

THE VILLAGES WOMEN'S NINE-HOLE GOLF CLUB

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 3, 2021 via Zoom

BOD and Committee Chairs in Attendance: Wendy Ledamun, Kay Gray, Anka Hoek, Linda Lamanno, Marcy Boyles, Mary Wagle, Mary Stowers, Judy Frey, Christine Zinn, Pat Smith, Pam Leonard, Charlotte Waugh, Sheryl Driskell, Diane Nelson, and Judi Falarski

Members in Attendance: Karen Kosmala, Carol Begley, Teddy Morse

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Captain Wendy Ledamun

Captain's Welcome: Wendy welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting

Item 1: Vote to approve March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1) A motion was made by Mary Wagle to approve the April 5, 2021 BOD Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Anka Hoek and the minutes were approved.

Item 2: Report outs from Officers and Standing Committee Members

Treasurer's Report: In Laura Swenson's absence, Wendy provided the following treasurer's report:

Checks written:

Valerie Dimmick: \$166.52 March General Meeting expenses
Alice Affourtit: \$ 80.00 Dues refund; she relocated to Texas)
Wendy Ledamun: \$ 62.64. Zoom charges (Jan, Feb, Mar 2021)

Balance as of April 30: \$6,518.47

Nothing outstanding to pay...or deposit.

Kay Gray reported that she has submitted ~\$50 in expenses for Spring Fling tournament prize expenses. Peggy James also has outstanding expenses yet to be submitted for this tournament.

Membership: In Kathleen Pennington's absence, Wendy reported that we have 2 people in qualification. Liiwan Ma and Lolivic Shaw. It seems Lolivic has lost interest as she has only turned in 1 scorecard. Numerous attempts to contact her have been unsuccessful.

Sunshine: Marcy Boyles reported that she had no requests to send cards during the month of April.

VGC Update: Mary Wagle's report from on the April 8, VGC meeting is attached.

Publicity: Linda Lamanno said that a volunteer is needed to write the Swingers article for the July newsletter. She suggested that we start an archive of the newsletter articles.

Website: Diane Nelson reported that a registration form has been created for Away Games, Guest Days and WNHGA Open Days. The form and is posted on the Swingers website www.swingers9.org along with guidelines and schedules.

The next WNHGA Open Day is at TPC Stonebrae Golf Clubs on June 9; signups are due by May 25.

Tuesday Tournaments: The April 13 "Spring Fling Tournament" was very popular. Having the pro shop create the scorecards and post the results brought back some semblance of normal to Tuesday play. The BOD is looking into another fun tournament in June, perhaps celebrating Flag Day.

Item 3: Old Business

Change to Swingers Standing Rule 1, Membership

The Swingers Board voted to amend our By Laws Standing Rule 1, which if passed, would allow dual membership with the two other women's golf clubs in The Villages at our April BOD meeting. The April 27 vote failed to secure the required 30% of the total membership's vote. Following the vote, a request to assess if our Standing Rule 1 is in violation of Club Rule 1.40 was sent to the VGC and CBOD. On May 1, we were informed our By Laws were out of compliance with The Villages' Club Rule 1.40. It was the CBODs consensus that this was something the Swingers needed to fix internally.

The issue was discussed at today's meeting. A motion was made and seconded to change the Swingers' By-Laws to remove the exclusion and add eligibility requirements for Shonis and 18-hole Women to join our club under Standing Rule 1. A vote was taken by a show of hands and the motion passed unanimously. The quorum voting in favor of the motion were: Kay Gray, Anka Hoek, Christine Zinn, Sheryl Driskell, Linda Lamanno, Valerie Dimmick, Mary Stowers, Pat Smith, Judi Falarski, Diane Nelson, and Wendy Ledamun. The motion was passed.

It is the belief of the Swingers BOD that it has the authority to amend the By-Laws to comply with Club Rule 1.40 to avoid losing Club Board recognition without a vote by the membership.

The dual membership pilot program will end on June 30, 2021. The 18-hole members will then be able to join the Swingers provided they meet our qualification requirements. Sheryl will send the 18-hole ladies our qualification requirements.

Update: Subsequent to the BOD vote, Wendy received an email from Karen Kosmala, stating the BOD did not have the authority to change the By Laws without a vote by General Membership. The issue was raised to the CBOD once again. On May 10, the following email was received from CBOD President, Mike Falarski:

“Wendy:

The Club Board of Directors (CBOD) believes the Villages Women's 9-hole Golf Club (Swingers) bylaws contain a membership rule that violates members rights to freedom of association. Swinger Bylaw Standing Rule 1 section C and section D deny membership to Short-9 women's Golf Club and the women's 18-hole Golf Club members due solely to their association with those clubs. We understand that this rule is a hold-over from the days when the 9-Hole Group was part of WNHGA which prohibited their members from belonging to more than one club. That prohibition was removed in 2018.

The VGCC Club Rules state (1.40 2(B))“The club must be open to all residents who meet membership requirements.” To the extent that the Swinger rules inappropriately restricts Villagers rights to Freedom of Association, the CBOD finds that rule unacceptable and therefore requires that the Swingers revise their bylaws to be consistent with CBOD Rules and Policies. Per the Swinger Bylaw Section 11 this must be accomplished via an election of the Swingers membership.

Failure to complete this bylaw revision may result in the loss of the Swinger’s recognition as an official CBOD club.

Mike Falarski, CBOD President”

A vote by the General Membership has been scheduled for May 18-25. Paper ballots will be delivered to all members homes between May 15-17. Ballots returned to the Swingers Ballot Box outside the Pro Shop will be collected and counted by Joyce Mukuno, former Swingers Membership Chair.

Item 4: New Business

Regular Tuesday Tournament Play to resume in July. July 6th will be our first shotgun start since the beginning of COVID. The date also coincides with July’s Captain’s Trophy Tournament. Wendy would like to fit in some of the events that we have missed. The tournament with the 18 holers is August 8th.

Guest Days. Betty Garcia proposed reinstating Guest Days, the purpose of which is to invite golfers who do not belong to any club and thus, hopefully, get more folks out on the course. Guest Days could be posted on the website. There is a Guest Day scheduled in September.

Meeting adjourned 10:05 am

Minutes recorded by Judi Falarski, Secretary