



CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



Minutes for March 5, 2025, at Woodside Country 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 (remote)
Rules: Mary Helen McElreath
Tournament: M. Harris / N. DeArment
Team Play: Mary Vaarwerk

Team Play Captains:

Eisenhower: Lynn Homer
Houndslake: Paulette Welsch

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
Eisenhower: C. Johnson / G. Pollard
Houndslake: P. Welsch / D. Hass
Mount Vintage: Kathy Noyce
Reserve Club: Louisa Visconti
Savannah Lakes: Nena DeArment
West Lake: Betsy Howard
Woodside: Sue O'Connell / Marion Hansen

Mount Vintage: Kathy Kowal
Woodside: Kim Harding

I. CALL TO ORDER: President

The president called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The president welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned discussion over to the Rules chairperson, who explained that the meetings should more closely adhere to procedures as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order for the sake of decorum. She pointed out that the SOP document should not be on the website with its current date because it had never officially been accepted. She also said the organization should find ways to increase membership and participation, and she asked that representatives bring back information and ideas from their clubs, to be shared with the board.

The president then commented how CSRA WGA has changed since it began in 1962 and that we can't compare now to then.

III. ROLL CALL: Secretary

See attendance above, in yellow.

IV: VICE-PRESIDENT:

There were no new updates to the calendar.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer was unable to attend the first half of the meeting.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The secretary reported 171 members plus one addition today = 172 members.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. HANDICAP: Beth Turner

The chair reported remotely that everything is in order for the Memorial Cup presentations at the tournament next week. She thanked the Bartram Trail representative for following up with members who did not have active handicaps.

B. MONTENYOHL CHAMPIONSHIP: Betsy Howard

The chair was unable to attend.

C. PUBLICITY: Sharon Nix

The chair reported that she is working on creating the online albums for both the tournament results next week and the presentation of the 2024 Memorial Cup awards. She asked for advice from the board regarding one or two albums and will follow their suggestion of two.

D. RULES: Mary Helen McIlreath

The chair reminded representatives that their local rules sheets are due to her and reminded everyone that there is a link to the Rules of Golf on the CSRA website. The tournament chair will do the rules sheet for the Four-Ball next week.

The team chair passed out a rules sheet comparison between CSRA and team play rules, which she said showed that they were in full compliance with the rules. Discussion ensued between the rules chair and the team chair. The rules chair said that the CSRA WGA rules sheet contains both emphasized and modified Rules of Golf. If the team chair feels it is necessary to use their separate team rules sheet, then that sheet needs to be updated. The rules chair feels it is not necessary because the CSRA WGA rules sheet covers play at team events. Agreement was reached that the team rules sheet will be updated where noted.

E. TEAM PLAY: Mary Vaarwerk

The team chair requested a vote for removal of the four bullet points added to the team play section of the SOP. The president explained the reason for adding those points, and there was much discussion and input from board members. Ultimately, there was a call for the motion, with the motion and roll-call results given below.

This motion was made by the team chair, seconded by the vice president: "I move that all items pertaining to the team play chairperson that were added to the SOP rev. 12-01-24 be removed."

The motion passed with 10 yes votes, 4 no votes, 2 abstentions, with 2 absent board members.

F. TOURNAMENT: Marianne Harris

The tournament chair reported that all is ready for the Four-Ball next week, with a 9:30 shotgun on the Jones course. She reminded reps that players will receive 85% of their handicap and that they are responsible for making sure it is accurate before the start of play. She will send out a reminder with flights two days prior. There is one player from Bartram Trail who agreed to play from scratch in order to participate that day.

The chair noted that the next tournament will be stroke play on the Nicholas course at The Reserve Club on May 15. The invitation will go out April 14, with a May 2 deadline.

Club representatives should anticipate the June Lady/Pro which will be held at Bartram trail on June 11. Reps are reminded that Golf Genius is not used for this tournament and that they need to put up the sign-up sheet with a deadline of June 2, which will also be used for GHIN handicaps used for the tournament.

G. WEBMASTER: Michelle Randrup

The chair was unable to attend.

VIII: REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

A. Bartram Trail: D. Yano and M. Bushee

Nothing new to report.

B. Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth

Nothing new to report.

C. Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson/Gwen Pollard

There was one new member this month.

D. Houndslake: Paulette Welsch

Nothing new to report.

E. Mt. Vintage: Kathy Noyce

Nothing new to report.

F. The Reserve: Louise Visconti

The chair has been working on finishing the update to the Tournament Guide, a process carried over from 2024. She reported that in order to complete the first part, she needs approval of the revisions on pages 1-17. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve those changes.

G. Savannah Lakes: Nina DeArment

The representative brought up an issue with board meetings. The Bylaws Section 3A state that "each member club shall host at least a monthly meeting..." Due to the distance of Savannah Lakes and that she is unable to host a meeting the week prior to SL's July tournament, she suggested that there be no board meeting in July. A motion was made to that effect, seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

H. West Lake: Betsy Howard

The representative was unable to attend.

I. Woodside: Sue O'Connell/Marion Hanson

The representative reported on the planning for next week's Four-Ball and said Woodside was looking forward to hosting the tournament.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

This motion was made by the secretary: "I move to amend the CSRA WGA Constitution, Article III, Section 2 to read as follows: Officers shall be elected from the Association members at large. **The officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the year, to take office no later than November 30 of that year.** They shall be as follows: a) president, b) vice president, c) secretary, and d) treasurer."

The motion was seconded, and after discussion about the date, the motion passed unanimously.

B. There were three issues that were tabled until the April board meeting:

1. discussion of the proposed confidentiality agreement and policy,
2. the process of choosing charitable organizations,
3. final discussion and ratification vote on the SOP.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

.XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

There is no board meeting in April.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. at The Reserve Club.

Immediately following the adjournment, the president announced her resignation from the board. She later provided a letter of resignation to the secretary, asking that it be sent to all board members.

Attachment:

President's letter of resignation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nix

Secretary

3-10-25 - Electronically approved with no changes.

March 5, 2025

To: CSRA Board Members (elected and appointed) and Club Representatives

Re: Resignation

Effective immediately, I, Luce Ann Mallak, am resigning my elected position of 2025 CSRA President. Per the CSRA By-laws, Section 8 – Resignations:

- *If an elected officer is unable to complete her term, the president shall appoint a person to fill that position, with the Board's approval. That person will serve until the next general election of officers. If the president herself resigns, the vice-president will step up to that position and the Board will approve a replacement to fill the vice president's position.*

Therefore, at the March 12 event, I will be handing over any materials in my possession to Paulette Welsch, 2025 CSRA Vice President. The Board can then begin to identify a candidate to replace Paulette's position.

While I regret having to make this decision, I have determined that there is no other choice given the negative environment, lack of professionalism and lack of respect for confidentiality that exists within the organization. I sincerely thought the organization was open-minded enough to accept change but clearly that is not the case.

I will remain a member of the CSRA and will participate in as many events as possible. I wish the organization good will and success going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Luce Ann Mallak

