



# CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes for February 12, 2025, at The Reserve Club



## Board of Directors

### Executive Board Members

#### Elected:

President: **Luce Mallak**  
 Vice-President: **Paulette Welsch**  
 Secretary: **Sharon Nix**  
 Treasurer: **Mary Shultz**  
 Past President: **Marion Hansen**

#### Appointed:

Handicap: **Beth Turner** (via Zoom)  
 Rules: **Mary Helen McElreath**  
 Tournament: **M. Harris / N. DeArment**  
 Team Play:

### Team Play Captains by Special Request:

Bartram Trail: **Georgia Harrod**  
 Eisenhower: **Lynn Homer**  
 Houndslake: **Paulette Welsch**  
 Mount Vintage: **Kathy Kowal**

Additional: **Mary Vaarwerk**

### Non-Executive Board Members: (see SOP-A)

#### Appointed:

Montenyohl: **Betsy Howard**  
 Publicity: **Sharon Nix**  
 Webmaster: **Michelle Randrup**

#### Club Representatives:

Bartram Trail: **D.Yano & M. Bushee**  
 Cedar Creek: **Kathy Cornforth** (via Zoom)  
 Eisenhower: **Charlotte Johnson** (ill)  
 Houndslake: **Paulette Welsch**  
 Mount Vintage: **Kathy Noyce**  
 Reserve Club: **Louisa Visconti**  
 Savannah Lakes: **Nena DeArment**  
 West Lake: **Betsy Howard**  
 Woodside: **Sue O'Connell/Marion Hansen**

The Reserve: **Janet Roberts and Donna Eaton**  
 West Lake: **Kim Thomas**  
 Woodside: **Sheri Vogel and Kim Harding**

### I. CALL TO ORDER: President

The president called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

### II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The president began the meeting by thanking and recognizing the members who were present today. She announced that the meeting was being recorded and would be available on the website and that two board members are attending the meeting via the Zoom call. (see attendance above.)
- B. The president then asked the reps to encourage their members to sign up for the tournament and awards ceremony at Woodside in March and then announced that there would be no golf after today's meeting due to the inclement weather.

### III. ROLL CALL: Secretary

Because of an issue involving the 2024 team play chair, the team captains were invited to attend this meeting. Attendance is reflected above in yellow.

### IV: VICE-PRESIDENT:

The vice-president reported that the secretary had helped her publish a calendar that is on the CSRA WGA website. In addition, the Google calendar on the website is current, will be kept up to date, and should be the reference point for any date changes: [Google Calendar – CSRA Women's Golf Association](#)

### V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. The organization ended 2024 with income of \$3,816.75 attributable to 196 paying members, \$1,081 for Memorial Cup funds and \$775 from Team play activities. Expenses amounted to \$1,244.90, giving a balance forward of \$6,843.41.
- B. For 2025, the year-to-date income is \$1,647 attributable to 153 paying members and Memorial Cup funds of \$117. Expenses YTD amounted to \$10, resulting in a balance forward of \$8,480.41.

C. **IRS TAX STATUS**

Form 1024 requesting a determination of 501-c(7) status for the CSRAWGA is being completed and will be submitted shortly. As reported in 2024, the IRS has no application for tax exempt status from this organization.

D. **2025 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DONATIONS**

All requests are due by March 5 (next Board meeting). Requests must meet the requirements outlined in the process defined in June 2023. (See attached form)

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- A. The secretary reported that she and the treasurer have worked together to ensure that dues paid and club membership numbers agree. She said that the membership lists on the CSRA WGA website are up to date as of the board meeting. They will be updated more frequently for accuracy. She then provided the password needed to access both lists.
- B. Membership is somewhat lower than last year but is expected to increase as the year progresses. It stands at 162 members: 156 paid and 6 lifetime, with four additional members added today. She reported that there are 5 lifetime members who are not affiliated with any LGA/WGA, thus are inactive and not included in active membership numbers.
- C. The president then spoke and compared today's membership with membership numbers in 1962 when CSRA began, noting that in 1962, the membership numbers were almost double of those reported today.
- D. Membership additions as of Feb. 13: Melanie Brock, Ann Marie Finn, Peggy O'Bryan, Mary Vaarwerk, and Hannah Yang, bringing the membership count to 165.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. HANDICAP: Beth Turner

Via Zoom call due to recent surgery, the chair asked for a clarification of additional monies that might be available in the treasury for the Montenyohl. The treasurer provided her with that additional figure. The chair then asked representatives to be sure to verify that their members have an active handicap index because that is necessary for tournament participation.

B. MONTENYOHL CHAMPIONSHIP: Betsy Howard

Betsy Howard is the Montenyohl chair for 2025, and the final day of that tournament will be at West Lake.

