

The Villages Women's 9-hole Golf Club

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Attendance: Gisele Barber, Sheryl Driskell, Sherry Benz, Delma Juarez, Gloria Lowry, Joyce Mukuno, Diane Franco-Nelson, Mary Wagle, SusieQ Conklin, Kathy Apgar, Judy Steinberg.

Captain, Gisele Barber called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

Minutes 3/4/25: Sheryl Driskell moved that the minutes of the 3/4/25 meeting be approved. Judy Steinberg seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Delma Juarez reported the current balance is \$12,519.24. It was a quiet month with no major expenditures/revenues.

Rules: SusieQ is planning an "on course" seminar when the weather is better with a focus on "penalty areas". She reminded us of an upcoming Rules seminar at Stanford on 4/17/25.

Twilight: The first 2025 twilight event will be held on May 30th. Giselle reports that it is "all ready to go."

Tuesday Tournaments: The first Tuesday tournament is set for Tuesday, April 15th. By consensus, the Board agreed that a "Spirit of the Game" award be given to last place teams for this and all tournaments.

Website: Diane Franco-Nelson reported that new pages have been added to the website: 1) Captain's trophy with pictures, 2) Events (which currently includes the "Step into Spring" exchange) and 3) New business (lunch program, general meeting information).

VGC Report: Mary presented the current report:

SWINGERS VGC REPORT FOR MARCH 13, 2025

April 1, 2025 BOD Meeting

GMS Report – Mark Wilson reported that hand raking is being used for the new bunkers, as they are too small to accommodate the Sand Pro vehicles. A comprehensive program of maintenance of the bunkers is being devised to ensure the longevity and aesthetics of them. The soil and turf are loving the wet weather, but completing projects has been a challenge. The #2 tees expansion project is done on the six problematic ones (2, 3, 5, 9, 10 and 17). The work was managed and paid for out of the maintenance budget. Fairway aeration should be completed by the end of March. Topdressing should be done by mid-April, and then greens aerification is scheduled for March 17, 18, and 19. The bunker renovation project is moving quickly with more than three holes closed, as there are some tournament plans for April. Again, all of the above the work is dependent on rainy weather.

Golf Operations – Scott reported that total rounds for February were up 5% over last year. Year-to-date total rounds were down 5% over last year. It's important to note that guest rounds make up 18% of the total rounds played and 32% of greens fees revenue. There were three tournaments in February. The Men's Club had their Presidents Tournament with 100 players, The Swingers/18 Hole Ladies Mixer with 72 players, and the Swingers Valentine's Day Tournament with 68 players.

Culture of Care – Cart path work is an ongoing discussion, but some of the suggestions are too costly to be addressed at present.

Financial – Mike Schwerin said he's still waiting on the financials from Blake Kennedy.

CBOD Update – Judy Owen reported that there are financial pressures from all clubs at The Villages, and the clubs have presented their project priorities to the CBOD for consideration. The water bills are huge. As an added problem the ponds on holes 11 and 6/7 need to be repaired, as they are leaking. Ryan Bell is coming to the June or July VGC Meeting to review budgeted items. Regarding rule 1.14, Clay Curtin is working on some re-wording, so April is the target to have the draft submitted to the VGC and CBOD Rules Committee.

Open Discussion – Susie-Q asked if the course will be re-rated after the bunker renovation work. Scott said that USGA has a schedule of rotations, and they will not be out for another several years.

The next VGC meeting will be on April 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Montgomery Center.

Exchanges: Mary Wagle reported that the 1st exchange, "Swing into Spring", is set for April 22nd. The financial projection, based upon 68 participants, anticipates a positive balance of \$469.76. Because of the balance, it was suggested that coffee and muffins be included. Lunch will be a taco salad with a brownie for dessert. Another email will be sent to the membership since some do not understand that they may sign up without an outside partner.

Old Business:

1. **Lunch program:** The first lunch will be held on April 15th in the Fairway room. There will be 5 selections and the menu will be emailed to members on the Sunday before. Members will make their selection at the sign-in desk prior to golf. There will be someone at the desk to answer questions. Coordination has been included with the 18-hole golf group to avoid duplication of the menu. At this time, the lunch program is planned for 1x/month.
2. **General Meeting:** The next General Meeting will be held on April 29th. It will include a special tribute to past captains. Sheryl is coordinating this event.
3. **Captain's Trophy:** The next Captain's Trophy will complete the 3-month trial of grouping players according to handicap. There has been no notable objection from the players so, by consensus, we will continue the same format.

New Business:

1. **Putting for Dimes:** Betty Garcia suggested and agreed to chair this activity which provides opportunity for members who no longer are able to play golf on the course to engage in a putting contest. Bev Poellet will assist Betty. The Board is in support.
2. **By-law Revision:** Sheryl moved and Giselle 2nd to accept the by-law revisions. The changes primarily reflect our removal from WHNGA, discontinuation of the invitational, etc. The changes will be sent to the membership for review and a vote is scheduled for April 29th at the General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Benz, Secretary

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, May 6 at Vineyard Center.