



CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



Minutes for August 6, 2018 at Midland Valley Country Club

Board of Directors

Executive Board:

Elected:

President: Pat Roberts
Vice-President: Kath 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
Midland Valley: Jayne Becker
Mount Vintage: Susie Hodgen / Helen Campbell
The Reserve Club: Sandy Rados / Judy Geddis
Rocky Branch: Anne Sanders / Sue Thorstad
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 9:05 am

II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY REPORTS:

- A. **Welcome:** The president welcomed everyone. Pat asked for 3 people to do the Treasurers Audit and report in October. The annual audit of the books will be done by Mary Vaarwerk, Jayne Becker and Betsy Howard.
- B. **Minutes:** The Motion made by Barbara Blatter and seconded by Helen Campbell to accept the July minutes as written was passed.
- C. **Financial Report:** A motion was made by Mary Vaarwerk and seconded by Barbara Blatter to accept the financial report for July as written. The Motion was passed.
- D. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Kathy Blackburn put forward the slate of officers to be elected for the 2018 / 2019 board : Kathy Blackburn – President
Charlotte Johnson – Vice President
Janet Richmond – Treasurer
Secretary position to be determined
A motion was made by Betsy Howard seconded by Barbara Blatter that the slate be accepted. The motion passed.

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

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Team Play:** Nothing

- B. **Montenyohl Tournament:** Judy Geddis announced that there are 4 trophies for the Montenyohl tournament and Sandy Rados is hoping to get 6 flights including 1 senior flight.
- C. **Publicity:** Kathy Blackburn stated that Betsy Howard is taking over the publicity position for next year.
- D. **Rules: A:** As the USGA is introducing new rules next year Lynne Ulreich is working to revise the CSRA WGA Stroke Play Rules sheet to be compliant with the new rules. She explained which rules needed changing and how she thought they should be rewritten. A handout will be made available to the board and members by mid-January.

B: New optional maximum strokes on a hole rule. Brooke Hempel has looked through the tournament records and found that there were only a small number of players scoring higher than a 10. There were a number of players shooting 10 and a number of withdrawals but came to the conclusion that if we do use the maximum stroke rule of 11 it will not have an impact on the outcome of a tournament. Lynne reminded us that, as it is an optional rule we can always remove it at a later date if we find that it doesn't help with the improvement of speed of play, withdrawals and increased participation. Which was the whole reason for taking up the new rule. Lynne made a motion seconded by Michelle Randrup to accept and present to the membership that we play under the maximum stroke rule and we use the number of 11 in accordance with the new rules of golf starting January 1st 2019. The motion was passed with 2 opposed.

As the deadline for membership approval has to be in by the October meeting it was decided that the club reps will send the responses by email to the new president Kathy Blackburn.

C: Out of Bounds & Lost Ball Penalty Option: A discussion was held as to whether we continue with the original rule or choose to use the new optional rule. Barbra Blatter made the motion seconded by Pat Roberts that we continue using the original Out of Bounds & Lost Ball ruling at this time. The motion was carried.

- E. **Handicap:** Carrie Dillard announced that the Memorial points have been updated. She also stated that the wording for the awards qualifications for most improved will be changed on the website.
- F. **Webmaster:** Nothing
- G. **Tournament:** Nothing

H. Representative Reports:

A. The Reserve: Judy Geddis announced that the board meeting set for August 2019 has changed from Monday 12th to Tuesday 13th

B. Rocky Branch: Anne Sanders asked for Clarification of days used for the Montenyohl tournament. Pat Roberts read the minutes from November which stated that the clubs had voted for two consecutive days (back to back). Carrie Dillard read from the March minutes where the board had voted that the two clubs hosting should decide which 2 days they would like. The words consecutive or back to back were omitted from the March minutes which led to the confusion.

C. Woodside: Marion Hansen announced the move of Carolyn Davis from Cedar Creek to Woodside.

V. Old Business:

A discussion regarding whether we continue with the Stableford Format next year took place. It was decided that as there was not an increase in numbers for the tournament and as we may be employing the maximum stroke rule, we should not continue with the Stableford Format, but instead add another 4 Ball tournament as this does have more participation. A motion was made by Anne Sanders seconded by Jayne Becker to add a 4 Ball to the annual calendar. The motion was passed. The 4 balls will be held by West Lake in February, Cedar Creek @Aiken golf course in April and Savannah Lakes (Monticello) in July.

VI. New Business:

A. Membership Directory: Pat Roberts led the discussion on whether we continue to publish the membership directory or send it out electronically. After a lengthy discussion and taking into consideration that we do not have a secretary in place for the New Year, it was suggested that a modified version of the directory be sent out electronically. A motion was made by Betsy Howard and seconded by Brooke Hempel for the membership directory to be sent out in excel and pdf format and forgo printing directories. The motion carried with 4 opposed.

B. Changing the start season: Carrie Dillard put forward a proposal that we change the CSRA WGA golf season of October-September to a calendar year starting in January through December, beginning next year. As she believes this would help with continuity and scheduling. Everything for the remainder of this year (2018) would stay the same. The Montenyohl tournament would move to November in 2019. She highlighted the problem of it being a rush and such a quick turnaround at the end of the year to fit everything in i.e. voting in the new slate of officers, Montenyohl tournament, awards and updating membership. Starting in January would ease this as we do not play in December and January giving the board more time to move into the New Year. A discussion followed on the benefits and the logistics of implementing the change. Carrie Dillard made the motion seconded by Brooke Hempel that we change the CSRA WGA season to run the calendar year January to December, with the Montenyohl being in November, (with the exception that we move the tournaments that are already scheduled for October & November 2019 to September of that year) The motion was passed.

The schedule of events calendars will be changed on the website. All CSRA dues will be collected in October. The Constitution article III section 2 will be amended to reflect the changing of the season.

NOTE: The amendment, presented at the August meeting, will need to be voted on in October, according to Article IV, Section 1, of the constitution.

C. Policy regarding golfers who cannot play with smokers: Charlotte Johnson raised the issue of people who have health issues playing with smokers. A discussion took place on how this might be remedied. Tournament chair Brooke Hempel expressed that it would be extremely difficult to make group pairings with this in mind. It was suggested that the player could switch carts with another player in the group, if they were willing, or an additional cart could be used.

D. Medical Policy: Charlotte asked if there could be consideration of a medical exemption for those players that have had surgeries or illness and have not managed to get the 20 scores within 9 months needed in order to play in the Montenyohl tournament. It was suggested that the club reps bring each case before the board and the board would vote.

Kathy Blackburn made a motion seconded by Jayne Becker that we have a policy that says a person can be allowed to play in the Montenyohl tournament if they have less than the required 20 scores in 9 months if there are extenuating circumstances and it is brought before the board for a vote. The motion was passed. This policy will be added to the tournament guide under the Montenyohl. Note: Club reps should only bring such cases before the board.

Linda Newhouse's case was then presented to the board. Barbara Blatter made a motion seconded by Jayne Becker for Linda Newhouse to be allowed to play in the Montenyohl tournament. The motion was passed.

- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next 4 Ball tournament is August 13th at Midland Valley 9:00am shot gun.
Scorers: Brooke Hempel, Carrie Dillard and Anita Patterson
Rules: Lynne Ulreich

The next Board meeting will be Monday October 8th at Houndslake at 9:00am

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Sillito
CSRA WGA Secretary