

## VGA MINUTES FOR Q. 1 2023

Members present include: Rusty Silverman, Dan Christiansen, Danny Campos, Tom Hecoeks, Jim Cox, Neal Fisel, Mark Alway, Lloyd Snively and Ben Hughes. Ron Amstutz, Jeff Currie, Warren Meehan and John Adair were not in attendance. Jeff Currie provided Rusty Silverman his voting proximity. Warren Meehan provided Jim Cox the same.

Meeting start time @ 7:05 PM, January 18, 2023, Ajo Al's on N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ.

### On-Going Business Items:

1. Treasury Report – Ron (out for Father's passing):

Valley Golfers Association					
12/31/22	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$307.38	\$182.00	\$56.00
Savings	\$25.00	\$25.00			
Checking	<u>\$ 4,283.31</u>	<u>\$ 3,245.10</u>	<u>\$ 4,494.04</u>	<u>\$ 1,514.87</u>	<u>\$ 1,994.42</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,308.31</b>	<b>\$3,270.10</b>	<b>\$4,801.42</b>	<b>\$1,696.87</b>	<b>\$2,050.42</b>
Members	148	168	143	133	128
Hole In One Fund	<u>\$ 345.00</u>				
General Fund	<u>\$ 3,963.31</u>				

*Board members all voted in favor of approving Treasurer's report.*

2. Larry and Danny's Q. 2 2023 Schedule (TBD).
3. Removing a Ball from a Divot. Vote on this issue did not make quorum and was shelved for a vote in Q. 1 2023 meeting. From Prior Meeting: *Motion by Tom Hecoeks to remove a ball coming to rest in a divot. Seconded by Jim Cox proxy vote. 7 Members voted in favor and 4 members against. A total of 8 votes are required for a majority. Current majority is 7 based on the number of board members. **Issue was scratched.***
4. Ground Under Repair Rule – REVISITED. Ball coming to rest in a bunker. Tom Hecoeks made the motion that a player is entitled to move a ball in the bunker if:
  1. The bunker is not maintained by the golf course, has not been raked properly and if there is temporary water in the bunker. The player may rake the bunker in the area the ball came to rest and the player can clean his ball and replace it in the same spot unless there is temporary water. The player's foursome must unanimously approve the request. Lloyd Snively seconded the motion. Vote: All board members approved the motion.

5. Club Championship 2023 location. The board decided to hold the 2023 Club Championship in Prescott in the early part of September.
6. Club Championship payout procedure. The Club Championship fee will increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per player. The fees will be added to the \$1,000 club money paid out of the VGA Treasury. The club will payout 4 places for low gross – Flights A & B and 4 places for low new – Flights A & B for a total of 16 places.
7. Utilizing Golf Genius for our marketing efforts to increase player participation in the Club Championship and JPO. Event coordinators will be utilizing golf genius as the primary resource for news and information regarding upcoming tournaments.
8. Discuss the JPO in Green Valley. Rusty Silverman will contact Danielle at Canoa Ranch for rates and a room block. Performed on January 19, 2023. The club should hear back from Danielle during the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. *Tom Hebert made the motion to keep the JPO tournament days from Friday to Sunday, over the Memorial Day holiday. Seconded by Ben Hughes. All board members voted unanimously in favor.*
9. Establish dates for various VGA special tournaments. Two-man best ball tournaments will be held on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at Sun City Country Club and on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Dobson Ranch. The board also decided to add a two-man scramble tournament to its line-up with the event to take place during the second quarter. Dates and locations to be determined at a future date.
10. Revising VGA's financial status from a fiscal year basis to an annual year basis. January 1 to December 31. *Motion by Danny Campos to defer to the VGA Bylaws that the calendar year of November 1, to October 31 revert back to January 1 to December 31. Tom Hecoeks seconded the motion. All board members voted unanimously in favor.*
11. Rule 19 being disputed. The rule read as follows: Paying Eagles/Doubles Eagles Rule: A player who moves up more than 1 tee from the base tees is eligible for the Low Net pay-out only. Versus the following: A member who plays from two or more tees in front of the base tees will be eligible to win prize money for the low net event only. Any player who chooses to play from those tees will not be eligible for the closest-to-the-pin or skins money. Also, they will not be eligible for eagles and double eagles. Dispute from Harley: Please review golfer ratings at the bottom of the rules page on the website it may help you revise it fairly. Dave Dean is a skilled golfer that can still hit the ball longer and more accurately than golfers like Bill or me. I don't think one of the players in our rating should penalize any more than their lack of skill affords them. Let's face it a double Eagle is more luck than skill and if you can't possibly get there in two shots what chance do you have? Handicap determines the skill of the player so he or she can compete with players

of higher skill levels. Dave Dean shouldn't play the up tees but Bill Heller or me or players like us should not be hammered for being shitty. No changes made.

### **New Business Items:**

1. Motion to approve to the VGA Bylaws the following policy: All members voted unanimously in favor of the disciplinary policy to added to the VGA Bylaws immediately.

This VGA policy will be effective immediately on 11/25/22.

All members must adhere to the spirit of the game in a friendly and respectful manner while on the course and when interacting with other club members. This includes, but is not limited to fair play, respect for the host course and its staff, as well as respect for other club members. If there is any VGA player disagreement that needs to be addressed, the VGA Board Directors will ask the affected members to formally apologize to (if needed):

1. Each affected member.
2. Any outside party to the VGA that was involved and to the golf facility.

Examples of behavior that will have a zero-tolerance policy:

- A. Verbally threatening or physically contacting/harming other VGA members and/or any other person at the golf facility.
- B. Obnoxious behavior that affects the VGA course relationship. ***This item is a bit vague. Obnoxiousness is part of our fun within reason of course. How about behavior that bands the VGA from ever booking the golf course.***

**Failure to adhere to this VGA policy will result in immediate suspension from the club by the VGA Board of Directors and a further VGA board review for permanent termination.**

**Question:** What timeframe do we want to immediately suspend the member from the club? **Recommendation:** Until the next board meeting following the incident.

2. Golf Genius (GG)
  - a. Establishing a policy on timing for signing up for a tournament. Current policy is 2 weeks in advance. Recommendation: Assess each tournament for sign-up policy. Examples: 1. JPO – Distributing the initial sign-up to the membership 3 months in advance and follow-ups every 3 weeks thereafter. 2. Assess the golf course and the commitment our club has to that golf course in terms of the fee and the amount of tee times reserved.
  - b. Timing on sending out random GG email blasts seeking sign-ups after the initial sign-up email.
  - c. Marketing a tournament with narrative for a special tournament in addition to narrative posted on the VGA website. Examples are the JPO and the Club Championship.
3. Forming a VGA website/information committee. Danny Campos to form appropriate subcommittees as necessary but no action taken.

4. Creating a new officer position on the board called Chief Information Officer. Reason is related to Item 3. No action taken.
5. Any new business items to be considered??? *Ben Hughes made the motion that Big Dog Points be applied to both A and B Flights starting on January 1, 2024. Seconded by Mark Always. All board members voted unanimously in favor.*
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.