

Valley Golf Association  
Spring Meeting  
May 6, 2007

Meeting called to order by President James Seal at the Mat-Su Resort at 3:40 p.m. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Fall Meeting and accept as written by Bob Stoll; second by Larry Hettrick. Motion carried.

President Seal advised that the Treasurer is not in attendance today since he is attending his son's graduation at UAA. Financially there have been few changes to our year end report. Additional funds will be added because we have new member's dues coming in at the present time.

James Flatley, Fund Raising Chair: We have pull tabs at the Mat-Su Resort and will have another location at Fishhook Bar and Grill as soon as their permit comes through and he is presently looking for additional locations.

Craig Savage, Rules Chair: There are no new rulings coming for 2007. As you may recall from our Spring Meeting last year, the Board of Directors has approved the use of devices to measure distances only during tournament play. The devices may not include GPS systems. If GPS is provided from the golf course, you can't ask what club to use but you can ask distances.

Jan Affinito, Publicity Chair: Hope you all received your Spring Newsletter in the mail. Lonesa does a great job of keeping the web page. Also remember assistance is always appreciated for help with upcoming tournaments.

Bob Stoll, Scholarship Chair: Scholarship Program is approaching \$100,000 in the last 11 years. The funds all come from pull tabs. We have scholarships and grants available for people who plan to go into golf as a career. Applications for scholarships are available at all the high schools.

Lonesa Seal, Tournament Chair: Applications are available for the tournaments on the website and for the first tournament will be available at the golf courses. As information we dropped one tournament this year. We will not be holding the State Am Warm-up this year. Our fall tournament will be in conjunction with the Alaska State Fair. Jan commented on the format that will be played. It will be a blind pair team event the first day and will be an individual medal play for the second day. Hopefully we will attract a number of players with the help of the Fair. Some of the proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. We are helping to have 150 players for this tournament.

Jim & Faye Palin, Handicap Co-chairpersons: Computers are now up and running at the golf courses. We should also note that scores may not be posted until May 15 because of conditions at the course. Also thanked Bob Stoll and congrats to VGA for the \$100,000 in scholarships.

Bob Stoll then commented regarding the low membership attendance at the previous meeting and stated he was pleased to see more members in attendance today.

Jon Albright, Vice President: Looking forward to an exciting year and a good season. Who would have thought that Jeff Barnhart would be at Settlers Bay and George Collum at Palmer Golf Course? It should be a great year.

Eric Henderson, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course: The course opened for the season yesterday. The flood did not do much damage to the course. Fees are the same as last year. Fee for 9 holes is \$13 and for 18 holes is \$24. Juniors and seniors are \$11. There will be a junior program this year. Scott Johnson will handle the program. The program is for beginners and intermediates between 8 and 16 years of age. The kids really like programs that are on the course from the beginning. It's an eight week program for \$125. The play is for 3 hours in the morning, one day per week.

Jesse Werner, Fishhook Glenn Golf Course was not represented at the meeting.

George Collum, Palmer Golf Course: A bit of history for those who do not know me well, I grew up in Anchorage and moved to Las Vegas about 10 years ago. I met Tracy and we moved back to Alaska, working for Eagle Glen and then working for Jeff at Moose Run. Thanks to the Palins for doing the handicaps which is a lot of work. Also thanks for to Jeff for giving me the opportunity to work at Palmer. Golf in the valley has changed and I am looking forward to a better season and a better spirit of cooperation in the valley for the coming season. Katy is helping as an assistant this year and will be helping with tournament schedule. Joe Butler will be teaching golf and working with Junior Golf from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. for six weeks. Allegra Butler will also help. Dirk Sturry has stepped up to greens keeper and has fired up the water system. Thanks to everyone for the support of the changes at Palmer.

Jeff Barnhart, Settlers Bay Golf Course: Thanks to all for the years at Palmer. Billy Bomar's contract at Settlers Bay was not renewed and he is moving on to other things. The opportunity to work at Settlers Bay is new and exciting. Settlers Bay has been doing a good job but after this year, if you have a season pass, it will be honored for tournament play. For this year, George and Jeff came up with a season pass opportunity. If you purchase a season pass at either golf course for the regular price, you will be able to purchase a pass at the other course for half the price. Tarps will come off most of the greens next week. Amos as Superintendent is experimenting with a new type of bent grass which should improve the greens. Ryan Sparks is back and Chris Wright is back in the golf business and is working at the pro shop. Ryan and Chris will run the Junior Golf program. We are trying to sell "Valley" golf. Green fees will be \$25 during the week and \$39 on the weekend. Season passes for the driving range are available. Jeff thanked all again remarked about looking forward to an exciting new season.

Comments from the floor:

Ron Stocker questioned if the \$25 fee for tournaments had any effect on the participation. Lonesa responded that all the registration fees go back to winners of the tournaments. The change did not increase the number of people playing. The committee is still looking for suggestions to improve tournament participation. We are still maintaining the lower fee and hoping for more participation.

No further comments from the floor.

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. by Bob Stoll; second by Ted Prudence.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Prudence  
Secretary