

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes  
September 8, 2025**

**Captain: Helen Varenkamp**

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

**BOD Members Present:** Cindy Fuller, Vicki Krattli, Jan Mahoney, Barbara Nilsen, Marky Olsen, Mazie Rice, Millie-Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle

**BOD Members Absent:** Susan Anderson, Michelle Chung, Dianne Doughty, and Gloria Landry

**Others Present:** Janis LeCompte

**August 4 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.

**Co-Captain Report: Mazie Rice-** Mazie had nothing to report on, except the items under Old Business and New Business.

**Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry-** Gloria was absent; however, she distributed the financial report dated September 7 via email. Gloria explained in her email that we have not yet received the billing to all clubs from Silicon Valley and from Mid Pen. Also, Valley Team has not been billed for lunch. June 1 Mid Pen will play at The Villages.

**VGC Report: Janis LeCompte –** Janis presented the report which is attached to these minutes. Since there are numerous golf course deficiencies, Helen will consider adopting the ground under repair rule in the fairways, where there is only bare dirt, during the Club Championship. Janis will meet with Bev Poellot and Mary Wagle to get the Six Golf Clubs input about course conditions.

**Playdays: Cindy Fuller/Michelle Chung-** Cindy reported that total rounds played in August were 220, and year-to-date rounds played through the end of August were 1,938 (versus 2,106 in 2024). Total sweeps paid in August were \$240, and year-to-date sweeps paid through the end of August were \$2,465 (versus \$2,309 in 2024). Sweeps payouts are still below the budget of \$4,400. They have asked the Pro Shop to create three flights for each tee whenever possible. They ordered a new shipment of golf balls in white, and the budget for this is \$700. Cindy will report on the actual cost once she gets the invoice.

**Tournaments: Millie Anne Schwerin/Susan Anderson-** Millie-Anne reported that the Club Championship is September 11 and 18 and the Halloween Tournament is October 30.

**Handicap: Marky Olsen/Jan Mahoney-** Marky reported that all is going well with Handicap.

**Membership: Dianne Doughty-** Dianne was absent and there was no report.

**Rules: Vicki Krattli-** Vicki said that an additional rules clinic has not been scheduled yet. She will let us know the date once it's set.

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

**Old Business**

**Team Play Accounting Procedures for Check Collection-** Mid Pen is discussing bringing checks for team play, and Silicon Valley has agreed to this process in lieu of reciprocal billing. Valley has already implemented this process.

**Ad Hoc Committee Rebalancing Flights-** Mazie presented the committee's recommendations. Their objective was to research options for fair flighting and compensation, and the means used were discussions with other 55+ communities, other women's clubs, Villages Men's Club patterns, and USGA and NCGA

recommendations. The committee's opinion was to continue to pay 1/3 of the field, minimum one low gross/one low net, then begin discussions with membership on flights with mixed tees. In keeping with the objectives described in Tee It Forward that golf is a game meant to be fun and played at a reasonable pace for the enjoyment of all, Mazie will do a write up for the membership showing recommended tees based on handicaps, along with tee recommendations based on yardage using a driver. There will also be continued discussion and input at each Thursday lunch meeting.

### **New Business**

**Golf Genius for Scoring-** Mazie said that on the October 2 "no sweeps" day, it's recommended that players should be encouraged to use the recommended Tee It Forward tees, and that everyone use the Golf Genius app for scoring. Prior to October 2, Mazie will send an email blast to membership with the video link and advise them to download the Golf Genius app on their phones. Mazie said that they will use luncheon time on September 11, 18, and 25 to review the instructional handout at training tables, which they will set up.

### **Action Items:**

- Helen will decide whether to implement winter ground under repair based on the course conditions in the fairways.
- Janis will meet with Bev Poellot and Mary Wagle to get the Six Golf Clubs input and assistance with taking care of deficient course conditions.
- Cindy will advise the Board of the actual cost of golf balls.
- Vicki will follow up on a date for the next rules clinic.
- Mazie will write up the ad hoc committee recommendations on flighting for membership.
- Mazie will use luncheon time on September 11, 18, and 25 to train membership so that we may be properly prepared to implement a Golf Genius scoring test on October 2.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, October 6, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Sequoia Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Wagle, Secretary

**Villages 18-Hole Board Meeting September 8, 2025**  
**From VGC Meeting August 14, 2025**

Welcome - The VGC presented Mark Wilson with a certificate of appreciation for his dedication to our course. It was his last meeting as Golf Course Superintendent. David Gonzales has resigned from the VGC and Bob Krattli has applied for the vacant position.

GMS Report – Aeration is taking place in the thin areas throughout the course. This will introduce channels to facilitate irrigation water penetration into the gravel layer and create space for seed germination. Bunker maintenance is ongoing. Landscape work is in progress, with wood chip distribution, shrub trimming and grooming of high visibility areas. New tee markers have been introduced for evaluation with the squirrel damage before proceeding with a final decision. There was a question as how to manage “scalps”: replacement in cool weather and seeding in hot weather.

Golf Operations - July reported golf rounds up 12% YOY, member rounds surging 14%, 9 -hole rounds declining 5%. Par-3 rounds were up 47% YOY. Guest rounds were up 17% YOY. Green fees are better to budget by \$1820, and cart revenue is better by \$2168. Merchandise sales are better to budget by \$5717. Josh Bermea is a new temporary pro shop assistant and George Dwyer was hired for outside services. The Verizon Tower project is underway, with expectations of disruption to golf play. Daily updates will be provided. Golf Genius is expected to be launched shortly.

Culture of Care – Janis shared her synopsis of course observations, many of which Mark addressed in his report. She did mention that hole #1 needs red stakes around the lake, especially at the far end. She complimented him on the Hole #17 drain by the #2 tee box.

Financials - Mike Schwerin reported that he did get financials but could not decipher them. He will meet with Blake prior to the next VGC meeting.

Rules – Dave Dimmick and Rob Howe received an updated 1.14 from Theresa Ostrander. Dogs will not be allowed in golf carts on the course. It was recommended that a provision be included regarding the use of carts on the Par-3 course as an exception policy. Rob would like the Daily Golf play Schedule reworked. It was not agreed upon and will most likely be an ongoing discussion.

Revenue – Mary reported the twilight Nine and Dine had 94 attendees. The Couples Invitational had 48 golfers and 56 diners. August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup> will be our last Nine and Dine’s for the season. The Swingers Exchange will be September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Clyne Solely will be September 27<sup>th</sup>. The idea of a Sadie Hawkins was mentioned and in the works. The Glow Ball Tournament will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Open Items – Mary compiled a list of Cobalt complaints. Scott will review the list and submit a request for resolution. Theresa was inquired about who will be the individual we report to for Clay’s responsibilities. Theresa will be the primary contact. Debbie mentioned we need a calendar packet for next year. A memo will be sent to the board requesting a recognition plaque for Dutch Johnson’s generous gift. A volunteer has offered to repaint letters on the golf tee monuments. A memo will be sent to the Board.

Janis asked Ryan Bell about the broken waterfall pump on 6/7 pond. Efforts are currently underway to resolve the issue. An incident was reported involving a golf ball breaking a window, but no one has come forward to claim responsibility. Scott was unaware of the issue. Susie Q expressed concern about the deteriorating cart path behind the #18 green. It will be investigated. Someone requested a change of VGC meetings to Tuesdays. All agreed it will work.