

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

Captain: Patti Bell

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Present: Patti Bell, Kerry Besmehn, Camille Giuliiodibari, Janet Gonzales, Vicki Krattli, Gloria Landry, Janis LeCompte, Barbara Nilsen, Marky Olsen, Mazie Rice, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle. Also present was a guest, Dianne Doughty.

Legacy Open Day- Dianne Doughty informed the Board that we have received a request to host an Open Day in 2025. In 2024, there are 19 Open Days, and 12 of those are open to everyone. Only 12 of our members participated in 2023. Also, in 2023, we had to subsidize over \$900 for the Open Day (participating clubs can't charge greens fees, only carts), and in 2025 it will be even more. Vicki explained that the five-year process with Legacy will expire at the end of 2024; however, it was noted that we don't seem to have a dated agreement with them. For an Open Day, a minimum of 26 players/maximum of 38 players is required. We discussed raising the entry fee to \$100 per person for an Open Day at The Villages. It was decided that Patti will find three possible dates for an Open Day in 2025, and Patti will relay those dates to Dianne. After that, we will wait to hear back from Dianne, and then we will decide what to do about planning the event and raising the entry fee. It was noted that La Rinconada dropped Legacy Open Days.

June 3 Meeting Minutes: Mary Wagle- Barb 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 was a huge success. Helen said that she and the committee got 99% positive feedback. The costumes were great, and carts were decorated in the theme of Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Dayz of Summer. Helen thanked the Board Members who participated in the Invitational Committee (Patti, Kerry, Vicki, Gloria, Janis, Barb, Mazie, Millie Anne, and Mary). Helen said that the food arranged by Kerry with Golden Harvest and the Clubhouse was excellent. The Invitational Wrap-Up Party was held on Saturday, June 29, at Mary's house where recommendations were made for future events.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- the 2024 Actual Spending/Budget report was distributed. Gloria said that the check book balance is \$12,521.16. Also, \$3,004.21 is in savings earmarked for the WGANC Legacy Tournament.

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

Playdays: Kerry Besmehn/Cindy Fuller- Kerry reported as follows: We had 7% more players year to date at 1,592 as compared to 1,490 in 2023. There will be no play on July 4 due to the holiday. Play will be on July 10, Wednesday, due to The Evergreen Invitational, and she reminded everyone to post their own scores. On Thursday, July 18, there will be a modified cha-cha-cha with A-B-C-D players on each team. For the July 20 Saturday Tournament, sign up with Camille. Lunch will be at 2:00 p.m. at Mary Wagle's house. The next Saturday Tournament after this will be on November 2. On July 25, there will be no sweeps, which is the date exchanged for June 13. It will be an EC day. August 29 will be a sweeps day. On October 19 there will be a Bocce Tournament and BBQ lunch for the three ladies golf clubs, and Kerry is working with Shoni's Captain, Betty Hall, on this. On November 12, there will be a Shoni and 18 Hole tournament on the Par 3 course.

Tournaments: Camille Giuliiodibari/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. The Club Championship will be on two days this year, September 12 and 19.

Handicap: Janet Gonzales/Marky Olsen- Janet was looking into new stroke allocation for the hole-by-hole handicap rating for the #2 tees. However, those assisting seemed to lose interest once they heard that NCGA does not recommend having different hole-by-hole handicapping per tee sets on the same course (example #2 tees vs. #2/3 combo). Janet still has the data if there's an interest in this for the future.

Membership: Mazie Rice- name tag information is being collected, and then Mazie will send in the order to Frankie's. A motion was made by Marky to give all new members a free name tag going forward, the motion was seconded by Patti, and all were in favor of this. Mazie also recommended that we have a New Member Party to welcome them and go over important information about our club, and each ladies' Big Sisters will also be invited. Mazie made a motion to have a party at a budgeted cost of \$300, Vicki seconded the motion, and all were in favor of this.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki said that she got a whiteboard for demonstrations of rules.

Mediation: Barbara Nilsen- Barb will write an article for the membership on how to handle it when someone in their foursome counts their score incorrectly. The article will explain how to approach the player, and how the player should respond as a result of being questioned.

Old Business

V Pendant and Bells- Patti has received the bell, and she is waiting to get the V pendant from the jeweler.

Saturday Tournament- Camille reported that she has 40 for the July 20 event, with one person on the wait list. The invitation for lunch only went out to a select few ladies. The cost of the lunch is \$5 and it will be at Mary's house.

