

Valley Golf Association
Spring Meeting
May 1, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Bob Stoll at the Mat-Su Resort at 5:25 p.m.

Jim Palin made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and accept as written; second by Ron Stocker. Motion passed.

On the table in front is a letter from AGA regarding the State Amateur Tournament and the new format for 2005. Carl Z. from AGA has been invited to tonight's meeting and should be here to answer questions. Applications for the May 14 Opening Day Tournament are also on the table. This tournament may be a qualifier for the new State Am format.

Introduction of the officers: Bob Stoll, President; James Seal, Vice President; Bonnie Prudence, Secretary; Jules Mead, Treasurer. Bob then requested Jules present his report.

Treasurer's Report: In the general fund as of yesterday, there is a balance of \$6,078.59, which is a really strong position for the beginning of the year. The current balance in the Pull Tab Account is \$6,183.32 with five more checks to be deposited. This will allow the Board to possibly consider raising the Scholarship distribution amounts for the coming year. A copy of the report statements is made a part of these minutes by reference.

Bob then introduced Jim and Faye Palin, who have been Handicap Chairmen for a number of years. Jim advised that the computers went to the golf courses on Friday. The first update for handicaps will be on May 13. Please pay your dues or you will not be registered to post your scores.

Pat McRoberts is Membership Chair and is busily accepting dues payments at present.

Craig Savage, Rules Chair: Both courses will have rule books available for members as in the past. There have been some questions about proper procedure for drops from hazards and also about slow play. If you have any questions about rules, he will try to help out.

Dale Dailey, Fund Raising Chair: Boxes of pull tabs are selling out in 2 – 3 weeks. There is presently about \$6,000 (as reported by the Treasurer) in the account with five more checks to deposit. We are now the only vendor at the Mat-Su Resort.

Molly Glasoe, Publicity Chair: Reporting for Lonesa Seal, Tournament Chair: The major change this year is that all tournament entry fees will be \$25 for members. All funds will go to prizes. We will not have fancy door prizes as we have in the past. If you have a business and would like to sponsor door prizes and have your business logo on one side and VGA on the other, it is very do-able. Entry forms for all tournaments will be at the golf courses and on the web site.

Cindi Heal-Harsh, EZ Biz Chair: Alaska Airlines EZ Biz account is now available to use through the link on the web site. Contact Cindi to send you an invitation to sign up. Remember, for each purchase

through the EZ Biz account, not only do you receive miles for your travel, VGA also receives miles. The miles that VGA receives are used as tournament prizes throughout the season.

Bob Stoll, Scholarship Chair: At present \$5,000 has been targeted for scholarships this year which is an amount that has worked well for the past several years. The Board is working on establishment of a grant program for members. Harry Woodworth has come up with a plan to implement this program. Grants would be available for grad students, college, or vocational tech schools. If there are others that are deserving of receiving funds, we can look at the total amount and possibly increase the dollar amount for this year. All funds do come from the pull tab account, not membership fees.

Nominating Committee person is Terry Clark. Please contact Terry if you are interested in running for an office.

President Stoll then introduced Greg Sanders from AGA. Greg advised he really did not intend to address the meeting but Carl Z was not able to attend tonight. The new format proposed for the State Am tournament was proposed at an AGA Board meeting. It is loosely based on population. He advised there will be a board meeting again in early June to discuss the format in more detail. In the past it has been a stroke play tournament. This year it will be a match play format. Changing the subject, the Alaska Cup matches will be held at Eagle Glen Golf Course on July 23 and 24, 36 holes of play each day. There will be 12 members and 2 alternates on each team. Chuck Tanner is in charge of the Valley team and Greg is in charge of the Anchorage team. Chuck will work on the qualifiers for the Alaska Cup team since there is a tournament conflict in the Valley. There are several other tournaments that qualify players for USGA events outside of Alaska. Information is available on the AGA website.

Louie Zib from Eagle River Golf Center is not present.

Jesse Werner, Fishhook Golf Course: Prepared a lengthy speech but lost it between the car and the building (joke of the day). Driving range remains open most of the year. There is a nine hole golf course, power cart rate is \$10.00; green fees are \$10.00. Thanks to Jeff, Mark and Billy for the opportunity for purchase some of their "junk" for operations at Fishhook.

Eric Henderson, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course: Located off Schrock Road. Greens this year will be open May 5 and are a combination of bent grass and poana. It is a small 9 hole, par 3 golf course which is good for beginners. There will be a Junior Golf Program starting about July 1. Don Chickerell will handle the program, Thursday morning from 9 to 12. Ladies Day is still on Tuesday; Wednesday is \$1.00 per hole day. It is a small course, nothing high tech. Green fess are \$12.00 for 9 holes; \$22.00 for 18 holes.

President Stoll introduced Mark Dolejsi from Eagle Glen Golf Course, who is here today as a member/guest not as a speaker.

Billy Bomar, Settlers Bay Golf Course: Thanked VGA on behalf of the owners for supporting them since they bought the course three years ago. Some new things this year: have purchased another 15 new golf carts and it is the second winter in a row with new green covers. Hole #16 will become a par 3 because of some new homes near the fairway, which will reshape the hole. New tee boxes will be started soon and there will be some forward tee boxes to help the ladies. Sam Bomar is returning as

Head Golf Professional; Ryan Sparks will be back in the Pro Shop, along with Dave Zelenitz and Debbie Dunagan. Judd Scott left this year to go to work for Schlumberger. His former assistant, Amos, will be Greens Keeper. The Junior Golf Program will start June 15 on Wednesday and Friday. (Rate schedule provided by Settlers Bay Golf Course is made a part of these minutes by reference.) Settlers Bay has borrowed an idea from Palmer Golf Course and will be playing on partially covered greens for the beginning of the season.

Jeff Barnhart, Palmer Golf Course: Will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary this year. Winter was not kind to Palmer and there were a couple days of winds last week, which did not do any favors for the course. Ten greens are completely re-seeded; 1/3 about normal and 1/3 need extra care. Season Passes this year are \$475. Reminder to the group that help from VGA is needed in supporting both of the large golf courses in the Valley. There is a sale in the new cart barn; almost everything is 50% off. Between Settlers Bay and Palmer, they are the best courses in the State. Remember, when you spend a dollar at the golf course, it stays at the golf course.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Prudence
Secretary