

**Val Halla Golf Association – 2023 Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 11, 2023 @ 2:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order at 2:35 PM**

**Roll Call:** Four out of five officers present (Karen, Tony, Phil, Meredith) and in excess of 20 members – quorum established (need 15 for a quorum).

**Executive Committee:** Officers - President Karen Moody, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tony Polito, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and Sally Williams present, commemorative flag will be presented to Mark Franco

**Moment of Silence:** Thankfully we haven’t lost any members, but Karen wanted to recognize the passing of Kate Harris’s father.

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

**Treasurer’s Report (attached):**

Phil reported that we awarded 5 scholarships, one of which was a partial scholarship to a part time student, this was corrected to be 3 scholarships awarded in a subsequent report. Also presented to the secretary, but not announced, our Operating Budget account has a balance of \$14,778, and our Scholarship account has a balance of \$7,117. Phil also noted that he is looking for someone to replace him as the Treasurer of VHGA.

**Committee Reports:**

**Tournament & Rules - MENS:** Chris King/Joe Gildart - Nothing of substance to report. Chris noted that the season is off to a good start and things are going well.

**LADIES:** Linda Varrell/Sue Waltz - Sue also said that things are going well for the women. An email is being sent out weekly with news and a reminder of sign-ups for coming events.

**Handicap –** Scott Johnson - Scott stated that using Golf Genius saves this committee a great deal of work. He said that the committee would have a meeting soon.

**Twilight Leagues – MENS:** Mo Fisher - Mo reported another good year for Men’s Twilight. It is a more than full field, with 72 teams. **WOMENS:** Meredith Koerner/ Linda Varrell - Meredith noted that we have essentially the same number of women participating this year as last. We have 46 participants and a number of subs available.

**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:**

Ball washers, measuring tapes, water on course continue to be requested. Sally requested that we make a motion to look into an ice/water machine that would be easy to access at the turn. Karen stated that this is something we have looked into previously and it hasn't been supported by the town. Perhaps we should look into this again?

There is a great deal of support for at least 2 ball washers to be put in place.

There was also some discussion regarding trying to fix the existing tape measures.

Nick said that the bathroom on number 6 is still on the plan to be finished, but he doesn't have a date. It is currently waiting for a pumphouse to be built.

Golf Genius – It was noted that the cost of Golf Genius in 2023 is \$3,500, compared to a cost of \$3,100 in 2022. Golf Genius is enjoyed by those who play in Twilight and in Tournaments, and is a tremendous help to Nick.

### **New Business:**

**Establish New ad hoc Committee – Val Halla History** – in anticipation of 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Val Halla in 2025. Goal: Create a living history through photos and written work. Photos would be displayed in Rachel's by Spring 2025. Karen is looking for people to provide photos and would like to put together a committee for this project.

### **Report of Town Concerning Golf Course:**

#### **Head Golf Professional Nick Plummer -**

Val Halla currently has 413 members (400 is the cap, however Cumberland residents are not subject to the cap), and there are 115 people on the wait list. Summer camps and Junior clinics are all full.

Nick noted that Brad now has a full-time year round position with the Town of Cumberland.

He has budgeted for new tee signs that will replace the granite markers. The plan is for these to be in place during the late fall or early spring 2024.

Concern was expressed to Nick regarding safety on the 9th tee as well as on the 8th green.

**Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:09.**