Name Tags- Mazie said there are currently 24 members who want name tags.

New Business

Calendar 2025- The proposed calendar was reviewed. Team Play Captains will know at the end of August the date for Team Play at The Villages in 2025.

Proposed SOP Change- Kerry proposed a change, page 7, D. Play Section 1. d. "Members must sign up on Chelsea or with the Pro Shop by the Tuesday night before the Thursday Play Day. If the Member does not sign up by Tuesday night they can follow the field, participate in Birdies and Chip Ins but are not allowed to participate in sweeps nor the tournament." This will affect the numbering order, so the original d. would become e. and there will be re-ordering from d. through k. Kerry will send this proposed change to Annie Bassford to fine tune, then bring it back to the Board for approval next month.

Action Items:

- Patti will give Dianne Doughty three possible dates for the Legacy Open Day at The Villages.
- Mazie will finish collecting names for name tags, then send the order to Frankie's.
- Mazie will schedule a New Member Party.
- Kerry will send the SOP change to Annie Bassford for fine-tuning.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

Villages Ladies 18-Hole Board Meeting July 1, 2024
From VGC Meeting June 13, 2024

Opening Remarks - Rob Howe opened the meeting by highlighting the work the VGC has sponsored with Scott and Mark over the last few years which includes:

- 1) A rewrite of 1.14 with another iteration currently ongoing
- 2) Turf reduction
- 3) Golf course priorities to the CBOD including
 - a) Bunker renovation
 - b) Pro Shop renovation
 - c) Cart path/trees/ turf reduction moving forward
 - d) Water features
 - e) Fairway turf monostand
- 4) Impact of outside tournament reduction
- 5) Creating Villager tournaments to increase revenue
- 6) Addition of entrance and exit gates
- 7) Player assistance program
- 8) Cart path repair project including slurring
- 9) Tee box resizing project
- 10) Goose management including harassment and addling
- 11) Creation of 6 clubs

Rob also thanked Leslie Lambert, Judy Owen, and Bob Krattli for their continuing support of the VGC.

GMS Report – Mark reported the lowest nematode testing samples he has seen in years. A pressure maintenance pump has been replaced on hole 6. Two new B-rakes were purchased as test rakes for the new bunkers with success. The brown circles on the greens are Waitea Patch and are due to high heat and humidity. They are being treated with fungicides.

Culture of Care – Janis, Mike S, and David G, have concluded their #2 tee box analysis. #5 and #17 are highest priority and GMS will come up with a cost to redo. There are still high to low priority boxes to be addressed and this will be ongoing. Janis and Helen Varenkamp have made observations to be addressed before the ladies invitational. Mark has the list and is working on the issues.

Revenue Committee – May 26th had a low sweeps turnout. The nine and dine on June 5th was successful with a total of 53 golfers and 54 diners. Friday Night Twilight had 116 golfers and 127 diners. The August couples tournament is August 11th.

Golf Operations – May was a fabulous month for golf play. 4,800 rounds were played – a YOY 6% increase. New pro shop employee, Matthew Montalvo is from SJCC and Jayden Tchir will join the pro shop for the summer. The new G3 sand is in the test bunker at Montgomery practice green. Tree trimming has begun on holes 5,8, and 9. New trees were added on holes 9 and 15.

Rules – Rule 1.14 revisions were put on hold due to Dave Dimmick's absence.

Financial Report - April green fess were up 9% to budget, Revenue was up 1.5% to budget. Employee expenses are over budget. We received a credit for water billing issues but only received a potable water billing. Surplus numbers are still favorable but the water billing is skewing the numbers.

Renderings for Hole 12 – Ryan Bell brought in renderings for the Verizon Project. The cart path between 7 and 8 needs widening to 20 feet per the fire department. Planned landscape adjustments are being considered.

CBOD Liaison - Bob Krattli said his goodbyes as his term is up. A new liaison will be appointed to the VGC in the new term.

Open Discussion – Gail Tuft brought up back-to-back tournaments on Saturday, and it was mentioned that this discussion will be ongoing as long as we have outside tournaments. These tournaments are up to the discretion of the Golf Director, and because we need the added revenue, it will not change. Gail asked about the costs of continually repairing water features and what would be a permanent solution. She also brought up the July 1 date for the switch to Cobalt. Chelsea will run in concert with Cobalt until the new system is fully operational. Rob noted that George Welch has concerns with the rough and fairway height. He was referred to Scott.