

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes
January 6, 2025**

Captain: Helen Varenkamp

Helen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. She introduced today's guest, Bev Poellot. Helen read a thank you card that we received from Rick Tobler and Renee Woolard for their holiday gifts. Helen asked that the board review the 2025 Goals and Objectives, and she asked that members let her know if there are any changes or additions.

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

BOD Members Absent: Barbara Nilsen

Others Present: Janis LeCompte and Bev Poellot

December 2 Meeting Minutes: Mary Wagle- Vicki made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Gloria. All were in favor, so the minutes are hereby approved. Helen asked Mary to contact Annie Bassford and Vivian Brown to make sure the updated version of the SOP's are posted on the website, as it appears the August, 2024 version has been updated in October, 2024.

Co-Captain Report: Mazie Rice- Mazie said that she has her committee in place for the invitational. This year, Pam McCarthy can't be in charge of decorations due to a pending operation. Therefore, Debbie Moore will work with a non-member to do the decorations. The first committee meeting will be held on January 23.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- Gloria said we ended the year 2024 with a checkbook balance of \$5,655.62 and a savings account balance of \$3,004.21 (earmarked for next year's WGANL Legacy Open Tournament). Upon review of the draft 2025 budget, there will be changes to the M & M income, name tags expense, the Swingers/18 Hole Mixer expense, sweeps categories specific listings under the main category of sweeps, and the championship expense. Gloria will revise the 2025 budget based on BOD recommendations. Regarding the new members coming in mid-year, they will have a choice to play without being in sweeps, or to pay \$45 and participate in sweeps. Vicki made a motion to reduce the dues for new members from \$103 down to \$90, and the motion was seconded by Gloria. All were in favor, so the new member dues will be \$90 going forward.

VGC Report: Janis LeCompte – Janis presented the report, which is attached to these minutes. It was reported to Janis that there is a sink hole on hole #1 cart path by the green.

Playdays: Cindy Fuller/Michelle Chung- Cindy reported that they will be purchasing balls for the year. Also, she is hoping that a designated Pro Shop liaison will be appointed to work with our club. It was suggested that the flights be re-done for 2025, as there might be some disparities. Also, Vicki recommended that we start the process to re-handicap the course. Re-handicapping needs to be done by The Villages, which requires review of many scorecards to obtain an average score. Kathy Apgar is familiar with the process. Janis will discuss re-rating with the VGC on Thursday, January 9.

Tournaments: Millie Anne Schwerin/Susan Anderson- Millie Anne reported that the first tournament of the year is the Swingers/18 Hole Mixer. The sign-up sheet is in the Posting Room. Gisele Barber is the host, and she will be assigning foursomes to create an actual mix. For the M & M Tournament, it was recommended that ladies sign up with a partner, and the Pro Shop will then assign another twosome within the same or similar handicap for Day 1. The Pro Shop will assign pairings for Day 2 based on results of Day 1. Millie Anne will take this under advisement and discuss with hosts for the M & M. This item to be finalized.

Handicap: Marky Olsen/Jan Mahoney- Marky reported that Janet Gonzales was doing the NCGA billing for February, which is \$46 per member. Also, the Shonis will be sending a check to our club for their members.

Membership: Dianne Doughty- Dianne thanked Mazie for the updated club roster. We have a potential new member who will need to qualify if she can't reactivate her GHIN number by starting to post scores. Also, Dianne has been in contact with three new members. Our count should be at 110.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki reported that she has three rules ready for Helen to send out. Vicki will also present these rules to luncheon attendees in January.

Mediation: Barbara Nilsen- Barb was absent, however, Helen stated that she will be discussing an issue with Barb.

Old Business

Lunch with Ley Va School January 16- Ley Va School Principal, Jim Grassi, some of the teachers involved in the student-created golf course, and the Evergreen Nurses Fund Project Manager and some additional nurses will attend the January 16 lunch with us.

New Business

Charity of Choice Beneficiary Change- Holly Magowan asked the BOD to consider the proposal for change of beneficiary. After the BOD reviewed the proposal from Holly, it was decided that there will be no changes at this time.

Action Items:

- Mary will contact Annie Bassford and Vivian Brown to have the updated SOP's posted on the website.
- Gloria to update the 2025 budget with BOD recommendation.
- Janis will discuss course re-rating at the January 9 VGC Meeting.
- Vicki will ask Helen to make distribution of the three rules that she has prepared, and she will present the rules to luncheon attendees in January.
- Helen to discuss an issue with Barb Nilsen that might require her involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, February 3, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Sequoia Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

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From VGC Meeting December 12, 2024

Opening remarks – Mike Poellot officially stepped down from the VGC and was recognized by Rob Howe as an integral person in the betterment of our course. A small typo was made in the 1.14 revision which required an approval to amend and change back to original wording. The VGC unanimously agreed to amend.

GMS Report – The sump pump on hole #11 cart path and hole #12 turnaround have been redesigned for better drainage. The One and Two tees have been realigned. Holes 1,2 and3 are to reopen in mid-December, but the bunkers will be GUR until the sod takes hold. Basic course maintenance (weed control cart path edging and landscape maintenance) are being maintained as well.

Golf Operations – November had a slight dip in golf rounds partly being attributed to the 15-hole course. There were also 5 days of rain and several days of cold and high winds. Green fees were \$20K under budget, the driving range \$2600 under budget, and cart revenue \$300 under budget. There was only one outside tournament hosting 21 players. Tree trimming of the course is in progress and the plan is to follow the bunker project moving to holes 4,5 and 8.

Culture of Care – Rob distributed an updated priority list for the VGC to review in order of importance and plan to discuss at our next meeting. Janis, David, and Mike surveyed the course monuments and tee markers. Photos and a spreadsheet were provided showing the deterioration and damage of most of the pieces. It was thought that the monuments should be replaced, however after discussion, a decision was made to look into the cost to repair the monuments vs replacement. It was also mentioned that there may be members who would be interested in sponsoring the monument replacement/ renovation. This will be an ongoing project. Also, the Par 3 course signage will be included in the project.

Bunker Project - Mike reported that Hole1 is complete. Hole 2 requires additional work and should be completed this week. Hole 2 will be played as a par 4 until the fairway bunker work is complete. Hole 3 fairway bunker has been reshaped with a significantly lowered front edge to facilitate a more equitable approach shot to the green. The greenside bunker on 3 is still in progress. The next holes scheduled are 4,5, and 8 and will commence mid-December. Mike is very impressed with the company doing the work, Earth Sculptures.

Open Discussion – Bev announced the proceeds from the Ladies Christmas Tournament for Leyva School. Mike Schwerin demonstrated a green laser light that encourages the geese to relocate. This would be in lieu of the dogs (which we are no longer using). He purchased his on Amazon and says that it has been helping. It is NOT a VGC or CBOD sponsored item but is not illegal.