

**The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Board Minutes
May 5, 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, Gloria Landry, Jan Mahoney, Barbara Nilsen, Mazie Rice, Millie-Anne Schwerin, Helen Varenkamp, and Mary Wagle

BOD Members Absent: Vicki Krattli and Marky Olsen

Others Present: Janis LeCompte

April 7 Meeting Minutes: Mary Wagle- Helen 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 said that she's waiting on a check from Watermark for the invitational, and she also said that the person from Oakmont that she was working with is no longer an employee of that company. So, Mazie will have to work with someone else from Oakmont to determine how they will staff hole #2 during the invitational.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Landry- Gloria distributed her variance report dated April 24. The current checkbook balance is \$15,058.97, and savings account balance is \$3,004.21. Medallions need to be ordered for the 2026 club champion and the handicap tournament winner, so Mazie made a motion to buy them. The motion was seconded by Cindy. All were in favor, so two medallions will be ordered.

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

Playdays: Cindy Fuller/Michelle Chung- Cindy reported that April play was nearly rain free with no cancellations. The bunker renovation project impacted play during the month, but only one hole was closed by the end of the month. Total rounds played in April was 220, and total sweeps paid in April was \$454. Year-to-date rounds played is 752 vs. 794 in 2024, and year-to-date sweeps paid is \$1,234 vs. \$1,239 in 2024. Cindy is very concerned about the number of errors made by the Pro Shop. The most recent one was that Monica Sanholtz was awarded the Captains Trophy on April 24, when it should have been shared with Valerie Dimmick, who had the same net score. Mazie is also concerned about the errors, as she has the upcoming invitational in June. It was suggested by Barbara that Mazie and one other person go to speak with Scott and discuss their concerns about the recent errors. Cindy also asked Helen to send an email out requesting that ladies add their front and back nine scores together for a total score. Cindy also said that she needs to know who's following the field on the Handicap Tournament days.

Tournaments: Millie Anne Schwerin/Susan Anderson- Millie-Anne reported that the July 19 Saturday Tournament is on the same day as the Korean Tournament. There is not a suitable alternative date, so the tournament date will not be changed. Dianne, who is running the July tournament, will confirm with Kerry and Lo that lunch will be at their house after golf.

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

Membership: Dianne Doughty- Dianne said that there are no new members. Dianne has a concern about Associate Membership. She asked for clarification of Article III – Membership – Associate Membership 1.d.3. "Associate members shall be eligible for all privileges of regular members except holding elective office, voting and playing in Association golfing events." After a short discussion, the Board said they would consider allowing Associate Members to play on Thursday play days. Dianne will rewrite a proposed change, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Dianne also suggested a change to the SOPs – A.2.d. General Administration, General Policies, Annual Handbook, "There shall be a charge for replacing the membership

Handbook.” She suggested to change the word “shall” to “may.” This will also be discussed at the meeting in June.

Rules: Vicki Krattli- Vicki was absent, and there was no report.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Action Items:

- Mazie and Janis to discuss Pro Shop errors with Scott Steele.
- Helen to send out an email asking that ladies add their front and back nine scores together for a total score on play days.
- Dianne will write a proposal about allowing Associate Members to play on Thursdays, and also a proposal about changing the wording in the SOPs regarding the annual handbook as stated previously. Helen will follow up with Dianne under Old Business at the June BOD Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. in the Cribari Sequoia Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wagle, Secretary

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From VGC Meeting April 10, 2025

Opening Remarks – Rob Howe mentioned that the shoe cleaning compressor location should be assessed and possibly moved away from the patio area. Scott indicated that there is a plan in the works to move it near the range ball machine.

GMS Report – Core aeration and top dressing were finished in March on both courses. The greens are recovered, and the mowing heights will be lowered to improve ball roll and green speed. #2 tee boxes on holes 9, 10, and 17 should be open the week of April 14th. Fairway top-dressing should be completed on the 18-hole course by April 23rd. The par-3 course will be done shortly thereafter. There were questions regarding the new bunker edge burning on several holes. Mark and crew are aware of the problem. They will be hand watering the hot spots and replacing sod where needed until the grass matures in those areas.

Golf Operations - Scott reported golf rounds in March were down 12% YOY. YTD total rounds are down 6%. Range revenue was up in March, but cart revenue and merchandise were both down. Men's club hosted 102 players for March, women's 18-hole charity tournament was canceled due to rain, Women's 18-hole Saturday tournament had 37 players, and Women's guest day hosted 62 players. Tentative finish date for the bunkers is April 18th. Sunday, April 27th will be the grand re-opening event with two shotguns and reduced fees, prizes and no host BBQ.

Culture of Care - Janis and Dave G rode the front 9 and provided a list of recommendations to Mark prior to the Invitational. Most of their suggestions are currently being addressed along with several more areas Mark is working on. They both acknowledged that the course in general looks great.

Discussion - Rob Howe brought up the long-range plans. He referenced the letter submitted by Mike Poelott in regards to the 2001 Course Management plan. Mike Schwerin, Dave Gonzales, Janis LeCompte, and Dave Dimmick will meet with Mike prior to the May VGC meeting to discuss the long-range plan. Rob will revise the existing priorities and have it submitted to the CBOD.

Financials – Mike Schwerin received financials from accounting which has been delayed since July 2024. February 2025 green fees were up 6.2% to budget – YTD down 3%. Golf revenue YTD was down 3.6% to budget. Tournament fees down 15% due to bunker project. Golf expense YTD was favorable 2.4% to budget. Tree trimming was under budget YTD \$9,000. Water YTD under budget \$84.6K. Electric was under budget \$40K. Payroll and benefits were over budget \$93K. Bottom line is the loss is better than budgeted. In February, the total golf cart fees amounted to 633 carts at \$21 per cart. This prompted a discussion regarding the registration of all carts and the appropriate course of action if not registered. Nothing resolved.

CBOD Liaison – Judy Owen indicated the budget is still being finalized. Ryan Bell will meet with us in June to discuss reserves. XMAS day play will be discussed at the April CBOD meeting. 1.14 is pending. Disciplinary actions are being implemented and will be conducted quarterly.