

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes**  
**April 7, 2025**

**Captain: Helen Varenkamp**

Helen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

**BOD Members Absent:** Mary Wagle

**Others Present:** Janis LeCompte

**March 3 Meeting Minutes: Mazie Rice for Mary Wagle-** Barb made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Millie-Anne. All were in favor, so the minutes are hereby approved.

**Co-Captain Report: Mazie Rice-** Mazie said that Scott is not able to sing at the Gazebo Party, so she is looking into another option. Mazie is waiting on an updated list of 132 players from Diana, and the list will also be given to Vicki and Kathy Apgar. Mary Ann Diridon and Priscilla Piper have not signed up yet. Mazie said they might be able to pair them. A Korean-speaking player from the Spring Valley group will contact Jane Hong to play as a non-Villager.

**Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry-** Gloria reported that there's a slight adjustment to the budget consolidating "The Spirit of the Game" line item of \$21.86 to the Mixer Tournament budget of \$210. The sweeps billing for the mixer (\$204 actual) has not been billed from the February 27 event. Gloria is not sure if it's a Pro Shop or Accounting issue.

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

**Playdays: Cindy Fuller/Michelle Chung-** Cindy reported that March was a very difficult month with cold, rain, and closed holes limiting participation. We had rain on Captain's Trophy Day and a total rain-out of the Charity Tournament. March total rounds played was 175, and total sweeps paid was \$93. We had a no sweeps day and a guest day (balls awarded vs. sweeps). Year-to-date rounds played is 532 vs. 631 last year, and the year-to-date sweeps paid is \$780 vs. \$840 last year. May Captain's Trophy has been moved to April 24 at the request of the Tournament Directors. This will allow qualification for the Handicap Tournament to be held using the same tees that the tournament will use, which is the #2 tees. We still have 13 sleeves (156 individual) balls in stock, which should last through the next Guest Day in May. Balls will be ordered after that. Many ladies have requested that we get white balls, so white will be ordered. There are continual Pro Shop errors during this time when Scott is training Owen and Eric. The most egregious one was on Thursday, April 3, when the Captain's Trophy was awarded to the wrong player due to a posting error. The Pro Shop entered putts vs. total strokes on the last three holes. Cindy will review how flights are constructed. It appears there are many more in the #2 tees flights; therefore, there are more payouts. For the combo flights, they have to be sensitive to the disparity in handicap variances. More scrutiny is required.

**Tournaments: Millie Anne Schwerin/Susan Anderson-** Millie-Anne, based on feedback from Saturday hosts, recommended that the Saturday Tournament Chairs collect the \$15 lunch money in advance. Any amount left over from the Saturday collections will be deposited in the club bank account. After reviewing the budget in October, Gloria will consider recommendations on how to apply the extra funds; i.e., subsidizing the cost of the Holiday Luncheon.

**Handicap: Marky Olsen/Jan Mahoney-** Marky reported that the members have improved their postings and they've been receptive to Marky's reminders about this.

**Membership: Dianne Doughty-** Dianne said that she has been talking with new players about which playing tees to use. Some of the new members have made changes after playing a couple of times.

**Rules: Vicki Krattli-** Vicki said that she's preparing a lesson on the difference between stroke play and match play to be discussed at the next two Thursday luncheons. This is to support the Handicap Tournament.

**Mediation: Barbara Nilsen-** Barb had no issues to report on.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Sunshine-** It came to our attention that we missed sending a card to an Associate Member who incurred an injury. The Board committed to ensuring that we double check with the Sunshine Chair every time we hear of anything requiring a card. In this case, many of the Board Members knew about the incident but did not advise the Sunshine Chair. Upon contact with the member, the Sunshine Chair will inquire as to whether or not a blast is all right to send out about any injury, illness, etc.

**Tournament to Replace Mixer-** A new tournament to replace the 18/9-Hole Mixer was discussed. Everyone agreed that the Mixer is no longer relevant due to number of dual members in each group. The Tournament Directors suggested replacing the mixer with a Memorial or Celebration of Life type of tournament. Barb mentioned that this is a bit negative and could be a downer to the membership. More discussion is required about a replacement tournament, but this does not preclude us from doing some kind of tournament or game this year in honor of Patti Hayes.

**Action Items:**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, May 5, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Sequoia Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Wagle, Secretary

**Villages 18-Hole Board Meeting April 7, 2025**  
**From VGC Meeting March 13, 2025**

Opening Remarks – Many of the new bunkers will be hand raked as they are too small to accommodate the Sand Pro vehicles. A comprehensive maintenance regimen will be created to ensure the longevity and aesthetics of our investment.

GMS Report - The turf is responding well to the wet weather; however projects have been delayed for the same reason. The #2 tees on holes 2,3, and 5 will be open the week of March 24<sup>th</sup>. Remaining #2 tees on 9,10, and11 will open mid-April. Overall, there was a 47% increase in those tee sizes. Fairway aeration should be done the last week of March. Greens are scheduled for aerification March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. Golf course management training is ongoing.

Golf Operations – Total rounds played for February were up 5%. YTD rounds are down 5%. Guest rounds constitute 18% of total rounds played and 32% of our green fee revenue. There were no outside tournaments due to the bunker project. Holes 15, 18, and the Vineyard practice are closed. The goal is for the bunker project to be completed by early April. Tree trimming is ongoing.

Financials – Mike Schwerin opened discussion about the 2001 long range plan for the course. Although some of the plans were completed, (irrigation and forward tees) some items are still a part of ongoing conversation.

CBOD Liaison – Ponds on #6, #7, and #11 are leaking and need repair. Ryan Bell will join our next meeting to go over budgeted items. Rule 1.14-Clay is working on some re-wording. In

April, the amended draft will go to the Rules Committee and the VGC. March 31<sup>st</sup> is set for the golf disciplinary hearings, and they will be scheduled quarterly thereafter.

Open Discussion – Susie Q asked if there would be a rerating of the course after the bunker project is complete. Scott reiterated it would not happen as the course was just recently rated. She also mentioned that she replaced the stake on hole #15 as the old one was broken and too short.