

VGA MINUTES FOR Q. 4 2024

Members present include: Rusty Silverman, Jim Cox, Tom Hebert, Brian Dempster, George Kowalchik, Lloyd Snively, Doug Walsh, Warren Meehan, Ben Hughes and Eric Neiland. Members not in attendance: Dan Christiansen and Bob Froelich.

Meeting start time @ 7:00 PM, October 23, 2024, Ajo Al's on N. 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ.

On-Going Business Items:

1. Treasury Report – Tom Hebert:

Assets	
<i>Hebert Holding Cash</i>	\$0.00
<i>Hole In One Reserve</i>	\$(625.00)
<i>Desert Financial Checking -0400</i>	\$5,480.75
<i>Imbalance-USD</i>	\$0.00
<i>Savings 14008567320000</i>	\$25.00
Total Assets	\$4,880.75
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Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
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Equity	
<i>Equity</i>	\$0.00
<i>Retained Earnings</i>	\$5,860.29
Retained Losses	\$979.54
Total Equity	\$4,880.75
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Total Liabilities & Equity	\$4,880.75

Valley Golfers Association Income Statement For Period Covering 01/01/2024 to 10/22/2024

Revenues		Notes
<u>AGA Dues</u>	\$3,990.00	No more in 24. Next payment in January --\$1.5k
<u>Misc.</u>	\$32.00	
<u>Round To Club</u>	\$2,022.00	Includes extra \$1 from 5/1 to 10/22
<u>Unclaimed Winnings</u>	\$65.00	
Total Revenue	\$6,109.00	
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Expenses		
<u>Annual Awards</u>	\$1,775.00	
<u>Eagles</u>	\$425.00	
<u>Hole In One Expense</u>	\$625.00	
<u>Office Expenses</u>	\$183.81	
<u>Player Winnings</u>	\$800.00	
<u>Tournaments</u>		
<u>Club Championship</u>	\$2,050.00	
<u>Ringers</u>	\$250.00	
<u>TPQ</u>	\$2,000.00	
Total <u>Tournaments</u>	\$4,300.00	
Total Expenses	\$8,108.81	
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Net loss for Period	\$1,999.81	

All board members approved the Treasurer's report.

2. George and Larry Q. 4 2024 Schedules are:

VGA 4th Quarter Wednesday - 2024

Date	Course	Booked thru	Course Contact
10/02	AZ Grand - 9:00, \$75 incl (28)	AJ – 602 659-6334	arolfson@arizonagrandresort.com
10/09	Toka Sticks – 8:00, \$65+ (28) Pre-overseed (scalped)}	Brian Herring – 480 988-4193 Cell 602 463 - 6113	bherring@tokasticksgolf.com
10/016	Wigwam Blue - 8:24, \$69+ (28)	Tyler Morse – 623 856-1018	tyler@wigwamgolf.com
10/23	Aguila 6:32 (36) CART PATH ONLY	Michael Owens – 602 534-4653	michael.owens@phoenix.gov
10/30	Sundance – 8:00, \$42+ (32)	Andrew Lolnaugh - 623 236-4924	alolnaugh@sundancegolfaz.com
11/06	San Marcos – 8:00, \$65 (28)	Leta Fumuso – 480 963-3358	LFumuso@sanmarcosgolfresort.com
11/13	Bear Creek – 7:18, \$68+ (28)	Paul Besecker – 480 631-0016	pbesecker@kempersports.com
11/20	Aguila 6:32 (36)	Michael Owens – 602 534-4653	michael.owens@phoenix.gov
11/27	Sun City CC – 8:30, \$69+ (28)	Jamey Lewis – 623 933-1353	jameylewis@pga.com
12/04	Kokopelli - \$59+ (28)	Armando Najera – 480 207-5797 Mobile - 619 207-5797	armando.najera@arcisgolf.com kokopelligc.com
12/11	Sundance – 8:00, \$50+ (32)	Andrew Lolnaugh - 623 236-4924	alolnaugh@sundancegolfaz.com
12/18	Bear Creek – 10:42, \$68+ (28)	Paul Besecker – 480 631-0016	pbesecker@kempersports.com
12/25	MERRY CHRISTMAS		
	Central - 11	East - 111111	West - 1111
			North -

VGA Saturday 4th Quarter Schedule- 2024

Date	Course		Email
10/5/2024	Tres Rios (36) \$54 + Tax Range included	Brady Toohey 833-873-7746	
10/12/2024	Union Hills 8:00 Shotgun (36) \$53 includes tax and range	Mike Maguire 623-977-4281	gm@uhgcc.com
10/19/2024	Hillcrest (36) 8:00 rough only \$63.78 includes tax and range	TJ Futch 623-584-5100	tjfutch@hillcrestgolfclub.com
10/26/2024	Pueblo El Mirage (36) 8:00	Carl Brazier	cbrazier@robertsrc.com
11/2/2024	Sun City CC 8:00 \$81 includes range	Jamey Lewis 623-933-1353	jameylewis@pga.com
11/9/2024	Sundance 8:00 Reverse Shotgun	Andrew Lolmaugh	alolmaugh@sundancegolfaz.com
11/16/2024	Encanto 8:32 (40) City +\$10	Tim Dixon 602-534-4653	timothy.dixon@phoenix.gov
11/23/2024	Kokopelli 8:30 \$79+tax includes range	Armando Najera 480-926-3589	armandonajera@kokepelligc.com
11/30/2024	Aguila 8:00 (40) City+\$10	Michael Owens	Michael.Owens@phoenix.gov
12/7/2024	Union Hills 8:00 Shotgun (40) \$74 includes tax and range	Mike Maguire 623-977-4281	gm@uhgcc.com
12/14/2024	Cave Creek (40) 8:52 City + 10	Mike Swartz 602-534-4653	michael.swartz@phoenix.gov
12/21/2024	Encanto 9:00 (40) City +\$10	Tim Dixon 602-534-4653	timothy.dixon@phoenix.gov
12/28/2024	Hillcrest (36) 8:00 \$69.10 includes tax and range	TJ Futch 623-584-5100	tjfutch@hillcrestgolfclub.com

