

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes
December 1, 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, Mazie Rice, Millie-Anne Schwerin Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle

BOD Members Absent: Marky Olsen

Others Present: Kathy Apgar, Annie Bassford, and Janet Gonzales

November 3 Meeting Minutes: Barbara 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 had nothing to report on.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- Gloria reported a checkbook balance of \$4,976.52 as of November 28. There is still a savings account balance of \$3,006.48 earmarked for "Reserves for WGANC Legacy Tourney", and a determination about the savings account balance was not made at this time.

VGC Report: Vicki Krattli for Janis LeCompte- See the attached. Mary added that the VGC was proposing a Players Card, which would mean that golfers outside the gates would be allowed to play The Villages at a discounted price. This program is being touted as revenue generating. Mary said that the only document the VGC had received at the last meeting was a financial report showing the cost break-even for the program. A formal proposal is being prepared by Mike Schwerin, and Mary encouraged leadership to attend the next VGC meeting on December 11, 3:00 p.m., Montgomery Center to hear the proposal and voice any concerns they have about outside players using a Players Card.

Playdays: Cindy Fuller/Michelle Chung- Cindy reported that there were 90 rounds played in November. Year-to-date, there were 2,439 rounds played and \$3,393 paid in sweeps. The last official play day of the year is December 4. December 11 and 18 are no sweeps play days, with a shotgun start on December 11 only. This month there were two rain-out days, bringing it to six for the year. In 2025, there were only two rain-out days.

Tournaments: Millie-Anne Schwerin/Susan Anderson- Millie-Anne reported that the Turkey Shoot, which was planned by Debbie Moore and Mary Wagle, on November 20 was rained out, but many ladies attended the luncheon anyhow.

Handicap: Marky Olsen/Jan Mahoney- Jan said that there was nothing to report on.

Membership: Dianne Doughty- Dianne reported that there are currently 108 members. She had a New Member Orientation on November 13.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki reported that the 9th Hole Promenade rules clinic conducted by Don Chaisson (Men's Club/USGA Rules Official), Susie-Q Conklin, and Vicki was well attended. We were told that the 9-Hole Ladies Club plans to do more of these in the future.

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

Old Business

Re-ranking holes from #2 tees – The committee of Kathy Apgar, Annie Bassford, Janet Gonzales, Vicki Krattli, Jan Mahoney, and Mazie Rice completed the process of re-ranking the course, and they presented the new scorecard. The committee analyzed over 712 pieces of data to complete this work. It was

determined that rankings were off for the combo players for the #2 tees that they play in common with the players who only play the #2 tees, so the new rankings make the games more fair. The committee reported that the back nine holes played in common remained the same; however, the front nine was off relative to conditions like water hazards, bunkers, etc. Players get the same pops, but the pops are on different holes. Rankings will be put into Golf Genius for play-day scorecards, and NCGA will be notified.

Flighting and rebalancing flights – There was a great deal of discussion about the findings presented by the Ad Hoc Committee (Barb Nilsen, Mazie Rice, Jan Mahoney, and Cindy Fuller) about the pros and cons of sorting flights by tees versus flighting by index. After agreeing that this should be re-visited, Helen made a motion to rescind the previous decision made at the October 6 Board Meeting which stated, "...Barbara made a motion to revise the SOP's to allow players to compete from any of the following: the 3/2 combo tees, 2 tees, 2/1 combo tees, or 1 tees, and that we use the index method to create flights for regular play days." The motion was seconded by Mazie, and all were in favor, so the motion was rescinded. Helen made a new motion stating that the SOP's be revised to allow players to compete from any of the following: the 3/2 combo tees, 2 tees, 2/1 combo tees, or 1 tees. The motion was seconded by Mazie, and all were in favor. The SOP's will be revised. The Board will analyze more data in 2026 before a decision is made about sorting flights by tees versus flighting by index.

New Business

Installation agenda – Helen reviewed the December 4 agenda with the Board, and everyone was informed about their roles in the program.

Action Items:

- Additional data will be compiled by the Ad Hoc Committee regarding re-balancing of flights.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, January 5, 2026, 3:30 p.m. in the Cribari Patio Room

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

Villages 18-Hole Board Meeting December 2, 2025
From VGC November 13, 2025

GMS - GMS is focusing on aeration, topdressing and interseeding throughout the course. There was a delay due to equipment failure. The part came in and the process will continue until complete. Fairways and cart gate areas have received special attention this month. Sand distribution and compaction in the bunkers is currently in process. Dave Dimmick mentioned the green speeds were slow. Justin will adjust mowing height and rolling of greens. Ryan discussed the #11 pond has run into some problems, but progress is being made. All cart path rerouting will be communicated through the golf shop and cart paths will be power washed when work is complete. #2 tees have been re-punched and hopefully it will be easier to get tees into the ground.

Golf Operations – October had 4 days of rain. October rounds were up 5% YOY. Member Par-3 course rounds have declined 18% and member 18-hole rounds have increased 2%. Guest rounds are up 33%YOY. Guest fees constitute 41% of green fee revenue. Green fees are better to budget by \$6497. Golf genius live scoring system is going well with the plan to go 100% live starting January 2026. Thanksgiving Day will be a 9:00 shotgun on the 18-hole course. The Par-3 course will be open from 9am-11:30am.

Rule 1.14 – Section 9 of 1.14 was rewritten and the VGC felt the rewording conflicted with the original intent. Theresa, Richard, and Judy agreed to take it back to Rules committee to be discussed. Richard said he would like it done in time to be presented at the next CBOD meeting.

VGC Charter – Rob proposed that the VGC could benefit from having two non-voting members join the VGC committee. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to submit a request to the board to amend the charter.

Financials - October showed Golf Services net income positive to \$31,593. Cart trail fees were \$12,327 with a decrease of 61 carts from last month. Theresa will talk to financial to see why the numbers fluctuate. No water bill info.

Revenue – The Ron Burke Memorial Golf Tournament hosted 32 players and 37 dinners. Sadie Hawkins had 48 players with 52 dinners.

Open Items – Bob Krattli presented a rough draft of a memorial plaque for Dutch Johnson to be put on hole #1 at the clock. A waiver from COP 808 will need to be approved as memorials are not allowed. Mike Schwerin shared his proposal for the Players Card. After discussion, he will do a rewrite to present at the next meeting. Tee markers were discussed. Janis suggested that they just be simple with large numbers. Michael will ask David Gonzales for a few more ideas. Thank you to Linda McChesney for joining the meeting today and for applying to the VGC.

Open Discussion - 6 Clubs mentioned they would like ball washers be moved up as not many golfers play from the #5 tees. Justin said he could move them to the #3 tee boxes