

The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes
December 2, 2024

Captain: Patti Bell

Patti called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. She introduced today's guests, Dianne Doughty who will be Membership Chair next year, Michelle Chung who will be Play Day Co-Chair next year, and Jan Mahoney who will be Handicap Co-Chair next year. Susan Anderson was not at the meeting, but she was mentioned and thanked for volunteering as Tournament Co-Chair next year.

Present: Patti Bell, Kerry Besmehn, Janet Gonzales, Vicki Krattli, Gloria Landry, Marky Olsen, Mazie Rice, Millie Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle.

November 4 Meeting Minutes: Mary Wagle- Janet made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Gloria. All were in favor, so the minutes are hereby approved.

Co-Captain Report: Helen Varenkamp- Helen asked Dianne (New Membership Director for 2025) to let the new members know during orientation that outside food may not be brought into the Thursday play day lunch. She also proposed that this topic be on the list of things that Big Sisters talk to the new members about. For those ladies that cannot attend lunch, they are always welcome to come in at any time to attend the meeting and bring in a beverage if they choose to do so. There is usually a table with no settings where they can sit. There will be no lunch sharing.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- Gloria stated that our finances are in good shape. According to the financial report dated November 30, we have an ending checking account balance of \$6,774.83 and savings account balance of \$3,004.21. Gloria suggested that since we have such a large balance heading into 2025, that we consider increasing sweeps and other budget line items. She also suggested that members not be charged for the M and M.

VGC Report: Janis LeCompte – Vicki presented the report, which is attached to these minutes.

Playdays: Kerry Besmehn/Cindy Fuller- Kerry reported that year to date November, there were 2,587 players in sweeps, with \$3,837 paid out to winners. There were 15 special games, which includes four Saturday tournaments and three guest days. There were 11 Captain's Trophy play days. In January, there was one day where it was cart path only with 20 players, and in February, the course was closed on two play days. There were six no-sweeps days this year, and a decrease of 14 players in early October due to extreme heat and greens aeration. Kerry mentioned that Cindy will have the 2025 Handbook ready for distribution at the Holiday Luncheon.

Tournaments: Camille Giuliobari/Millie Anne Schwerin- Millie Anne reported that all volunteers have been obtained for tournaments in 2025, and the list has been distributed.

Handicap: Janet Gonzales/Marky Olsen- Janet reported that the NCGA billing to members will be done in February. The Shonis have already billed their members for 2025. Therefore, the Shonis will give our club a check for their 2025 NCGA dues, and the 18 Hole Ladies will write one check to NCGA for our members and the Shonis.

Membership: Mazie Rice- Mazie said she's ready to hand off Membership to Dianne Doughty. For 2025, we expect to have 109 active members. Two players recently dropped, Pam Schramm and Susan Dooley. As of the latest count for the 2025 playing tees, we have 54 going from the #2 tees and 55 playing from the #2/#3 combo tees. This may change if more ladies decide to move playing tees prior to January 1.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki reported that she received a list of ten of the most misunderstood rules of golf from NCGA. Vicki will highlight two of these rules for our membership per month for a five-month period.

Mediation: Barbara Nilsen- Barb was absent; no report.

Old Business

Holiday Gifts- Our club gifts money to Elizabeth, Maria, and Dora from Food and Beverage. We also gift money to the Pro Shop staff (nine in 2024). We give Sees Candy to the GMS staff as well as the Pro Shop staff. We also give non-monetary gifts to Scott Steele and Albert Salcedo.

Holiday Play Day, Luncheon and Installation- Patti distributed Ley Va School team posters at the meeting. There is one poster per team, and it will be placed in one golf cart for the duration of play. There are 76 ladies signed up for the lunch. Patti distributed the meeting agenda. Gloria will be doing the installation of the 2025 Board of Directors.

New Business

2025 Tournament Chair Sign-ups- Patti recommended to Millie Anne that she and Camille have the tournament list available at the first luncheon in January in case more ladies want to help.

Lunch with Ley Va School January 16- Ley Va School Principal, Jim Grassi, and the Evergreen Nurses Fund Project Manager will attend the January 16 lunch with us. Helen made a motion that our club pay for those two lunches, Mary seconded the motion, and all were in favor of paying for two lunches. Patti's daughter will also attend, and Patti will cover that cost. For the December 18 judging of the Ley Va School "mini-golf course", the volunteers are as follows for 45 minutes shifts: 8:15 a.m. Kerry Besmehn and Vicki Krattli, 9:45 a.m. Marky Olsen and Janet Gonzales, and 11:00 a.m. Mazie Rice and Gloria Landry.

2024 Review – Patti thanked all BOD members one by one for their contributions in 2024.

Action Items:

- Dianne will discuss the lunch program with Big Sisters to encourage participation among new members.
- Camille and Millie Anne will have the Tournament List available for members at the first luncheon in January to see if more ladies want to help.
- In January, Vicki will start a program presenting two misunderstood rules per month to our members.
- Kerry, Vicki, Marky, Janet, Mazie, and Gloria will staff 45-minute shifts at the December 18 Ley Va School "mini-golf course" as outlined above.

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, January 6, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Sequoia Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

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From VGC Meeting November 14, 2024

GMS Report – The greens recovered quickly from aeration and topdressing. There were white spots on a few greens from a disease called White Leaf. It was a cosmetic temporary disease which has resolved. Nematodes and Pythium were also present and treated and have also resolved. Topdressing is in progress and should be completed by the end of November. They are hand watering hot spots and interseeding bare spots.

Rule 1.14 – Revisions included addition of cart management on the course and Rule 6A, the presence of pets on the course during play. After much discussion, it was voted 4-2 to allow “well behaved” dogs in carts on leashes. The recommendation will be presented to the board, and several members not in favor of the motion, are encouraging people to send emails to the board with their concerns. This could sway the board’s decision.

Golf Operations – October’s rounds were down across the board. Scott thinks this may be due to the unusually warm weather that month. Guests accounted for 38% of the month’s revenue. The winter schedule will go into effect on November 3rd. reminding all that the driving range will close at 2pm on Mondays, ladies will start at 9am, Ironmen will start at 1pm, and Pinseekers will start at noon.

Junior Program – Mike Schwerin revised the Honorary Junior Member program proposal. It was put to vote, seconded and after a unanimous vote, will go to the CBOD for review.

Revenue - The New Resident Orientation was November 6th, and there were 4 new residents who expressed an interest in joining the clubs. Next year’s scheduling of events have been postponed due to the bunker project.

Bunker Project – Mike Poellot shared the project is going well. The design process is very intricate and there will be occasional challenges. The installation of the membrane and concrete on hole one is about done and then sand will be added. It is anticipated that holes #4, #5, and #8 will start December 9th.

CBOD Liaison - The CBOD is initiating the budget process and suggested the VGC propose a wishlist in December. Additionally, Judy Owen suggested a memo go to Julia to include the VGC in the December 10th meeting so that the two proposals voted on at today’s meeting be provided.

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