be nice to have names for our 2 courses instead of the big and little courses. Bev Poellot thanked Scott for making the Saturday slots available to the women 4 times a year.