



CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



Minutes for July 12, 2018 at Houndslake Country Club

Board of Directors

Executive Board:

Elected:

President: Pat Roberts
Vice-President: Kathy Blackburn
Secretary: Tracey Sillito
Treasurer: Janet Richmond
Past President: Anita Patterson

Executive Board:

Appointed:

Handicap: Carrie Dillard
Montenyohl Chmpshp: Sandy Rados
Publicity: Kathy Blackburn
Rules: Lynne Ulreich
Team Play: Mary Vaarwerk
Tournament: Brooke Hempel
Webmaster: Michelle Randrup

Representatives:

Cedar Creek: Mimi Wittkamp / Carole Stamm
Gordon Lakes: Barbara Blatter / Charlotte Johnson
Goshen Plantation: Deb Wilcox / Renee Gibbons
Houndslake: Diane Dorton / Sonja Johnson
Midland Valley: Jayne Becker
Mount Vintage: Susie Hodgen / Helen Campbell
The Reserve Club: Sandy Rados / Judy Geddis
Rocky Branch: Ann Sanders / Kathy Blackburn
Savannah Lakes: Donna Hutto
West Lake: Betsy Howard
Woodside Plantation: Marion Hansen / Susie O'Connell

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The President Pat Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:10 am

II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY REPORTS:

- A. **Welcome:** The president welcomed everyone. She had received a letter from the First tee of Aiken announcing that their Bridles and Birdies event will be held Friday September 14th @ 5:30pm at Aiken Horse Park. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Pat.
- B. **Minutes:** The Motion made by Mimi Wittkamp and seconded by Donna Hutto to accept the June minutes as written was passed.
- C. **Financial Report:** A motion was made by Barbara Blatter and seconded by Jayne Becker to accept the financial report for June as written. The Motion was carried.
- D. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Kathy Blackburn said that she has received dates for the 2018/2019 calendar from some of the Reps but is still waiting on replies from a number of other clubs. She asked that those Reps let her know the dates they would like as soon as possible as she has to have the calendar completed by the end of July. Also, If there are any other dates that you would like added to the calendar, such as scheduled club events please let her know so she can try to avoid conflicts.
The 2019 Montenyohl tournament is Sept 10th at Rocky Branch and Sept 11th at Woodside Plantation

III. **ROLL CALL:** See the above results. Highlighted name indicates the person was present.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Team Play:** On behalf of Mary Vaarwerk, Pat Roberts announced that Mary is still working on a way to get an "At large Team" together to enable those players who wish to play in team

play but do not have enough members of their own club to field a team.

- B. Montenyohl Tournament:** Wed Sept 12th 2018 at Goshen / Thurs Sept 13th 2018 at The Reserve. Entrance fee is \$102. Registration starts at 8:00 shotgun at 9:00. Sandy Rados announced that she had put a flyer for the clubs notice boards, information and signup sheets in the rep's files with a stamped addressed envelope for their return. The deadline is August 22nd. Cancellations made by August 29th will receive a full refund. Cancellations made by September 5th will receive a refund of cart fee only. If you sign up for the luncheon only, then cancelation of the luncheon must be made by Sept 5th to receive a full refund.
- Scorers: Brooke Hempel, Carrie Dillard and Anita Patterson. Rules: Lynne Ulreich. There will be 2 marshals, Roland Dillard and Tony Kay. New scoring flight boards have been purchased. Sandy went on to say that she had tracked the average number of ladies who have played in the tournament over the last 10 years and the average was 60, so hopefully we will get a good field. She said she will email the reps the flyer, so they can send it out to each of their club members as well as putting it on their locker room boards.
- C. Publicity:** Nothing
- D. Rules: A:** Lynne Ulreich asked that the committee decide if the CSRA WGA is going to elect to introduce the new USGA "maximum stroke rule" which takes effect in January (meaning: a maximum number of strokes that can be taken on a hole at which point a player can pick up and move on and still be in the competition). See Attachment I for the rationale behind this rule.

