

Val Halla Golf Association – 2023 Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 28, 2023 @ 8:30 AM

Call to Order at 8:44 AM

Roll Call: Three out of five officers present (Karen, Tony, Meredith) and in excess of 40 members present – quorum established (need 15 for a quorum).

Executive Committee: Officers - President Karen Moody, 1st Vice President Tony Polito, 2nd VP Kate Harris, Treasurer Phil Ingraham, Secretary Meredith Koerner.
Committee Chairs – Scott Johnson (Handicap), Chris King & Joe Gildart (Men’s Tournament), Sue Waltz and Linda Varrell (Women’s Tournament), Mo Fisher (Men’ Twilight), Meredith Koerner & Linda Varrell (Women’s Twilight).

Past Presidents Recognized: Scott Johnson, Mark Franco, and Tim Matthews

Moment of Silence: Recognized the passing of Dave McCarthy, Chris Littlefield, Randy Plummer, and Jennifer Muller. Karen also recognized the horrors of the past week, in Lewiston.

Secretary’s Report: Posted on web site.
The reading of the minutes was waived.

Treasurer’s Report (attached):
Karen read through the Treasurer’s report. We awarded 3 scholarships, one of which was a partial scholarship to a part time student. Our Operating Budget account has a balance of \$9,423, and our Scholarship account has a balance of \$7,767. Phil is looking for someone to replace him as the Treasurer of VHGA.

It was moved, seconded, and all present voted to approve keeping the Association fee at \$50 for the coming year.

It was moved, seconded, and all present voted to approve the Treasurer’s report.

Committee Reports:

Tournament & Rules - MENS: Will Flagg reported on Men’s Tournaments. He noted that it has been suggested that we move the Member/Member tournament to the fall. This will be discussed further by the Tournament Committee.

LADIES: Linda Varrell reported on Women’s Tournaments.

Handicap – Scott Johnson stated that using Golf Genius saves this committee a great deal of work. He noted that he anticipates some changes over the winter and will report on them at the spring meeting when he has more details. He also asked that any scoring adjustments be directed to him as opposed to the Pro Shop.

Twilight Leagues – MENS: Mo Fisher reported another good year for Men’s Twilight. It was a very large field this year. He will discuss with Nick whether they can prioritize Eagle Members during sign-ups for 2024. WOMENS: Linda Varrell reported that we have had nearly the same number of women participating the past three years. We have 44 participants plus subs in 2023. Tara Nelson and Page Atherton will be the Co-Chairs in 2024 for the women.

Scholarship – Tony Polito/Mark Franco – Tony reminded the group he would like to have someone else step up to chair this committee, and that it would be nice to get some younger people involved.

Greens – currently we have no chair of this committee. Officers are working at improving our communication with both Nick and Toby. With no active Greens Committee, we ask that all suggestions be funneled to the VHGA Executive Committee.

Old Business:

We need to work on continued communication with golf course management. A meeting will be scheduled with the VHGA officers and Nick and Toby.

Karen reminded the group that she is forming an Ad hoc Val Halla History Committee in anticipation of the 60th anniversary of Val Halla in 2025.

New Business:

The below slate of officers was presented:

- Tony Polito - President
- Kate Harris - 1st Vice President
- Vacant - 2nd Vice President
- Phil Ingraham - Treasurer (for one more year)
- Meredith Koerner - Secretary (for one more year)

It was moved and seconded to approve the above slate of officers, and all voted in favor.

It was later brought up that Will Flagg was interested in filling the 2nd Vice President position. It was moved and seconded that Will be approved as 2nd Vice President. All voted in favor.

Karen thanked Nick, Toby, Celeste, and Patty for all that they do to support Val Halla.

Meredith thanked Karen for her service as President of the VHGA.

Report of Town Concerning Golf Course:

Head Golf Professional Nick Plummer -
Note from Nick has been included below.

Superintendent’s report, Toby Young-

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 AM.

From Nick Plummer

I don't have much to note that the individual committees won't already be covering. The only additional points that should be touched on are the following.

- New Tee Signs will be installed next Spring.
- The entire parking lot, including the dirt portion when you first drive in on the right will be paved next Spring.
- We are still working on getting a permanent bathroom on the 6th hole (no updated news on when exactly this will materialize).
- I will be looking at new ways to facilitate Men's League so the pace of play isn't as slow. This will be a winter task.
- Toby and I will be continuing to find the best places to improve tee box areas (adding new boxes, expanding existing boxes, etc.) We will communicate these changes with the Executive Committee to make sure we are putting dollars in the most necessary places. But we both feel strongly that the tee boxes are a huge area for improvement going forward.
- As of this email, we have about 300 members renewed for next season. I imagine that number will hit 375 or so by 10/31. With about 25 new members coming off the waitlist. (We historically have a 20-25 member turnover each season). Could you remind golfers in attendance to fill out the form on the website so I know if they plan to renew or not?
- Current waitlist is just over 140 people.
- Tony and I have talked about this, but I intend to take over the complete organization and operation of the championships next year and run them through the Pro Shop. VHGA will still handle the Cash Tourneys/Special Events. Nothing with the events will change (sic).

That's about all I have to report. As I mentioned in one of my previous emails, Toby and I would like to meet with the executive committee after the meeting tomorrow. Not sure when the best time is, but if you could mention to members there that we plan to meet to discuss the results of tomorrow's meeting that would be great. I don't want to give the impression that we don't care about member input since neither of us will be there tomorrow.

Thanks,
Nick