

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes
June 2, 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, Jan Mahoney, Barbara Nilsen, Millie-Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle

BOD Members Absent: Gloria Landry and Mazie Rice

Others Present: Janis LeCompte and Annie Bassford

May 5 Meeting Minutes: Mary Wagle- Marky made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Barbara. All were in favor, so the minutes are hereby approved.

Special Guest Report: Annie Bassford- Annie discussed her perspective on our By-Laws as they pertain to Associate Membership. She said that this category of membership started in 2008 for an annual cost of \$25 because ladies still wanted to be included for lunches and cards, but they no longer wanted to play golf. In February, 2024, the fee of \$25 was eliminated. Annie explained that if an Associate Member wants to play golf with the 18-Hole Ladies, they will need to rejoin the club and pay the appropriate dues. She also said that it is a privilege to have a regular day and time to play golf and we, as members, pay for that privilege. She explained that the wording in the By-laws..."golfing events," when written meant all playdays. Everyone thanked Annie for her input and no changes to the by-law will be made.

Co-Captain Report: Mazie Rice- Mazie was absent; no report.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- Gloria was absent but her budget variance report was distributed.

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

Playdays: Cindy Fuller/Michelle Chung- Cindy reported that the Handicap Tournament was played on four of the five Thursdays in May. There were 40 members in the tournament, and five to 12 members following the field. The month ended with a guest day of 80 players. There was no money paid out in sweeps in May, as the Handicap Tournament has its own budget, and the guest day used golf balls for awards. Cindy learned that with Cobalt, tee sheets can't be seen for prior play days, so the field must be counted prior to play.

Tournaments: Millie Anne Schwerin/Susan Anderson- Millie-Anne reported that all went well for the Handicap Tournament. It was suggested that the tournament be played in a shotgun format instead of tee times, and that there be a different date than Captain's Trophy for the qualifier.

Handicap: Marky Olsen/Jan Mahoney- Marky said that everything is doing fine with handicap.

Membership: Dianne Doughty- Dianne said that she sent us the photo of new member, Jeemee Sim.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki said that there was nothing new to report on.

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

Old Business

Word Change in SOP's Regarding the Handbook- Marky made a motion to change Section 2. General, d. Annual Handbook to replace, "...There shall be a charge..." to "...There may be a charge..." The motion was seconded by Vicki. All were in favor, so the SOP change will be made.

New Business

None

Action Items:

- Mary to notify Annie Bassford about the SOP change to Section 2. General, d. Annual Handbook.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, July 7, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Sequoia Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

Villages 18-Hole Board Meeting June 3, 2025 From VGC Meeting May 15, 2025

GMS - The bunker project is complete. Mark thanked all involved. GMS is training staff to hand rake all the bunkers and to follow all edging practices while the sand is settling. Yellow patches on the green are called waitea patches. It is common this time of year and applications are ongoing to get rid of it. The electrical work for the stream on 9/18 is complete and the pumping system will start up mid to late week of May 19TH. Mark announced he will be retiring in August/ September.

Golf Operations – Scott reported a 6% increase in 9-hole rounds year-over-year. Overall, April rounds declined. Green fees bettered budget by \$6,582. Range, cart, and merchandise were under budget. May-October will be extremely busy with outside tournaments that were deferred due to the bunker project along with member tournaments.

Culture of Care – Janis and David G. provided 25 observations and recommendations that they are hoping GMS can complete before the Women's 18-Hole Invitational. Most suggestions were familiar to Mark and his staff is working on them. Some of the issues: Sandpiles will be used for topdressing, more delineation around the tee boxes, and a proposed sprinkler on hole 16 adjacent to the lake where the grass has died out. A cart path assessment was also done and after a 3-hole assessment a proposal was made to the committee that the paths need to be replaced. Ryan Bell mentioned cart paths are discussed in the 2027 budget. It is a long-term priority. Janis asked about the Verizon project and Ryan said it is still in the works.

Financials - Mike Schwerin reported the Financial Report is unavailable.

Revenue – Mary now has the annual calendar and will report on all upcoming events. The Wednesday nine and dine dates are scheduled for June 11th, August 6, and October 8th. The Couples Tournament has been set for August 3rd and the Glow Ball will be returning November 11th.

Open Discussion - Teddy Morse asked for benches at every hole on the Par-3 course. Ryan Bell mentioned bringing a proposal to the June meeting regarding tee markers and monuments. Clay Curtin responded to a question about the change in pro shop staff.