C. PUBLICITY: Sharon Nix

All current members' names and email addresses have been added to the publicity's Gmail account. The chair is working on formatting the web album for recording the Montenyohl winners announced at the March tournament in addition to listing the winners of that day's tournament and pictures from the luncheon. She also thanked all reps for their diligence in returning their 2025 membership lists.

D. RULES: Mary Helen McIlreath

1. The rules sheet has been posted on the website and should be used for all events. She asked that the reps double check their local rules sheet and send her a copy with any changes at least two weeks prior to an event.
2. She also suggested that if a club's LGA/WGA uses a drop zone on the far side of a hazard, that cannot be used in a CSRA event. Reps are asked to consider using the drop zone as a tee box instead, using Eisenhower's #9 Pine as an example. It will hopefully increase participation and help with the pace of play.
3. Regarding pace of play, the chair mentioned the 2025 update "How to Leave the Course Early" which is posted on the CSRA website. [25-WAYS-TO-LEAVE-THE-COURSE-EARLY-2025.pdf](#)
4. She also said members can go to csrawga.com for a free download of a USGA rules app for phones. Once at the CSRAWGA website, click on "USGA Rules of Golf Resources" and then click on "Download the Rules of Golf" link on the right side of the page. Scroll down to "Free Rules of Golf Mobil App" and it takes you to the appropriate page for iPhone or android.

E. TEAM PLAY:

No report – position is temporarily unfilled. See New Business.

F. TOURNAMENT: Marianne Harris

1. The chair reported that Golf Genius is up and running with the current membership, but she needs representatives to provide GHIN numbers when they submit additional members because she has deleted last year's roster.

2. She also said that she will send out a welcome email to the membership followed by a separate tournament invitation. There is a short sign-up deadline, due to the numbers needed for the luncheon planning. She asked that reps help their members sign up in pairs for the Four-ball, as she will delete anyone who signs up as a single.

G. WEBMASTER: Michelle Randrup  
Unable to attend.

#### VIII: REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

A. Bartram Trail: D. Yano and M. Bushee  
Nothing new to report

B. Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth  
Cedar Creek membership numbers were updated.

C. Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson  
Unable to attend.

D. Houndslake: Paulette Welsch  
Nothing new to report.

E. Mt. Vintage: Kathy Noyce  
Nothing new to report, other than Mt. Vintage will be ready for their day of the Montenyohl.

F. The Reserve: Louise Visconti  
Unable to attend. Other Reserve members reported that Louisa has sent out updates to the Tournament Guide to be reviewed and approved in March.

G. Savannah Lakes: Nina DeArment  
Savannah Lakes reported that the July 10 tournament date is confirmed and will be at the Monticello course. The starting time is yet to be determined but may possibly be 9:30.

H. West Lake: Betsy Howard  
West Lake noted the projected cost for the 3-day tournament will be \$174. Of that amount, \$30 is for the luncheon and \$20 for prizes. That leaves \$124 for golf fees for the three days of the tournament. Having a subsidy from CSRA is a possibility.

I. Woodside: Sue O'Connell  
The March Four-Ball tournament will start at 9:30 and the cost is \$80.60, which includes golf and the luncheon. The cost for lunch only is \$35.85. The players will play the Jones course using the Azalea tees. In answer to a question, it is not possible for anyone to just play golf and not attend the luncheon. In addition, Woodside now has geofencing on their golf carts, often restricting them to 30-40 yards from the greens.

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Confidentiality Proposal

The treasurer spoke about the necessity of having committee business kept within the confines of committee members and not shared beyond that. Her proposed document is attached to these minutes. All members are requested to review the document and send any comments to her. The document will be formally proposed, discussed, and voted upon at the March meeting.

##### B. Amendment to the Constitution

The secretary discussed how there was confusion about the transfer of office from the 2024 to the 2025 officers and chairpersons because the Montenyohl was cancelled due to Hurricane Helene. She read a proposal to be reviewed, discussed and voted upon at the March meeting. It reads as follows: "This motion is to amend the Constitution, Article III, Section 2 – The officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the year, to take office immediately following the last date of the Montenyohl tournament, when possible, but no later than December 31."

##### C. Team Play Chairman Issue

Team Play captains were invited to this meeting to express their concerns about the addition of five requirements that were added to the Standard Operating Procedure manual under the team play chairman's responsibilities and the subsequent removal of the 2024 team play chairman. These items were added as a result of two Executive Board meetings held in the off season, using a Zoom conference calls. Below are the five additions:

- Recognize that team play is not independent from but is a sub-category of the CSRA WGA. As such, the chairperson is required to report to the Board.
- Hand out and use all current CSRA WGA-approved rules.
- Make sure that all team play events adhere to all USGA rules.
- Have minutes taken during each team play meeting, to be presented to the Board and uploaded to the website for historical purposes.
- Emulate all CSRA WGA processes to the extent possible.

