



**CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA
WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES –HOUNDSLAKES – July 29, 2024**

Executive Board – Elected

President: Marion Hansen
Vice President Luce Mallak
Treasurer: Mary Shultz
Secretary: Luce Mallak/Sharon Nix
Past President Barbara Blatter

Club Representative

Bartram Trail – Linda Momeier/Mara Bushee
Cedar Creek – Kathy Cornforth / Judy Long
Eisenhower Lakes – Charlotte Johnson
Houndslake – Paulette Welsch / Lucy Loomis / Dineen Haas
Mount Vintage – Kathy Noyce /Pam Johnson
Reserve Club –Louisa Visconti
Savannah Lakes – Nena DeArment
West Lake – Betsy Howard/Karyn Liljedahl
Woodside Country Club –Sue O'Connell

Executive Board – Appointed

Handicap – Beth Turner
Montenyohl – Louisa Visconti
Rules – Mary Helen McElreath
Team Play – Mary Vaarwerk
Tournament – Marianne Harris/Nena DeArment
Webmaster – Michelle Randrup
Publicity – Sharon Nix

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. **Welcome:** Meeting began at 9:03 am.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mary Shultz provided the following information regarding CSRA's financial status. She also provided an update on the IRS/Tax issues as she needed to leave the meeting early.

FINANCES: For the six-month period ending June 30, 2024, income totaled \$3,127 and expenses totaled \$220.74. The balance forward is \$7,177.82. Included in that total are the following breakouts: Memorial Cup \$885.10; Montenyohl: \$175.29; and Team Play \$702.57.

TAX CONCERNS:

After determining that an organization had to be registered and approved by the Secretary of State to conduct raffles, I called the Sec of State's office to determine if we were appropriately registered. Their office informed me that we had not registered with them; to remedy the situation, they pointed me to several forms that needed to be completed. They also stated in an email that non-compliance with the state laws regarding raffle conduct and reporting will result in assessment of administrative fines as well as criminal prosecution.

One of the requirements is to provide the Secretary's office with the Letter of Determination issued by the IRS providing the 501 statuses.

A search of our internal documentation ensued (conducted by Mary Vaarwerk, Luce Mallak, Marion Hansen, Michelle Randrup, Mary Shultz); and two former Treasurers were contacted. No documentation was found; neither Form 1023 which requested the tax exemption status, nor the Letter of Determination issued by the IRS providing the tax-exempt status. Using the IRS website, I downloaded several files encompassing documentation regarding tax exempt organizations; while the tax ID for the CSRA WGA and tax returns were listed, no other documentation was found.

I then called the IRS and after 47 minutes, the agent told me he could not find anything in their digital files and that I needed to file Form 4506 to request the IRS search for (1) our Form 1023 and (2) our Letter of Determination in some older files. The document was filed July 10, 2024. A response is anticipated to take 60 to 90 days.

Further updates will be provided as we move along the process.

Month end close documents are on the website. There were no questions. The checking account balance as of 5/28 is \$7179.

B. **VICE PRESIDENT:** No Report

C. **PAST PRESIDENT:** It was reported that the list of CSRA Board Participation should be forwarded to Past President when updated. Also discussed that several areas of the SOP (and other documents) need to be updated based on current Roles and Responsibilities.

D. **ROLL CALL:** See above highlighted names for attendance,

E. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Team Play: It was reported that the Team Play on 8/7 was cancelled due to inclement weather (rain).

Montenyohl Tournament: A headcount from each Rep was provided. The current count for participation is approximately 49 players. Discussion then began about subsidizing the tournament as was done last year. Marianne Harris made a motion to subsidize the event. Mary Helen seconded the motion, and it was passed by the majority of individuals present at the meeting. Louisa also mentioned that she would be out of town for the first two rounds of the Montenyohl. She also committed to updating Save the Flyer for the next event.

Publicity: Sharon indicated that she has posted photos from the last event at West Lake and sent them out to those in attendance. Asked for feedback on the information. She also indicated that she would be at the Houndslake event on August 5, 2024, to capture CSRA's participation and the teams playing.

Rules: It was reported that the local rules by each club are being made available and the process appears to be working as expected. No issues were reported.

Handicap: Beth reported that all Memorial Points have been updated.

Website Coordinator: It was reported that all forms have been updated and posted to the website. Still waiting on final version of the Tournament Guide from Louisa Visconti.

Tournament: It was reported that there were 80 members signed up for Four Ball at Houndslake. With the anticipated weather forecast, it was reported that play would only be called/cancelled due to lightning. Marianne reported that players must confirm their handicap. She will include a reminder on further Golf Genius notices.

I. **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

- Bartram Trail – It was reported that many new members are joining CSRA at Bartram Trail.
- Cedar Creek – It was reported that using the forward tees provided to be well-received by players.
- Eisenhower Lakes – It was reported that Lou Anne Brossman had agreed to be nominated for the VP role.
- Houndslake – No Report. Mary Shultz did address the question of Raffles-50/50 from Paulette. Mary indicated that the CSRA could continue with Closest to the Pin as it is a 'golf' event but NO Raffle – 50/50 until a decision/ruling is received.
- Mount Vintage – It was noted that the next event will be on September 16 at Mt. Vintage and the Board Meeting is scheduled for September 11.
- Reserve Club – Louisa shared the overall current costs for the Montenyohl Tournament.
- Savannah Lakes – No report
- West Lake – Betsy Howard indicated that the past meeting minutes did not accurately reflect West Lake's inclement policy. Minutes would be updated accordingly and reposted to the website.
- Woodside – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tournament Guide – Louisa Visconti indicated she was still working on the Tournament Guide.
- Discussion of Memorial Points and Awards: It was reported the current formulas for Memorial Points allowed

for players to 'double dip.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee: As indicated during Rep Report, discussion regarding Lou Anne Brossman becoming VP commenced. It was discussed that the Reserve Club would have three members on the Board and the current President and incoming President did not necessarily agree with this distribution of duties. Discussion then began around each Club representing a position within CSRA. It was determined that perhaps a survey would be created to determine why other individuals are not coming forth to participate.

There was also discussion regarding clubs being required to engage in a rotational program to identify a candidate for elected positions due to the inability to attract candidates. There may be a need to also implement terms on position to 'share the wealth' of being engaged in the organization. For example, an individual being a rep for two years with a back-up rep and then on the third year, the back-up rep takes over. This will require further discussion and research into how other organizations manage this process. Perhaps a discussion can begin at the September meeting.

Letter submitted by Beth Turner: Beth Turner submitted a letter regarding participation in the upcoming Montenyohl Tournament. Unfortunately, Beth has had many personal issues that have prevented her from obtaining the 20 rounds prior to the beginning of the tournament. Louisa Visconti and Nena DeArment made a motion seconded the motion. A vote was taken and was unanimous that Beth be allowed to play in the 2024 Montenyohl Tournament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11 am

Respectfully submitted,
Luce Mallak, Secretary/VP