

# The Villages Women's 9-hole Golf Club

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, January 7, 2025

**Attendance:** Gisele Barber, Sheryl Driskell, Kathy Apgar, Sherry Benz , Delma Juarez, Vicki Krattli, Gloria Lowry, Joyce Mukuno, Diane Franco-Nelson, Pam Short, Judy Steinberg, Mary Wagle

Captain, Gisele Barber called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM

**Minutes 12/3/24:** Mary Wagle moved that the minutes of the 12/3/24 meeting be approved. Pam Short second the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Delma Juarez reported the current balance is \$6,981.31. Treasurer's report is attached. Delma also distributed the proposed 2025 budget and asked if there were any adjustments to the budget (also attached). The anticipated carry-over to 2026 is \$3,173 which Delma stated was comfortable. There was consensus that the Board would like to "give back" excess funds to the members. Sweeps have been increased to \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5 for a total of \$104/week.

**Handicap:** Kathy Apgar is chair for handicap and is reviewing materials/reports. It was decided that any "Birdie" pin (1/year for any member) would be given out at the next upcoming general meeting.

**Membership:** Judy Steinberg asked for clarification regarding refunds for members who wish to drop their membership. If a player drops membership before playing a round in the current year, full refund is in order. If a member drops membership after playing in the current year, a refund of 50% is given. This is not reflected in our SOP. Mary Wagle will draft this policy for review. Delma currently bills the Villages for membership for the 9-hole golf club and for the Shoni's. She suggested that, in the future, all women's golf clubs should be billed through one person. She is willing to be that person and will work with the 18-hole women's group to develop a protocol. NCGA fees will be billed in February.

**Publicity:** Vicki Krattli is looking for volunteers to help with publicity. It was suggested that the date of play referenced in an article be included.

**Rules:** SusieQ was not present.

**Twilight:** Gisele and Diana Hallock have set the dates for 2025.

**Tuesday Tournaments:** Kudos were offered to Pam Short and Gloria Lowry for the highly successful pajama-themed Christmas tournament. The next tournament will be in celebration of Valentine's Day.

**Website:** Diane Franco-Nelson reported that there will be changes in 2025: 1) when a new membership form is submitted on-line, it will be received by all Board members, 2) beginning February 4<sup>th</sup>, all sweeps will be posted on the website.

**Sunshine:** Cynie was not present.

**VGC Report:** Mary presented the current report (see attached).

**Exchanges:** Mary Wagle reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> exchange, "Swing into Spring", is set for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She does not want to host an exchange until the entire course is available. Therefore, if there is a delay in the bunker project, the exchange will be set back.

**Holiday luncheon:** No report.

**Mediation:** Joyce had no issues to report.

**Old Business:**

1. An update to our SOP is required to make the #2 tees mandatory for all players. Mary has completed the revision and, after additional review, will bring it back to the Board for approval in February.

**New Business:**

1. **Lunch program:** Gisele and Sheryl are working with Chef Jon. The meal selections will come from the breakfast/brunch menu. An email will be sent to all players on Monday with the choices. Players will then check off their choice when they pick up their cards. An additional \$1 will be added to cover the ice tea/coffee. It was suggested that the lunch program be conducted 1x/month. Its purpose is to build comradery among our members.
2. **Blind Draws:** Evidently, the blind draw has not been done properly. It was suggested that each event chair include instruction to the Pro Shop that any blind draw should be pulled in accordance with the flight in need.
3. **"Pick-Up":** There was a discussion about a situation where a player picks up their ball when they have 10 strokes and whether that player is still eligible for sweeps. The consensus is that a ball must be holed out or the player is not eligible for sweeps. This requires an addition to our SOP which Mary will address.
4. **18-hole mixer:** Very few primary 9-hole members are signed up. The consensus is that we play together so frequently that a mixer is not needed. (9-hole golf club voted to eliminate this event in 2026).
5. **Tuesday "mix":** It was suggested that 1x/month (preferably on Captain's Trophy day) that the Pro Shop set up the 4-somes based upon similar handicaps. This would provide opportunity to play with different members. The 1<sup>st</sup> "mix" will be held February 4<sup>th</sup> and will be on a 3-month trial to determine the benefits. No change in the SOP is needed at this time.
6. **Networking:** Mary and Gisele are networking with other clubs to maintain their interest in events at the Villages and to be included in their events. NCGA maintains a list of play days and open days (18 holes) that are available and members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Benz, Secretary

**Next Board meeting: Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Vineyard Center.**