



CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes for May 6, 2025, at The Reserve Club



Board of Directors

Executive Board Members

Elected:

President: Paulette Welsch
Vice-President: Georgia Harod
Secretary: Sharon Nix
Treasurer: Mary Shultz
Past President: Marion Hansen

Appointed:

Handicap/Memorial Cup: Beth Turner
Rules: Mary Helen McElreath
Tournament: M. Harris / N. DeArment
Team Play: 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
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

I. CALL TO ORDER: President

The president called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Georgia Harod is the new vice president for 2025, based on the results of the March 24-26 electronic voting: 11 votes for Georgia, one write-in vote for another person, and 7 members who did not respond by the voting deadline.

III. ROLL CALL: Secretary

See the results above in yellow to indicate those present.

IV. VICE-PRESIDENT:

The vice president had no new or revised dates to add to the calendar.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for the year totals \$2,478 with expenditures totaling \$1,511. The balance sheet currently shows a balance of \$7,810.41. The report has been posted on the website.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- A. Membership stands at 181, which includes one submitted at this meeting.
- B. The March minutes were approved by email and uploaded to the website.
- C. Roberts Rules for voting will be followed for all future roll-call votes, which means votes will be called alphabetically by position.
- D. A sympathy card was sent to Kim Brodie (Bartram Trail) on the sudden death of her husband.
- E. The SOP says the treasurer and secretary should be on the bank signature card. After discussion, the board confirmed that this procedure should be continued.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. HANDICAP: Beth Turner
 - 1. Memorial Cup points are current and are posted on the website.
 - 2. There was discussion about how the same people seem to receive multiple awards and discussion about changing the way points are assigned for a broader distribution of awards. It was noted that there are new members who may affect the top award distribution. No decision was made.
- B. MONTENYOHL CHAMPIONSHIP: Betsy Howard
 - It is early but some procedures are starting.
- C. PUBLICITY: Sharon Nix
 - Nothing new. Pictures will be taken at the Reserve Club tournament.
- D. RULES: Mary Helen McElreath
 - Nena read the following reminders from the Rules chair:

1. REMINDER: Local rules sheet for each member club should be checked by each CSRA WGA rep for changes at that particular club prior to hosting a CSRA WGA event. Please send a copy to Mary McElreath melen33@knology.net
2. REMINDER: A link to the USGA Rules of Golf has been posted on the website. Let's remind all members that the USGA has a Rules app and it is a free download. This makes for an easy way to check the Rules.

E. TEAM PLAY: Mary Vaarwerk

1. The chair reported that team play is alive and well and thanked everyone for their past support.
2. The Reserve has withdrawn from team play, and West Lake no longer has enough women to field a team so they no longer will participate.
3. Rankings as of today are as follows:
Division I: Eisenhower is first in gross and net
Division II: Woodside is first in gross and net
4. The chair asked the reps to encourage their members who don't qualify for team to sign up to play behind the field. There was much discussion about who would be eligible to play behind the field, with the conclusion that women must be CSRA members to do so.

F. TOURNAMENT: Marianne Harris

The following report was sent in by the chair:

1. There was no tournament in April but 70 players participated in the March FourBall at Woodside.
2. The May tournament is a stroke play event at The Reserve, with 65 participants on the roster. Players are reminded that the golfer's place on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of them, not directly in front of the group behind them. Scoring for that tournament will be done by Michelle Randrup, Beth Turner, and Mary Helen McElreath.
3. The 50th Lady-Pro will be at Bartram Trail this June. Rosters need to be submitted no later than June 6. There will be a moment of silence to recognize Winifred Russell, a long-time member of West Lake and the CSRA. She and the West Lake pro Mark Darnell started the Lady Pro at West Lake in 1976.
4. All reps are requested to start planning for 2026 by checking the long-range calendar on the website to determine their club's date and start requesting a date from their golf shop. (Remember that if you have a conflict, you can arrange to swap months with another club.) First come, first served. There are some issues with dates this year that might have been avoided if clubs had requested dates sooner. Some clubs are not able to request dates yet but kindly ask the golf shop when the calendar will be open. The end of the year will approach faster than you think.

