

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes**  
**October 7, 2024**

**Captain: Patti Bell**

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Patti said that she received a request to move our lunch on November 14 to the Sunset Room, because of the Club Board Town Hall Meeting that starts at 2:00 that day. All were in favor to moving the lunch that day. Patti said that our club received a thank you letter from Betty Sharps for our donation to the Bandini Patrol.

**Present:** Patti Bell, Kerry Besmehn, Cindy Fuller, Camille Giuliiodibari, Vicki Krattli, Janis LeCompte, Barbara Nilsen, Marky Olsen, Mazie Rice, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle.

**September 16 Meeting Minutes: Mary Wagle-** Mazie 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-** Helen has been working on the 2025 vacancies for ad hoc committee positions. She only has three positions to fill, which are Chip-In Book, Holiday Luncheon, and Open Days.

**Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry-** even though Gloria was not present, the variance report was received and reviewed. The negative variance under Captain's Bell was due to the fact that bells were purchased for 2025 and 2026 this year. Also, Patti will ask Gloria about the large positive variance under the M & M Tournament.

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

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

2024 - January through September we had 2,174 players and paid \$2,732 in sweeps

2023 – January through September we had 2,047 players and paid \$2,532 in sweeps

There were 127 more players year-over-year based on the above. We have eight more play days/special tournaments in 2024. There is \$1,268 left from the \$4,000 budget. In 2024, average payouts ranged from \$114 to \$130, and in 2023 it was \$105 - \$130.

**Tournaments: Camille Giuliiodibari/Millie Anne Schwerin-** Camille said the next tournament is Halloween on October 31. The flyer is ready for distribution. For the November 2 Saturday Play Day, Janelle Salvatierra and Jay Lee will be running it. The Board recommends that the lunch be held at a private residence, as there are no Villages venues available that day.

**Handicap: Janet Gonzales/Marky Olsen-** Marky said there is nothing to report on.

**Membership: Mazie Rice-** Mazie will have a membership sheet posted at the sign-in table weekly so that members are able to change their membership designation (dual or primary), or they also are able to change their playing tees (2/3 combo or 2 tees).

**Rules: Vicki Krattli-** at the General Meeting in November, Vicki will discuss the mnemonic aid using the letters RESPECT as it pertains to rules. She will post it on a bulletin board at the General Meeting, too.

**Mediation: Barbara Nilsen-** Barb said that there was an incident this month with a dispute on a scorecard. Patti said that USGA is specific that a marker may refuse to certify a player's hole score that the marker believes is wrong. In such a case, the Rules and Handicap ladies on our Board will need to consider the available evidence and make a decision on the player's score on the hole. A good process is that players announce their score each time they get to a green. Also, another good tool is to have one person in the group keep a master scorecard. Vicki, with help from Barb, will discuss scoring disputes at the General Meeting.

## Old Business

**Holiday Play Day-** Patti discussed Golfing for a Cause 2024-2025, which is a miniature course to be set up at LeyVa school with a Winter Wonderland theme. This is part of the annual cause program where students design posters for 18 Hole Ladies' golf carts to raise money for families who are in need of clothing, glasses, unhoused needs, etc. We have been asked to provide "judges" to evaluate the course at LeyVa. The tournament will be on December 5, and it was proposed that winners should be invited for lunch. This will be determined at a later date.

**Budget for New Activities-** Kerry asked Gloria for funds for the Bocce Tournament and the Play the Par 3 with the Shonis as discussed last month.

**Budget Recommendations for 2025-** Patti said she will be working on the 2025 budget soon, so she asked that we let her know if we need money for any line-item.

**Pace of Play and Scoring Issues-** Patti will discuss this at the General Meeting and via email per the report above from Barb. It is recommended that we reinforce the fact that players should stay up with the group in front of them, and not drop behind just because they are within our time constraints. Also, it was recommended that we fill in gaps in foursomes on play days to prevent long wait times for smaller groups. Cindy, Kerry and Patti will discuss this with Scott, and it will likely be done on October 17 after play.

**Outstanding Service Awards-** Recommendations are due on November 7.

## New Business

**SOP Revision-** D. Play, 1. General Policies and Procedures Section i. 1) remove "from the #2 Tees" and replace with "in a flight" to then read "There must be six or more Members playing in a flight for Sweeps to be awarded." In the same section, m. Sweeps – Weekly Awards "1) Sweeps will be paid on regular Play Days including special tournaments; i.e., Charity, Halloween, Turkey Shoot, etc." and "2) Sweeps will not be paid for the Handicap, Championship, M&M, or Invitational tournaments because they have their own awards budget." Revision under D. Play, 4. Thursday "No Sweeps" Play Days change b. to "Members will make their tee times on-line or call the Pro Shop as usual." Kerry made a motion to make these revisions, and Marky seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the change will be made.

**2025 Handbook-** Cindy sent an email about the handbook, and Helen answered all of the questions that Cindy had.

**Reports for the General Meeting on November 7-** Patti said she needs the reports prior to the meeting.

**Slate of Candidates for 2025-** This will be out by October 17. Helen asked that her position as Captain in 2025 be included.

**Guest Day October 24-** Patti already sent the flyer out for this, and it will continue to be promoted.

## Action Items:

- Patti will ask Gloria about the large positive variance under the M & M Tournament in the budget.
- Mazie will have a membership sheet posted at the sign-in table weekly so that members are able to make changes to their designation or playing tees for 2025.
- Vicki will discuss scoring disputes at the General Meeting, and this will also be included in an email blast.
- Cindy, Kerry and Patti will discuss in-filling foursomes on play days with Scott.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.**

**The next meeting is on Monday, November 4, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Patio Room**

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Wagle, Secretary

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**From VGC Meeting September 17, 2024**

Opening Remarks – Rob mentioned the monies raised by lady's golf for the Bay Area Anti-trafficking Coalition and said he would like to see the Men's Club sponsor a charity of choice as well. The Men's Club has decided to Sponsor the Wounded Warrior Project in November.

GMS Report - #2 tee boxes 2,3,5,9,10, and 17 will be renovated starting in January 2025 at a total cost of \$7,888. The expense will be shared by GMS and the Pro Shop budget.

Culture of Care - Mike Poellot, Dave Gonzalez, and Janis LeCompte met with Theresa, Ryan, the landscape designers, and others to discuss the proposed landscape design around holes #8 and 12. With input from Mike, Dave and Janis, the designers are back at the drawing board making changes .

Junior Member Program – A few revisions were suggested. Mike will do a rewrite and present at the next meeting.

Golf Operations – Golf Operations were up 1% from last year. YTD rounds are down 404 to 2023. YTD guest rounds account for 22% of total rounds played and 38% of total green revenue. August revenue is up in every category. Clayton Krinard has been rehired as an outside service associate. Cobalt is progressing. Debbie Moore stated that we should not have to hit out of goose poop and so Scott will revise the local rule-no penalty to move your ball out of poop.

Bunker Renovation – Mike Poellot stated bids were under budget. There are still decisions to be made regarding player disruption and how the project will proceed. We are hoping that Verizon will be doing their project simultaneously.