3. Current Membership stands @ 162, down 4 from the prior meeting.
4. Two-Man Best Ball eliminated per vote from prior meeting. Do we want to continue the Ringers events in 2025? *Confirmed. In fact, the board decided to add two additional Ringers Tournaments in 2025 to replace the Two-Man Best Ball events that were retracted at the Q. 3 2024.*
5. Discuss 125 slope or 6,000 yards taking priority. In the event a coordinator makes the decision that the up tee is the base tee based on slope of more than 125, we eliminate the Dave Dean rule only on those events, i.e. Rancho Manana. *Response: Board concurred that the tournament coordinator will make the final determination on base tees.*
6. Rules posted on tee sheets prior to submission to the Player Roster. A. Should the event coordinator designate if the desert rule is in effect? If a golf course is a resort course (Examples – Oakwood, Orange Tree, Wigwam, etc.), the desert rule is not in effect. We can designate the determination by code in Golf Genius. Say DR for Desert Rule or NDR for No Desert Rule applicable to a resort course. We can post our conclusions to the membership. B. Tournament Coordinators: Designating unacceptable tees to the membership or Lift Clean & Place during overseeding. *Response / Conclusion: Golf Genius coordinators will input in Golf Genius if a course is eligible for the Desert Rule. If it is not designated in Golf Genius, the course is not a considered a Desert Rule accepted course.*
7. Website: Can the website be utilized as a link for the members to also access the tee sheet bypassing Golf Genius? Brian to discuss. *No discussion ensued on this issue.*
8. Designation of a volunteer or two responsible for promoting special events. Brian to discuss. *No discussion ensued on this issue.*
9. From Prior Meeting: Board deemed the TPO event a success and will carry it forward to Memorial Day weekend 2025. George and Rusty will start working on the golf course and hotel in January or early February. *Board concurred.*

New Business Items:

1. Do we want beginners as members. See AGA sign-up form. *No opinions expressed.*
2. Discuss prize money for Ringers events. *Board motion: Brian Dempster motioned the following payout of \$250 per event allocated as follows: 1st @ \$125.00. 2nd @ \$75.00. 3rd @ \$50.00. Seconded by George Kowalchik. All board members voted in favor. Starting in 2025, a total of \$1,000 will be distributed from the Treasury.*

3. Bill Heller chipper rule. From Neal Fisel: To eliminate confusion, the Equipment Rules which apply to chippers include:

The shaft must be attached to the clubhead at the heel (Section 2c);

2. The grip must be circular in cross-section (Section 3b(i)) and only one grip is permitted (Section 3c);

3. The clubhead must be generally plain in shape (Section 4a) and have only one striking face (Section 4d); and,

4. The face of the club must conform to the specifications with respect to hardness, surface roughness, material, markings in the impact area and dynamic properties (Sections 4c and 5).

5. The length of the club must follow the guidelines for chippers specified in the table located in Section 1c

Local Committees may permit the use of clubs longer than the maximum length allowed, provided that there is evidence of a medical or physical need for the player to use such clubs and that the shortest club carried by the player is no more than 10 inches shorter than his or her longest club, not including the putter. The above provisions on club length mean that the concept of long and mid-length putters still conform to the Equipment Rules. However, The R&A and USGA have adopted a position that clubs designed for chipping, including modified wedges, that are longer than standard length clubs of similar loft are not traditional and customary in form and make (see Part 2, Section 1a). The following table is used for the purpose of determining the maximum allowable length of a chipping club.

Loft Range (°)

Minimum Loft	16	20	23	26	29	33	37	41	45
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Maximum Loft	19	22	25	28	32	36	40	44	48
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Maximum Allowable Length (in)	41.5	41	40.5	40	39.5	39	38.5	38	37.5
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Tom Hebert presented the following Motion: Bill Heller is allowed to use a non-USGA club due a physical handicap. Lloyd Snively seconded. All members voted in favor.

4. Set up an annual membership board meeting date to select officers. *Board decided that the event at Encanto Golf Club, Saturday, December 21, 2024 will be the venue to elect officers.*

5. Lowering birdie money allocation. Fred Baldwin. Eric Neilan Response: Reallocate the \$15.00 fee by adding \$1.00 additional dollar to the CTP prize money and deduct \$1.00 from birdie money. *Shelved until 1st Q. 2025 meeting.*
6. Putting new players with long-term VGA players to get these players comfortable with the club. *Secretary will produce an introductory narrative to a new member that will be submitted to the new member by the President.*
7. Reimburse Matt Brogen, Jr. for the trophies @ \$200.00. Buy another trophy for the Gross Champion. *Tom Hebert will reimburse Matt Brogen, Jr. for the trophies.*
8. Two Board Members resigned: Brian Dempster and Dan Christiansen. Thank you both for your service to the club.
9. Any other New Business Items? *Board approved that the Secretary will send a New Business / Agenda notification out to the membership prior to an upcoming board meeting.*
10. Meeting to adjourn at 8:05 PM. *Motion to adjourn by Ben Hughes. Seconded by Jim Cox. All members voted in favor.*