

Valley Golf Association
Fall Meeting
September 10, 2006

Meeting called to order by President James Seal at 4:00 p.m. at the Palmer Elks Lodge.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as written by Bob Stoll; second by Chuck Tanner. Motion passed. Thanks to Leslie and Jules Mead for providing refreshments for the meeting.

James turned the floor over to Chuck Tanner for a report on the Alaska Cup. The tournament is played over the course of two days in a match play format. All members of the team appreciate the support received from the Board of Directors and the Valley Golf Association. It is good competition and the members of the team look forward to it each year. Frank Monfrey was the coordinator of the tournament this past summer.

Roger Baca was unable to attend the meeting to report on the Junior Golf Association.

Jules Mead, Treasurer's Report: VGA currently has three accounts; the General Fund, Scholarship Fund, and the Grant Foundation. A copy of this report is made a part of these minutes by reference and is attached. As some of you may know, the Mat-Su Resort was sold and the new owner does not wish to sell pull tabs. VGA has a cumulative total of about \$19,000 in the bank.

James Seal, President's Report: Hope you had a good season. As information, since Mark Glasoe transferred to Australia, Jon Albright has been appointed to serve as Vice-President; Jim Flatley has taken position of pull tab chairman; Jan Affinito has accepted the position of Publicity Chair. We are still looking for a Membership Chair.

Lonesea Seal, Tournament Chair: Suggested that we reduce tournaments next season and hope this will improve participation. Suggestion has been made that we alter the age as they do in the State senior tournament to allow age 45-55 to participate. This could be a topic of further discussion for the Spring Meeting. There is a possibility that we will work with Palmer Golf Course and the State Fair to bring the tournament back.

Jim Palin, Handicap Chair: There are some interesting statistics from this year. We are down about 10 percent in membership. As of today, we are at 454 but we also have 98 new members that we did not have last year. Of the new members, 72 are men and 21 are women, with 5 new junior members. As of September 1, Kelly Christensen was the most improved male changing his handicap from 17.5 to 12.7; James Bishop was second, changing from 12.2 to 8.4 and Gary Oliver was third, changing from 13.1 to 9.5. For the ladies, most improved were Brittany Bomar who changed from 12.8 to 7.8; Tracy Verrall changed from 26.0 to 21.8; and Linda Akers changed from 20.3 to 16.9. For the Juniors Kyle Walker changed from 31.1 to 23.6; Trenton Berberich changed from 11.6 to 9.0 and Rynae Baca changed from 15.9 to 13.7. Most rounds posted this year for the men were Gary Oliver with 101; Jim Palin with 80 and Bill Toney with 70. Most rounds posted for the ladies were Faye Palin with 79, Betty Toney with 58 and Rita Eder with 57. For the juniors was Rynae Baca with 14, Kyle Walker with 8 and Trenton

Berberich with 6. As a side note, Jim and Faye have been told that membership is down in Anchorage as well.

Bob Stoll, Scholarship Chair: There was a lot of information in the newsletter concerning the scholarship program. As information the scholarships are available to the community and the surrounding area. The Grant Program is available to members only and is dedicated to members who wish to go on in the golf industry. Grants may be given or not but the point is building the account for future years to provide a lasting way to assist our members in improving their opportunity to advance in the industry.

Bob continued with comments concerning tournaments and the hope that members will become more active in inviting others to participate in tournaments so we have a better registration and more membership involvement. Comments from the floor came regarding flighting more tournaments and getting away from gross and net play. Topic of discussion for possible board action during the coming winter months.

Bonnie Prudence, Secretary: Advised those in attendance that if nominated and elected for Secretary, she will serve the two year term; however, at the end of that term she will not accept the position in the future.

No comments from Jon Albright, Vice President.

Jim Flatley, Pull Tab Chair: He has selected Jon Albright to be his secondary contact for the sale of VGA pull tabs and is actively pursuing new locations for sales to be conducted.

Jim Palin made motion that if there are no more than 40 players for a tournament it should be cancelled. Second by Bert Verrall. Discussion followed. James brought up the point that lowering the entry fee to \$25 for members did not increase the participation; therefore, it was not working. Bob Harris asked for the question concerning canceling tournaments if the minimum number of players is not reached. Motion failed.

Bert Verrall made a suggestion that we have a point system with prizes awarded at the end of the year. Bert & Jan will work with Lonesa to possibly set something like this up for the future.

James advised the membership present that the VGA Board of Directors has voted to withdraw from the Alaska State Amateur due to the inequity in participation with the new rules adopted by the AGA which limits the number of players from other parts of the state. This is a two day match play format with only a select number invited to participate. VGA is allowed to have three men and two women participate in this format from which the State Amateur winner is determined. It does not seem to the Board and others in the State that this format is fair to all players who may wish to participate. They also require that the Association pay \$200 per player for participation and during this past summer, they recruited a player from the Valley to participate without any contact with anyone on the Board. Other players were required to participate in the Warm-Up tournament and earn their place in the tournament. Chuck Tanner has talked with many golfers in Anchorage and has been told that they are not happy with the format as well. It may be changed again in the future. Motion from Bob Stoll that until we get an equal representation across the board for players in the Alaska State Match Play Tournament, the VGA will

not provide players for the tournament. Second by Leslie Mead. Motion passed with Jim Palin abstaining.

Election of Officers: Nominating Committee Chair is not present at this meeting. Nomination for Vice President, Jon Albright (election confirming appointment to fill Mark Glasoe resignation) by Bert Verrall, Second by Bob Stoll. Nomination of Bonnie Prudence for Secretary by Chuck Tanner, Second by Bob Stoll.

Lonesa presented the Alaska Airlines mileage award from the use of EZ Biz for booking travel. The prize was won by the family of Craig Savage who earned more than 25,000 miles for the VGA this year with their travel.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Bob Stoll. Second by Chuck Tanner. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Prudence, Secretary

Secretary's Note:

This meeting had many important topics for discussion, as well as some important business to discuss. The membership of this organization is 454 people who are interested in the game of golf. **THIS MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY 26 MEMBERS.** It is difficult to maintain a viable organization with such a small number of members in attendance.