

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

Captain: Patti Bell

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. She read a thank you note from Kathy Apgar about the donation to the VMA in Kathy's deceased partner's name, Carolyn Terrill. Kathy invited everyone to Carolyn's Celebration of Life on September 29. Details will follow.

Present: Patti Bell, Kerry Besmehn, Cindy Fuller, Camille Giuliiodibari, Janet Gonzales, Vicki Krattli, Gloria Landry, Marky Olsen, Mazie Rice, Millie-Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle. Also present was a guest, Tamsen Burke.

July 1 Meeting Minutes: Mary Wagle- Marky made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Mazie. All were in favor, so the minutes are hereby approved.

Co-Captain Report: Helen Varenkamp- no report.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- the July 30, 2024 Actual Spending/Budget report was distributed. Gloria said that the check book balance is \$11,296.28. Also, \$3,004.21 is in savings. Gloria projects that there will be about \$5,600 at year end. Helen requested adding in the NCGA dues column to the total income bottom line, and that the negative numbers be changed to red throughout the spreadsheet.

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

Playdays: Kerry Besmehn/Cindy Fuller- Kerry reported as follows: Our play day numbers through end of July were up 7% from last year. However, Kerry was wondering if the low play day attendance lately was due to team play, ladies traveling, other competing events, the heat, etc. Also, Kerry is working on getting figures separated for those ladies who start playing on a play day, then drop out. She does not want them included as part of the "W/D" columns in the weekly results. Also, Kerry will talk to Scott about the Captain always starting on hole 1B, as she needs to finish in a timely fashion to start the lunch meeting. Team Play for Valley, Silicon Valley and Mid Pen was discussed, as there was a suggestion to always have home team play on Thursdays. Kerry will speak with Scott about this. Cindy was asked to bill for the 2024 handbook.

Tournaments: Camille Giuliiodibari/Millie Anne Schwerin- the July 20 Saturday Ladies Tournament went well. There were exactly 40 players, and nobody was on the wait list. Scott did not accept the lunch invitation extended by Camille. Kerry suggested that a starter from our club always be present for that hour to help our ladies as they head out on Saturday. For the last Saturday Ladies Tournament, it is recommended that we spend the money that has been left over from the previous tournament lunches and give out cash prizes. For next year, Patti asked Scott if we could start on the four Saturdays at 8:00 instead of 8:30. Scott said he will take our request to the VGC; however, Patti said she would try talking to him again before the next VGC meeting on August 20. The next tournament is the two-day M and M, August 8 and 15, which is being run by Suzanne Fazio and Lyn Strong.

Handicap: Janet Gonzales/Marky Olsen- Janet said that Marky is doing more. It was also reported that NCGA lost a check for a new member, so the amount of that member's fee was applied to an existing credit that we had with NCGA.

Membership: Mazie Rice- Mazie said that she will be handling the New Member Social on August 20. The total of new members year-to-date is 16. The budget of \$300 was approved at the previous month's meeting. Patti, Helen, Janet, Kerry and Camille will attend representing the Board. Mazie is working on the language barrier situation going on. Sue Park might be able to help with translation. Also, it was recommended that some of our written materials be translated to Korean.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki said that Suzi Q did a good rules presentation on August 1.

Mediation: Barbara Nilsen- Barb absent; no report.

Old Business

Legacy Open Day- Patti said that Dianne followed up on this. We are approved to skip to 2026, and not have an open day in 2025. It was suggested that Patti keep the confirmation email in a safe place. It was recommended that Dianne Doughty talk about the Legacy Open Day at some of our lunch meetings.

Calendar Update 2025- Patti met with Scott. While the 2025 calendar can't be firmed up due to the bunker renovation and cell tower projects, he did tell Patti that the six no-sweeps days look good, the Captain's Trophy days are also good, and the Invitational will be scheduled for June 19 and 20 (horse race on June 18).

Name Tags- Mazie said she gave out 36 name tags. Going forward she will send in the order quarterly.

SOP Changes- Kerry handed out the proposed change on page 18, #15. Helen recommended some additional changes, section g. "Score cards shall be collected by the Pro Shop.....", and to completely eliminate section h. After the changes are formally made to the SOP's by Annie, then Patti will do an email vote. The motion for the SOP change to Tuesday sign up, page 7, D. Play, 1.d. was made by Gloria, the motion was seconded by Kerry. All were in favor, so the change is approved.

New Business

Valley League Team Play- Gloria said that Valley League will be at The Villages on August 22, which is our usual play day. We are hosting Valley League Team Play, and none of our members will be playing. Valley League will participate in our lunch choices separately and will eat in another room. Our Play Day will function as normal, with sweeps.

Silver Creek Girls Golf- Mazie said there is still time to give her checks for the Silver Creek High School Girls Golf. She said that our club has already been very generous.

Nominating Committee Update- Kerry reported that they have filled the slate.

Action Items:

- Gloria will revise the Actual Spending/Budget report so that the amounts in NCGA dues column will be added to the total income bottom line, and all the negative numbers will be changed to red throughout the spreadsheet.
- Kerry will work on getting figures separated for those ladies who start playing on a play day, then drop out. She does not want them defined as part of the "W/D" columns in the weekly results.
- Kerry will talk to Scott about the Captain always starting on hole 1B, as she needs to finish in a timely fashion to start the lunch meeting, and Kerry will also talk to Scott about having team play always on our Thursday Play Days.
- Patti said she would try talking to Scott again about the four Saturday Ladies Tournaments starting at 8:00 instead of 8:30 before the next VGC meeting on August 20.
- Mazie will speak with Dianne Doughty about discussing the Legacy Open Days Program at some lunch meetings following golf.
- Kerry will advise Annie about the additional SOP changes on page 18, #15, and thereafter Patti will ask for an email vote on those changes from the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next meeting is on Monday, September 16, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Sequoia Room

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

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From VGC Meeting July 15, 2024

Financial Report – May green fees were up 15%. Golf revenue was up in May 12%. Pro shop merchandise was up 40% in May and golf lessons up 45%. These are some of the highest revenue numbers golf has seen ever.

CBOD Liaison – Richard Zahner reported that the golf course is a large consideration in the upcoming budget, and they have a \$6,000,000 budget for all activities. Mike Schwerin recommended some projects to consider. 1) a solar cover over the driving range, 2) Golf Genius online scoring program costing \$900 yearly 3) a junior golf program sponsoring selected high school student golfers.

Open Discussion - Theresa Ostrander announced that the Verizon Project and Bunker Project are planned to start in October (not going to happen then)and is hoping the projects can happen in conjunction with one another, so the course won't be closed any longer than necessary. The landscape renderings on hole #12 and irrigation on hole #8 are still in the works. Janis and David Gonzales volunteered to work with Mike Poellot on the plan. Susie Q asked why her stop signs were removed and asked how to proceed to get them put back up. Debbie will send a memo to the board.

Rules – Dave Dimmick suggested edits to Rule 1.14 and after discussion, a vote was made to send the changes to the board for approval. Dave will fine tune the rule changes and circulate the changes.

Next VGC Meeting August 20, 11:00 a.m. at Montgomery Center