

Valley Golf Association
Fall Meeting
September 22, 2007

Meeting called to order by President James Seal at 5:35 p.m. at the MatSu Resort. Thanked everyone for coming. We usually have more people for the meeting but we did not have a fall tournament this year. Minutes of the Spring Meeting are available on each table.

Jules Mead, Treasurer's Report: We are in pretty good shape this year with \$8,835 in membership and a total income of \$12,794. Membership expenses included handicaps and donations to Alaska Junior Golf Association and the Alaska Cup. We did make one donation that should have come from our general account so there will be adjustments between accounts. We paid out \$5,000 in scholarships and had a net loss of \$482.09 in the pull tab account. Grant Foundation had \$80 in donations and some banking fees. The remaining balance in the general fund is \$3,313.62; scholarship fund is \$6,064.67; grant foundation is \$3,868.67. Total cash in the bank is \$13,246.76. Even though we lost some money this year, we are still in good financial condition.

Lonesea Seal, the tournament director, is not available today but she wished that there was more participation in tournaments but hopefully the next person who holds the position will be able to increase the play in our tournaments.

Craig Savage, Rules Chair: Nothing to report at this time.

Jim Flatley, Fundraising Chair: Does have another location ready to go and it is a matter of teaching all the bartenders how to keep track of sales. Jim announced that he will have to resign as Chair because his time is limited by the other businesses that he is running. Jim also advised that there has been a change in managers at the Mat-Su Resort three times this year which has resulted a reduction in the number of games sold.

Bob Stoll, Scholarship Chair, is not present.

Jan Affinito, Publicity Chair, is out of state but will possibly try to organize the State Fair Tournament next year.

Jim Palin, Handicap Chair: Season ends October 5 and that is the last time handicaps will be updated. You may always post scores online. There were 354 members with 41 new members this year. We are down 187 members from last year. A possible reason for that is Settlers Bay had a really good program last year that reduced green fees if you were a VGA member. There were only 8 of the juniors who have posted scores. Rynae Baca played 40 rounds; Gary Oliver, 92 rounds; Rudder Hulce, 77 rounds; Opal Harvey, 66 rounds. Most improved were Rynae from 10.9 handicap to 5.9; Opal from 28.6 to 24.8; and Joe Doherty from 25.8 to 16.3. Remember that it really is up to the people that are playing, to encourage posting of scores.

Cindi Heal-Harsh, EZ Biz Chair, is out of town. We usually have miles as a door prize at this meeting so we'll save until the spring meeting.

New Business:

Terry Clark stated that for years he has been remarking that funds be in an endowment fund so we would be making more money that triggers giving more scholarships. This would ensure the longevity of the scholarship fund because the organization will be here longer than the individuals in this room. Recommended that discussion be tabled and the members of the board get more information and possibly announce in the spring newsletter.

Frank Monfrey reported to the membership on the Alaska Cup and presented a recap of 1007. Alaska Cup Match Play event was 20 players from AGA and VGA. There are not prizes involved and no money. The only prize is the trophy that unfortunately, we still do not have. VGA sponsorship has been much appreciated. This year again we added a women's division. Faith, Kim, Rynae, and Allegra won all of their matches. Question from Faye regarding how players are selected to participate in the event. Frank advised that he and Chuck went through the list of members and based on handicap indexes chose people. A players were 0-5 indexes; B players 5.1 to 8; and C players 8.1 and above. This play has been going on for eight years and has been a good competition.

Roger Baca was not present to give a report on AJGA.

No other new business was presented from the floor.

Terry Clark, Nominating Committee: We have two positions to be elected this year, President and Treasurer. Jon Albright advised that due to work related issues and other issues so he will be unable to fulfill his term as president. Jules Mead advised he will continue to fulfill the duties as treasure of the association until the new president can find a replacement or Jules can find a person to replace him. Jules Mead elected as Treasurer.

President: Tim Walsh has been nominated. Tim made comments introducing himself to the group and his involvement with the game of golf. No other nominations were made from the floor. Tim was elected by unanimous consent.

Vice President: The position of Vice President is vacant. Bert Verrall was appointed and will serve until next year's election.

Motion to adjourn by Ted Prudence; second by Leslie Mead. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Prudence, Secretary