

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes
February 3, 2025**

Captain: Helen Varenkamp

Helen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. She introduced today's guest, Sheryl Driskell. Sheryl reviewed her proposal to change our SOP #D., PLAY, 1. c. regarding pickup-up after ten strokes and still allowing the player to be in Sweeps. Sheryl explained that the potential for higher handicapped players to benefit from picking up could undermine the competitive integrity of Sweeps. High handicapped players could pick up and win sweeps over someone who holes out, even if that player takes 11 strokes. This has happened. The rule was initially adopted to help pace of play, in particular for one player who doesn't golf anymore. The Swingers are adopting the rule for picking up, but then the player would not be in sweeps after picking up. Sheryl suggested that the 18-Hole Ladies be consistent with this and follow suit with an SOP change. Marky made a motion to review the SOP in question, and the motion was seconded by Gloria. Twelve were in favor, and one was opposed (Barbara Nilsen). Helen asked Mary to write up the language for the changed proposed by Sheryl and send it to the Board Members.

BOD Members Present: Susan Anderson, Michelle Chung, Dianne Doughty, Cindy Fuller, Vicki Krattli, Gloria Landry, Jan Mahoney, Barbara Nilsen, Marky Olsen, Mazie Rice, Millie Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle.

BOD Members Absent: none

Others Present: Janis LeCompte

January 6 Meeting Minutes: Mary Wagle- Susan made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Vicki. All were in favor, so the minutes are hereby approved.

Co-Captain Report: Mazie Rice- Mazie said that the Invitational theme reveal would be done at the General Meeting on March 6.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- Gloria passed out the proposed budget dated February 3. Mary made a motion to approve the budget, and the motion was seconded by Susan. All were in favor, so the 2025 budget is approved.

VGC Report: Janis LeCompte – Janis presented the report, which is attached to these minutes. It was reported to Janis that some of the yardage markers on the course are damaged or need to be re-painted, so Janis will bring this to the VGC.

Playdays: Cindy Fuller/Michelle Chung- Cindy reported that there were 240 rounds played in January versus 147 rounds last January. There was \$383 paid out this January versus \$316 last January. There have been many cancellations due to cold weather. Both Cindy and Michelle have been scrambling to reassign players to other tees in order to avoid having twosomes and threesomes, which have an adverse effect on pace of play. There have been some minor issues with play day results from the Pro Shop, and all of these issues were resolved by Scott. For this Thursday's Captain's Trophy, the weather may be a deterrent. If the Captain's Trophy play day has to be postponed, the date of February 20 was suggested.

Tournaments: Millie Anne Schwerin/Susan Anderson- Millie Anne reported that the pairings for the February 27 mixer with the Swingers is complete, and there are 72 players. For the Charity Tournament on March 13, our charity of choice will be Melanoma Cancer. Diana Hallock was concerned about having the Charity Tournament so close to the first Saturday Ladies Golf Day on March 15. We're going ahead with everything as scheduled. It was also reported that the M & M Tournament format will be the same as last year.

Handicap: Marky Olsen/Jan Mahoney- Marky reported that Neda Dorjath has qualified, and her handicap has been reactivated.

Membership: Dianne Doughty- Dianne reported that she was under the impression that Neda Dorjath had already paid dues. Mazie told Dianne that she will check on this and let her know.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki reported that she believes that her write-ups about rules have been well-received.

Mediation: Barbara Nilsen- Barb reported that there was a report of someone reporting incorrect scores; however, that person is doing better now.

Old Business

Initiation Fees and HIO Fee- Helen passed out a proposal for suggested changes to ARTICLE VIII of the By-laws regarding dues to remove the initiation fee. Helen will write this up, and then have an email vote of the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the By-law may be amended by a majority of the regular members attending any regular or special meeting at which time the Board of Directors proposes the amendment. The proposed amendment will be posted on the bulletin board at least seven days prior to the meeting and/or sent to every member through an email blast by Helen. If this amendment is approved, then the application will have to be changed, too.

New Business

Food for Luncheons- Helen said that she is going to discuss the recent food selections with Diana Hallock.

Action Items:

- Mary will write up proposed language for the SOP change to #D., PLAY, 1. c.
- Mazie will check to make sure that Neda Dorjath's dues are either paid or billed.
- Helen will discuss recent lunch choices with Diana Hallock
- Helen will write up proposed language change for By-laws Article VIII – Dues and Initiation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, March 3, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Sequoia Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

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From VGC Meeting January 29, 2025

GMS Report – Phase 2 of the bunker project is in the works. Holes 1,2, and 3 are open but the bunker areas are still roped off until the sod is traffic ready. The #2 tee box enlargement project is set to begin the week of January 13th. Janis and Dave G. will go out with Mark to assess tee box repositioning. The project will take approximately 2 weeks, and the tee markers will be placed either on the #1 or #3 tee boxes until completed. Aerating and seeding are taking place along hole#7 pond. Maintenance is going on #'s 1,5,6,7,8, and 12. Wehner Gate landscape has been spruced up.

Golf Operations – Golf rounds are down 15% in the second month compared to last year, with exception of the par 3 course. This could be due to the bunker project. December had 8 rain days, a red flag day, and windy conditions, which affected play. The Men's Club tournament was canceled in December due to rain. Total rounds played were down YOY 20%, which accounts for 35% of green revenue. Merchandise revenue bettered the budget by \$300. No outside tournaments in December. Phase 3, holes 6 & 7 are expected to start by the end of January. The project is about 10 days behind schedule due to holidays and weather. Mary and Scott will discuss changing the date of the April 22nd 9-hole exchange.

VGC Priorities – Two lists of priorities have been compiled by Rob based on VGC collective input and divided into short -term and long-term projects.

Short -Term priorities

1. Tee monuments
2. Tee Markers
3. Rakes for bunkers
4. Renovation of the area surrounding the maintenance yard and cart barn once the Verizon Tower project is complete
5. Improved course signage

Janis proposed submission of the project to the board for consideration. Dave D. seconded and it was unanimously approved. Janis and Dave G will compose a description of the tee monument/marker project with accompanying photos, and request from the CBOD clarification as to replacement cost versus repair. The long-term project list is being revised and Rob will prioritize the list once the VGC has realigned their priorities.

Culture of Care - Ball washers and foot scrapers on the #2 tee box and club house area were discussed. Scott said there is a plan in the works. Diving Range mats will be replaced in the new fiscal year.

Open Discussion - Mary suggested that we rename the golf courses (originally suggested by Mike Poellot). There was no interest at this time. Debbie will resubmit a memo for Xmas Day play for 2025 as there was no decision made last year after a request was made.