As it is an optional rule the committee can choose to apply it or not and can choose the number that the maximum strokes can be set at. A discussion followed on how this could be done and how it could affect the tournament. Sandy Rados brought up the point that we should take into consideration what percentage of the members would benefit most from this change, as any changes made are done for the benefit of the majority of the membership. It was decided that Brooke would look back over the tournament score records and see how many players, on average, shoot over a 10 or 12 on a hole and how many players withdrew. She will also assess if the maximum rule had been in place, would the outcome of the tournament have been affected. This information will be relayed at the August meeting so a decision can be made and taken back to the clubs. It will be voted on at the October meeting.

B: New Optional USGA Rule: Penalty for Lost Ball and Out of Bounds. Lynne asked the board to take a look at these new rules so a decision can be made whether to apply the rule or not. It will be voted on at the August meeting. See Attachment II for details and a model of this rule.

- E. Handicap:** Nothing
- F. Webmaster:** Nothing
- G. Tournament:** Brooke explained that for the Stableford tournament there will be dots on the score cards for the player's strokes on each hole to enable them to determine their points for that hole. They should X out their score if they do not finish the hole. There will be a notation on the cards for what the points are for a birdie/par etc.
- Brooke stated that she had purchased a new plaque for the Lady Pro Tournament at the cost of \$88.15, she presented the plaque to the winners: The Reserve Club.
- H. Representative Reports:**
- A. Cedar Creek:** Mimi Wittkamp requested that Carole Stamm, who is the club co-rep be put on all mail outs. Carole Stamm announced that if anyone is interested in playing Cobblestone, (Columbia) on Wed July 25th the Cedar Creek Men's Golf Association have a special rate there of \$37. You sign up as a foursome either all women or all men or mixed/couples. It will be for fun play and you will be playing behind the field. If you are interested in signing up you need to take your checks and list of names over to the Cedar Creek MGA by July 20th.

B. Reserve: Sandy Rados requested that Judy Geddis, club co-rep, be added to all mail outs.

V. Old Business:

A. New Slate of officers: Vice President Kathy Blackburn announced that Betsy Howard has agreed to take on the position as Publicity and Anita Patterson has agreed to take over as Tournament Chair.

She stated that we still do not have the positions of Vice President or Secretary filled for next year. She has spoken to many people and sent out emails to the reps for them to ask their members but has had no response from anybody.

Tracey Sillito the present secretary has said that she will help out with getting the directories together if needed but will not be taking on the position next year. The slate has to be presented to the membership before the start of the new playing year and these positions need to be filled so please go back to your clubs and ask if anyone is willing to do so.

VI. New Business:

A. Mimi Wittkamp put forward a proposal that as the numbers in the participation in the Lady Pro tournament have dwindled and the field is so small, we cut down on the number of payout places. Carrie Dillard suggested this could be determined by a percentage of the field. A discussion was held and a motion made by Carrie Dillard and seconded by Mimi Wittkamp to change the payout places of the Lady Pro to 25% of the field. The motion was carried.

B. A discussion on whether Aiken Golf Club would be used as a venue for Cedar Creeks CSRA hosted events took place. Mimi stated that Cedar Creek and Aiken Golf club would have the same date and times available if the course had to be changed.

As there will be no restaurant facilities available on the day of play Mimi said boxed lunches would be provided and players could leave after play (there will be a tent provided for those players who wish to remain after the game). Also as there is no women's apparel for sale, gift cards will be awarded to the winners.

A motion was made by Kathy Blackburn seconded by Michelle Randrup that we hold the April 2019 CSRA play at Aiken Golf Club in lieu of Cedar Creek. There were 19 in favor and 1 against. The motion was carried.

