



CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



Minutes for October 12, 2021, at Bartram Trail Golf Club

Board of Directors

Executive Board:

Elected:

President: **Mary Vaarwerk**
 Vice-President: **Lou Rucker Kressly**
 Secretary: **Luce Mallak**
 Treasurer: **Mary Shultz**
 Past President: **Charlotte Johnson**

Executive Board:

Appointed:

Handicap: **Beth Turner**
 Montenyohl Championship: **Betsy Howard**
 Publicity: **Luce Mallak**
 Rules: **Carole Rich**
 Team Play: **Sue Wittenmyer**
 Tournament: **Marianne Harris**/Lynn Homer/Betsy Howard
 Website: **Michelle Randrup**

Representatives:

Bartram Trail: **Linda Momier**
 Cedar Creek: **Kim Matthew**
 Gordon Lakes: **Barbara Blatter / Mara Bushee**
 Houndslake: **Paulette Welsch**
 Midland Valley: **Jayne Becker**
 Mount Vintage: **Susie Hodgen / Helen Campbell**
 The Reserve Club: **Carole Rich/Cathy Reusche**
 Savannah Lakes: **Nena DeArment** /Donna Hutto
 West Lake: **Betsy Howard**
 Woodside Plantation: **Marion Hansen / Susie O'Connell**

I. CALL TO ORDER: The President Mary Vaarwerk called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. Welcome:

Announcement by Barbara Blatter who thanked everyone for their flexibility in changing to Bartram Trail. She communicated that there were issues with the gate passes. She also shared that she had gate passes for Ft. Gordon for the event on Oct. 19

President Mary Vaarwerk began meeting with solicitation on the club's results on whether to continue/discontinue with luncheons after events.

- Bartram Trail – 5-1 members voted for no lunches
- Cedar Creek – no rep at meeting
- Gordon Lake – does not do lunches
- Houndslake – members like luncheons
- Midland Valley – no luncheons
- Mount Vintage – split ½ and ½
- Reserve Club – no rep at meeting
- Savannah Lakes – members felt luncheons were too expensive – also indicated that club has no chef
- West Lake – no luncheons – club is getting too expensive
- Woodside – agreeable to luncheon or box lunch or carry out – a room would need to be reserved as CSRA cannot just eat in grill area

This open item was passed along to the 2022 President Lou Rucker Kressly

Michelle Randrup suggested that points be awarded from the tournaments and money (gift cards) be given out at the end of the season to correspond with the number of points acquired, similar to Memorial points. Nena was in favor/agreed with suggestion. No action/vote taken.

Barbara Blatter shared that prizes for Gordon Lakes event on Oct. 19 would be gift cards to a different entity.

Question was also raised about what to do if member moves or is not able to stay for lunch. Suggested that prizes be mailed to them as opposed to the member driving back to pick up prize.

Motion was made by Marianne Harris and second by Jayne Becker that this open item will be passed along to Tournament Committee for 2022 season. Marianne Harris will also research the rules on cash given to individuals at an amateur status.

Mary Shultz agreed to investigate:

- Limit of carryover of monies each year
- What are potential tax implications for CSRA if there funds carried over

President Mary Vaarwerk shared the mission of the CSRA which is meant to build friendship and relationship among women in surrounding communities. Recognizing that the Pandemic put a 'hold' on participation, there was discussion on ideas on how to encourage other women to participate. No action required.

B. Minutes:

Approval of minutes from Houndslake Meeting - Betsy Howard – 1st Motion– Barbara Blatter 2nd Motion- Minutes approved.

C. Financial Report:

Income for September - \$188 consisting of fees for Team Play and 50/50
Expenditures - \$500
Current Balance \$5,856

Treasurer Mary Shultz indicated that she has already written checks totaling \$1,000 for the month of October.

D. VICE PRESIDENT:

2022 President Lou Rucker Kressly shared that Slate of Officers

- President Lou Rucker Kressly
- Vice President Barbara Blatter
- Treasurer Mary Shultz
- Secretary/Publicity Luce Mallak
- Montenyohl -**TBD**
- Handicap Beth Turner
- Rules Carole Rich
- Team Play Mary Vaarwerk
- Webmaster Michelle Randrup

Motion made by Barbara Blatter and second by Jayne Becker to approve Slate of Officers.

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

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **Team Play:** No report

B. **Montenyohl Tournament:**

Status on participants solicited by Betsy Howard – Her current count was 41 players

- Bartram Trail – 4 potential players
- Cedar Creek – no rep
- Gordon Lakes – 6-8 potential players
- Houndslake – no rep

- Midland Valley – 3-4 potential players
- Mount Vintage – no rep
- Reserve Club – 8-10 potential players
- Savannah Lakes – 2-3 potential players
- Woodside – 10 potential players
- West Lake – 4 potential players

Discussion centered on 'beating the bushes' to gain momentum on participation. It was determined that a reminder notice would be sent to all members by Luce Mallak.

C. **Publicity:** No report

D. **Rules:** No report

E. **Handicap:** No report except that Beth Turner had question on prizes for Montenyohl and how were they purchased. It was determined that past Handicap rep managed this process. Mary Shultz indicated that she would get line item information to Beth.

F. **Website Coordinator:** no report apart from the Membership List. It was agreed that this list would be 'cleaned' up to remove inactive members. No need to keep this information. Discussion then centered on how list is updated and how information is shared with secretary and webmaster. It was determined that this list would scrubbed and made more user friendly going forward. The list will no longer be distributed in excel format and club reps would be responsible for reviewing the list for corrections more frequently.

G. **Tournament:** See comments in New Business.

H. **Representative Reports:**

V. Old Business:

Members were solicited on dates for 2022. Woodside indicated their date(s) would be May 4 for Board Meeting and May 11 for tournament.

Betsy Howard, West Lake, shared that their date would be July 21, 2022.

VI. New Business:

President Mary Vaarwerk began discussion on the State of CSRA. In 2009 there were 377 members, in 2019 there were 209 members. To date, CSRA consists of 217 members. It was determined that issues such as the number of clubs that have departed and newly recruited clubs such as River Club or August Country Club should be evaluated. Michelle Randrup shared that CSRA is "aging out" and with the impact of the Pandemic, it is more difficult to recruit members and/or clubs. Marianne Harris suggested that we develop a new Membership Model. Discussion on the level of participation for events in 2021 was approximately 50%.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am. Motion made by Luce Mallak and second by Charlotte Johnson to end meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Luce Mallak
CSRA WGA Secretary