

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes**  
**June 3, 2024**

**Captain: Patti Bell**

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Patti requested that we give James Rogers \$250 as a farewell gift. Mary made a motion to give James \$250, and the motion was seconded by Janet. All were in favor, so Gloria wrote a check for Patti to give to James with our card that everyone at the meeting signed. Also, Patti said that she appointed Kerry to be on the Nominating Committee from the Board. Additional names suggested to Patti for the committee: Jay Lee, Kathy Kyne, Betty Sharps, Sue Daughtrey, and Kathy Apgar. The committee needs to be formed prior to the June 27 General Meeting. Vacancies on the Board will be Co-Captain, Handicap, Tournaments, and Playdays.

**Present:** Patti Bell, Kerry Besmehn, Cindy Fuller, Camille Giuliodibari, Janet Gonzales, Gloria Landry, Barbara Nilsen, Marky Olsen, Mazie Rice, Millie Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle. Also present was a guest, Gisele Barber, Captain of the Swingers.

**May 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes** - Marky made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Kerry. All were in favor, so the minutes are hereby approved.

**Co-Captain Report: Helen Varenkamp**- the Invitational is 95% ready to go. Janis and Helen are driving the course to make sure that maintenance issues are being addressed. There is concern about brown spots on the fairways, the low water level in some of the ponds, and the dirty water in the streams preventing golfers from finding their balls. For the bar-b-que, it was decided to go with a 5:30 p.m. start time at The Gazebo.

**Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry**- the 2024 Actual Spending/Budget report was distributed. Gloria said that the check book balance is \$14,551.35. Also, \$3,004.21 is being reserved for a WGANC open day, which could be coming up next year.

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

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

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Patti said she spoke with Pam Schramm about getting a pdf of the roster. Pam just wanted to have it on her computer, and for no other purpose. There were some problems with play last Thursday, May 30, Captain's Trophy Day. One of the ladies had an incorrect tee assignment, and then two ladies played each other's balls, resulting in their disqualification. The results of the day will be redone, and money re-distributed. For this Thursday, June 8, the Guest Day will be the same format as the first day of the Invitational, which is play from the 3/2 combo tees and two best balls of the foursomes. For June 13, there are already 18 foursomes playing the same format as the second day of the Invitational, which is everyone going from the #2 tees and a two-person team scramble.

**Tournaments: Camille Giuliodibari/Millie Anne Schwerin**- the Handicap Tournament went well, but the byes made it more difficult. It was suggested by the Board Members that going forward play should be from the #2 tees only. Patti requested photos of the Champion and Co-Champion, so she will contact Barb Weisend to get them. To prepare better for the Handicap Tournament in the future, it was also suggested to have a few match-play games earlier in the year. Mary reported that for the May 18 Saturday Tournament, she incorrectly thought there were cash payouts, but instead sweeps should have been paid. Kerry said she will work this out with the Pro Shop to make sure no sweeps are paid. Also, there was a misunderstanding about the policy at The Villages governing bringing your own alcohol at the lunch we had at Montgomery Center. Therefore, Patti emailed us two flow charts, which clarified the process for events being held at Villages centers in the future where alcohol is being consumed. Mary suggested that we either have the lunches at private residences or we have lunches at the Clubhouse if there's alcohol involved. Kitty Ohtaka will run the

July 20 Saturday Playday, and Millie Anne and Camille will help her. For next year, we might ask for an 8:00 a.m. start for tee times, and maybe have one additional Saturday.

**Handicap: Janet Gonzales/Marky Olsen-** Janet reported that they signed up 31 Shonis already. Marky is doing more, including the team play cards.

**Membership: Mazie Rice-** we currently have 120 members. Mazie distributed the new roster right before the meeting. For the month we have two new members, Tamsen Burke and Carol Patterson.

**Rules: Vicki Krattli-** Vicki was absent, but it was recommended by Janet that we provide a link to the NCGA rules for our members. Also, Janet would like to see our members download the USGA app.

**Mediation: Barbara Nilsen-** there was an issue that came up during the month, but it was handled.

### **Old Business**

**History of 18 Hole Ladies albums-** the albums were displayed for people to take what they wanted and the remainder thrown away.

**V Pendant and Bells-** Patti modified the order with Diana Hallock to two bells for \$1,246.92 (tax included), and one gold V pendant for \$492.14 (tax included). The club paid \$150 towards the gold pendant, and the winner of the Handicap Tournament pays \$342.14 for the upgrade to gold.

### **New Business**

**General Meeting-** it is on June 27. Some Board Members will be at an away tournament and unable to attend.

**Name Tags-** Marky suggested that 18 Hole Ladies get name tags similar to what the Shonis and Swingers currently have. Mazie said she will look into this and get the information to Patti.

### **Action Items:**

- Patti will form a Nominating Committee to be approved on June 27.
- Kerry Besmehn will have the Captain's Trophy play day results re-done for Patti to send out to our membership.
- Vicki Krattli will provide a link to the NCGA rules to our membership.
- Mazie will gather information on name tags, and get the information over to Patti.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm**

**The next meeting is on Monday, July 1, 3:00 p.m. in the Patio Room**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Wagle, Secretary

**Villages Ladies 18-Hole Board Meeting June 3, 2024**  
**From VGC Meeting May 9, 2024**

Opening Remarks - Rob Howe suggested that rule 1.14 may need updating regarding cart entrance and exit polls, the yellow lines, 90-degree rule, Par-3 cart rules, and better definition of the code of conduct. Dave Dimmick, Mike Schwerin, David Gonzales, and Bob Krattli will form a subcommittee to make recommendations.

GMS Report – The sand in the bunker at Montgomery will be replaced with the G3 sand and a refresh will be done later this month. Entrance and exit poles have been placed on the Par 3 course. Repurposed eucalyptus chips were spread behind #6 green. More to be added. Sand is being tilled in the bunker and sand is being redistributed.

Culture of Care – Janis shared 3 pictures sent to her from golfers concerning issues on the course. Bunker marks have already been addressed to the crew by Mark. The juniper at the street between 15/16 has been trimmed. Scott and Mark are aware of the eucalyptus on #7 that needs attention. Janis and David Gonzales went over tee box sizes with Mark and Scott. Mike, David, and Janis will prioritize boxes needing enlargement.

Golf Operations – Mia has moved to the business office and Michael Webber is no longer available. Interviewing for new staff is ongoing. Cart path repairs and slurry is complete. Holes 9 and 15 will be getting new trees in the coming weeks.

Rules/Geese – the yellow hazard dots are now completed on holes 9/18. Four Paws will commence hazing May 17-June 14. Dave Dimmick also brought up concerns of too many outside tournaments. Dave, Scott, Rob, and Bob will investigate various options, including increasing HOA fees, green fees and whether the budget can support itself without outside play income.

Financial Report - March green fees were down 20%, likely due to rain. March revenue is down 10% to budget and YTD down 1%. March employee expenses were 21% over budget. The water bill has been resolved.

CBOD Liaison – Bob discussed rule 1.14 and mentioned there was some confusion as to the interpretation of it during the disciplinary sessions. This will be discussed at the new subcommittee meeting. Bob also said that a priority list is required as to wants and needs from the VGC. Budget is being put together by the board.