C. Pat Roberts stated that we have to resolve the problem of not having a Vice Chair or Secretary lined up for next year. And asked for suggestions on what we should do. One suggestion was that as the reps are at the meetings anyway they could take a board position as this is within the rules or the board could take turns in taking the minutes. Michelle Randrup put forward the proposal that if we do not get a secretary by the October meeting then Houndslake who is hosting the meeting will take the minutes, and we work out the logistics later. It was agreed that this will be done by each club at their meeting if the position has not been filled. If we do not get a Vice president we may have to close the doors or take a year off.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next tournament is Stableford Format July 19 at Houndslake - 9:00 shot gun.
Scorers: Brooke Hempel
Rules: Lynne Ulreich

The next Board meeting will be Monday August 6 at Midland Valley at 9:00

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Sillito
CSRA WGA Secretary

Attachments

Attachment I

“Maximum Score” Form of Stroke Play Explanation for 2019 Rule Change

Current Rule: The Rules now recognize two main forms of stroke play:

- The basic form of stroke play where a player must hole out at every hole, or else is disqualified (Rule 3), and
- The Stableford form of play where a point scoring system is used and a player who scores two or more than the fixed score or does not finish the hole simply gets zero points for that hole (Rule 32).

2019 Rule: “Maximum Score” will be a new, additional form of stroke play:

- A player’s score for each hole is capped at a maximum set by the Committee, which may be fixed (such as 6, 8, 10, etc.), related to par (such as two times par or triple bogey), or related to the player’s handicap (such as net double bogey).
- A player who does not complete a hole (often referred to informally as “picking up”) will not be disqualified, but simply gets the maximum score for the hole.

Reasons for Change:

- The need to hole out on every hole in stroke play can have at least two downsides: (1) it often leads to a slow pace of play, and (2) it may discourage golfers who feel they no longer have a realistic chance to compete or to make a good score for the round once they get a very high score on one or two holes.
- Maximum Score will be an alternative form of play that addresses both concerns, by allowing a player to “pick up” when he or she scores at or above the maximum and by capping the player’s score for any hole at the maximum.
- These are important reasons why Stableford is popular in various parts of the world; Maximum Score will create a similar form of stroke play, with the difference that scoring is by strokes rather than by number of points.
- The Maximum Score form of play will be unlikely to be used for elite play, but it may be useful in many other contexts, such as for play by beginners or golfers who are less skilled or experienced and, more generally, for club level and day-to-day play when pace of play is a particular concern.
- Like Stableford, Maximum Score could be used in conjunction with handicap systems that set a maximum score (such as net double bogey) that can be posted on any hole.

Source: www.usga.org

Attachment II

Alternative to Stroke and Distance for a Ball That is Lost or Out of Bounds Draft of a Model Local Rule

Purpose of Model Local Rule.

Significant issues with pace of play can result from players needing to take *stroke-and-distance* relief for a ball that is *out of bounds* or cannot be found when a provisional ball has not been played. The purpose of this Local Rule is to allow a *Committee* to provide an extra relief option that means that a player may play on without returning to the location of the previous *stroke*. This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

This option allows the player to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway that is not nearer the hole. The player gets **two penalty strokes** when using this relief option, so that the relief is comparable to what could have been achieved if the player had taken *stroke-and-distance* relief.

Text of Model Local Rule

“When a player’s ball cannot be found or is *known or virtually certain* to be *out of bounds*, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under *stroke and distance*. For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by *dropping* the original ball or a *substituted ball* in this *relief area* (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- a. **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball:
 - Is estimated to have come to rest on the *course*, or
 - Last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary to go *out of bounds*.
- b. **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the *hole* being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, **but** is not nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the *hole* through the ball reference point (or within two *club-lengths* to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (or within two *club-lengths* to the outside of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the *general area*, and
- Must not be nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

But, the player may not use this option when:

- The ball is *known or virtually certain* to have come to rest in a *penalty area*, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of *stroke and distance* (see Rule 18.3).”