G. WEBMASTER: Michelle Randrup

The secretary read the following report from the webmaster:

1. Copies of the Important Board Actions from 1997 to 2001 were found and after extracting major actions from those, they have been added to the historical records on the website.
2. The first 17 pages of the Tournament Guide, which have been approved, have been uploaded to the website.

VIII: REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

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

1. The sign-up sheet and follow-up documents for the Lady/Pro were provided to all reps at this meeting.
2. There is no rain date because of other course commitments and the aerification schedule at BT.
3. Several clubs have requested participation of a third team from their club. Cedar Creek has asked for two teams with a special provision. The chair will get back to everyone on these matters.
4. The deadline is May 30. The chair needs concrete numbers for the luncheon, which will consist of brisket, smoked, chicken, and BBQ sides, with a cost of \$25 per person.
5. Checks should be made out and mailed to Debbie Yano as soon as possible, allowing for USPS delivery.

B. Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth

The chair reported the good news that the course is in the process of being sold, which means that there will be an infusion of money for needed improvements.

C. Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson/Gwen Pollard

There was nothing new to report.

D. Houndslake: Dineen Hass

There was nothing new to report.

E. Mt. Vintage: Kathy Noyce

There was nothing new to report.

F. The Reserve: Louise Visconti

1. The chair reported that there is a luncheon for 200 people on the same day as the tournament at The Reserve. Access to drinks will be very limited and a place for scoring will be arranged, most likely in the pro shop.
2. All participants are requested to be in their carts by 9 a.m. instead of 9:15.
3. The chair will send out the updated Lady/Pro pages for the Tournament Guide after the Lady/Pro is played in June.

G. Savannah Lakes: Nina DeArment

There was one new member added from Savannah Lakes.

H. West Lake: Betsy Howard

The chair had nothing new but noted that they had to drop out of team play because their active membership is down, and many current members are unable to participate due to travel commitments.

I. Woodside: Sue O'Connell/Marion Hanson

The chair reported one new member and a new pro, Brian Bessenger, in the golf shop.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Confidentiality agreement and policy

The treasurer made a motion, seconded by the Woodside rep, to adopt the Confidentiality Agreement and Policy. After discussion, a roll-call vote was taken with the following results: 5 votes for, 10 votes against, and 4 voters absent. The motion was defeated.

There was extended discussion about privacy related to the various checks received by the treasurer and reps. This issue is tabled for further discussion at the August meeting.

B. Process for choosing charitable organizations

1. After discussion, a motion was made by the team play chair, seconded by the vice-president, for the CSRA WGA to donate \$250 each to The First Tee in both Aiken and Augusta and Hook-a-Kid in Aiken. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
2. The rep from Eisenhower suggested that the women's golf team at Paine College be considered for a donation. The treasurer handed out the required form for completion, and this donation will be on the August agenda.
3. The secretary mentioned that most of the current board members may be unaware that in the early 2000's, a representative from Augusta State approached both the Augusta branch of the Executive Women's Golf Association and the CSRA WGA with a proposal to work jointly to raise funds for the establishment of women's golf at ASU. For several years, both organizations worked together to put on yearly tournaments at Forest Hills. These tournaments ultimately earned well over \$10,000 toward the establishment of what is now the Lady Jags golf team at ASU.

C. Ratification vote on SOP

The SOP needed documentation of ratification for the SOP that is currently on the website. That was provided unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A question was raised about the use of rangefinders during team play and regular tournaments. After input and discussion, it was determined that there seems to be a conflict between the rules sheets. The vice president will get clarification of this from the Rules chair and will report back in August.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: There is no board meeting in June or July. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5, at Eisenhower Lakes.

There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Nix

Secretary

CSRA RECORD OF VOTING

Date: May 6, 2025

Issue: Motion to adopt Confidentiality Agreement
- O Connell second -

The president votes
only in case of a tie.

Bylaws, Article 4, Section 4

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bartram Trail		✓		
Cedar Creek	✓			
Eisenhower	✓			
Handicap		✓		
Houndslake		✓		
Montenyohl		✓		
Mt. Vintage				✓
Publicity		✓		
Reserve	✓			
Rules				✓
Savannah Lakes	✓			
Secretary		✓		
Team Play		✓		
Tournament				✓
Treasurer	✓			
Vice President		✓		
Webmaster				✓
West Lake		✓		
Woodside		✓		
President				21

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