The president informed the captains beforehand that each one would receive three minutes to present her case and then the president drew slips of paper for the order of speaking.

1. Woodside deferred their time to the Bartram Trail captain.
2. West Lake deferred their time to the Bartram Trail captain.
3. Mount Vintage deferred their time to the Bartram Trail captain.
4. The Reserve Club captain used her time to ask for a further explanation of the issue, which was provided.
5. The Eisenhower captain provided several instances where the 2024 team chairman was unsatisfactory in responding to several requests/issues and ended by saying that overall the chairman does a good job.
6. Houndslake deferred their three minutes to the Bartram Trail captain.
7. The Bartram Trail captain then began to present her case.

What followed was an intense and lengthy discussion about the legality of these actions, based on procedures that are outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Team Play handbook. The outcome of this discussion was a roll-call vote on three items, proposed by the Bartram Trail captain and seconded by the vice president and the representative from Mt. Vintage.

1. "I make a motion to call for a vote by the full Board here and present today to remove all items pertaining to Team Play chairperson that were added to the SOP, rev. 12/01/24 until such time there is a sanctioned, open discussion at a regular Board meeting with the team committee and the full Board, which includes the Executive Board: appointed, and the club representatives, followed with a vote to put it into the SOP at the next regular Board meeting, as described in the Constitution."

Results: 17 Board members present with 13 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain.

The motion carried.

2. "I make a motion to call for a vote by the full Board here and present today to reinstate Mary Vaarwerk as team chair."

Results: 17 Board members present with 9 yes, 2 no, and 6 abstain.

The motion carried.

3. "I make a motion to call for a vote by the full Board here and present today to rescind/remove the letter from Sheri Vogel's file about the 50/50 because she did not open an email from the CSRA WGA and because the team chair, Mary Vaarwerk, took full responsibility for this action."

Results: 4 Board members had left, leaving only 13 to vote.

The motion carried unanimously.

After the voting was over, there was a final question: If the five additional requirements are voted in by the Board, and the team captain doesn't follow them, then what happens? The implication was that the team chairman would be removed. The team captain from Bartram Trail responded that if that happens, her team will withdraw from CSRA.

There was further discussion about the independence of team play and it was noted that six of the seven clubs are prepared to withdraw from CSRA WGA. In addition, the team play meet scheduled for Feb. 27 at The Reserve was postponed.

At that point, the president brought the meeting to a close.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 5 at 9 a.m. at Woodside Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Nix*

Secretary

(These minutes were ratified by the Board electronically on 2-17-25, with no changes or additions.)

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CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT AND POLICY

Respecting the privacy of our association's members and Board Members is a basic value and requirement of CSRA WGA Board members.

It is the duty of each and all members of the Board to keep Board meeting information within the Board. This includes (1) any paperwork distributed at, prior to, or after meetings and (2) the content of any sensitive information or discussions that occur at a Board meeting or between Board members outside a meeting. Care should be taken that non-board members do not overhear a conversation between Board members.

Board members are expected to return materials containing Board data at the time of separation from their service.

Unauthorized disclosure of sensitive Board data or discussions to non-Board members is a serious violation of this policy and will subject the person(s) who made the unauthorized disclosure to appropriate discipline including removal/dismissal.

The undersigned acknowledges that she understands the CSRA WGA's policy on confidentiality.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



## PROCESS FOR CHOOSING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Any organization that has been proposed to receive a grant from the CSRA WGA should provide the information outlined below. It can be provided in any format. The data will then be compiled by the treasurer in a format that enables comparative analysis and presented to the Board for review in the March timeframe. Grants will be distributed in April. Only 501 (c) 3 organizations are eligible. Only organizations that complement the mission of the CSRA WGA are eligible to receive a grant.

Period of data collection: January and February

Board Review of Data: March

Grant Distribution: April

1. Mission of Your Organization
  - a. Tax ID Number
  - b. What is your Mission statement
  - c. What programs do you have that support your mission
2. Impact on Community – Prior Year
  - a. Number of Individual Participants - Annual
  - b. Percentage of Participants that are from At Risk Populations
  - c. Breakout of Participants by Age
    - i. Younger than 10
    - ii. Between 10 and 14
    - iii. Older than 14
  - d. Number of Participants on Scholarships
  - e. Outreach Programs – Describe your programs meant to support at risk communities
3. Purpose of Requested Funds
  - a. How will the funds be used?
  - b. How will the funds help you achieve your Mission