

# CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA

## WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes for March 4, 2026, at The Reserve



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Executive Board Members:

##### Elected:

President: Paulette Welsch  
Vice-President: Georgia Harod  
Secretary: Sharon Nix  
Treasurer: Kathy Cornforth  
Past President: Marion Hansen

##### Appointed:

Handicap / Memorial Cup: Beth Turner  
Montenyohl: Kathy Cornforth  
Publicity: Sharon Nix  
Rules:  
Team Play: Mary Vaarwerk  
Tournament: Nena DeArment  
Webmaster: Michelle Randrup

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#### Non-Executive Board Members: Club Representatives

Bartram Trail: Debbie Yano  
Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth  
Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson  
Houndslake: Paulette Welsch  
Mount Vintage: Kathy Noyce

Reserve Club: Louisa Visconti  
Savannah Lakes: Pat Ruse  
West Lake: Joann Denemark and Beth Braun  
Woodside: Marion Hanson

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER: President

The president called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

#### II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Kathy Cornforth was appointed as the 2026 treasurer by unanimous electronic vote from all board members on January 14, after the sudden resignation of Mary Shultz on January 10.
- B. The president introduced Beth Braun and Joann Denemark as the new representatives from West Lake, and Pat Ruse as the official representative from Savannah Lakes.

#### III. ROLL CALL: Secretary

The attendance results are shown above. Absent members are highlighted in yellow.

#### IV. VICE PRESIDENT:

The vice-president reported that the website calendar is up to date and that work needs to be done on the long-term calendar.

#### V. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- A. Thank-you letters of appreciation were sent in November to the four board members who resigned last year: Marianne Harris, Mary Helen McElreath, Betsy Howard, and Mary Shultz
- B. Publication of up-to-date membership lists on the website will be done once a month, either after each board meeting, or if there is no board meeting that month, on the first of each month.
- C. A spreadsheet summarizing CSRA membership as of March 1, 2026, was handed out. Last year's ending membership was 189 women, and this year's starting membership is 162, with a loss of 27 members. This year there were 129 returning members and 33 new ones. The clubs who lost the most were The Reserve and Woodside. The club that gained the most was Cedar Creek. See attached spreadsheet for the complete report.

## VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Bank cards at Regions Bank are now in three names: president, vice-president, and treasurer.
- B. The treasurer said that when she took over as treasurer, the final balance sheet that she received from the resigning treasurer balanced with the funds that were in the bank account.
- C. There was a small discrepancy between what the treasurer and the team chairperson had for the team play balance in the treasury. They will resolve this matter.
- D. The overall current balance in the treasury is \$6,044.62. The treasurer noted that payment by Zelle has been introduced as a time-saver, and several representatives are using it.
- E. There was further discussion about who should be on the bank signature cards. It was determined that the SOP would be revised to say that three members of the Executive Board, one of whom must be the treasurer, should be on the signature cards. The vice president and secretary will work together to amend appropriate sections of the SOP to reflect this.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. HANDICAP/MEMORIAL CUP: Beth Turner  
Nothing new to report. All is going well.
- B. MONTENYOHL CHAMPIONSHIP: Kathy Cornforth
  1. Kathy reported that the three tournament dates are on the calendar: Oct. 19 at Bartram Trail, October 21 at Woodside CC, and October 26 at Cedar Creek. The Championship Committee consists of the representatives from these three clubs: Debbie Yano, Marion Hanson, and herself as chairman.
  2. In addition, Louisa reported that she is working on the last part of the Tournament Guide update, which is the Montenyohl Championship section.
- C. PUBLICITY: Sharon Nix
  1. Sharon reported that as each representative submitted the list of her 2026 members, she sent a welcoming email to them, which included the 2026 tournament calendar.
  2. She also noted that she will stay on as publicity chair and will create photo albums for two events: the Lady/Pro and the Montenyohl Championship. She will report the results for the other tournaments in a smaller photo album.
  3. She will continue to send out results of each tournament to the entire membership immediately following each tournament.
- D. RULES:

This organization currently has no rules chair. The rules chair works with the head professional at each tournament venue, should rules questions arise. There was discussion about a possible replacement and a summary of what is involved in the position. Because there will be no rules chair at the tournament next week, it was suggested that a woman well acquainted with conditions at The Reserve be a stand-in for this tournament.
- E. TEAM PLAY: Mary Vaarwerk
  1. Mary reported that all team dues have been paid and the first match is March 19 at Eisenhower Lakes.
  2. Mary confirmed that she and the treasurer will reconcile the team play financial account.
  3. There was a reminder that there is a maximum handicap of 25 in Division I; any player with a higher handicap can participate but must play to a 25.
- F. TOURNAMENT: Nena DeArment

There was a great deal of discussion and input about formats for the remaining tournaments, which resulted in the following two motions:

  1. The Reserve representative made the motion, seconded by the tournament chair, to reinstate the Stableford format, effective immediately. The voice vote passed with one dissent.

2. The Savannah Lakes representative made the motion, seconded by the Reserve representative, that effective March 13, 2026, all fourball tournaments return to the 10-stroke differential requirement that had been dropped in the past. The voice vote passed unanimously. It was noted that players with a handicap that gave them a greater differential could certainly still play but must play with the 10-stroke limit. Representatives were encouraged to communicate this to their members.

G. WEBMASTER: Michelle Randrup  
Unable to attend.

## VIII: REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- A. Bartram Trail: Debbie Yano  
Nothing new to report. All is going well.
- B. Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth  
Kathy has been educating her new members on the CSRA rules and basic information about tournament play.
- C. Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson  
There is nothing new to report, but Charlotte reminded the board that they will need to get an online pass to gain access to the base at Fort Gordon for the board meeting.
- D. Houndslake: Paulette Welsch  
Nothing new to report. All is going well.
- E. Mt. Vintage: Kathy Noyce  
Nothing new to report. All is going well.
- F. The Reserve: Louisa Visconti  
Louisa reported that all volunteers for next week's tournament are in place.
- G. Savannah Lakes: Pat Ruse  
Pat reported that Savannah Lakes WGA will soon have its first meeting of the year, and she feels that there will be additional women who will join or rejoin the CSRA WGA following that.
- H. West Lake: Joann Denmark and Beth Braun  
All is going well. They are encouraging younger members at their club to join the CSRA WGA.
- I. Woodside: Marion Hanson  
The Woodside Niners are now able to join the CSRA WGA.

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mary Vaarwerk: Report on Lady/Pro yardage committee progress
  1. There was much discussion about making the Lady/Pro equitable and fair and fun for all, with no need to use the USGA's Players Ability Test to determine tee box assignments. There was overall support for leaving it up to the club professional of each year's Lady/Pro course to make the decision.
  2. The final determination was that the tournament chair each year will work with that year's Lady/Pro host club's head professional and that club's representative to determine the tee assignments for male professionals, female professionals, and amateurs. CSRA members will always play from the red tees.

3. This year's Lady/Pro chairman reported this year's tee assignments as follows:
  - a. Red tees: All CSRA members will play from the red tees.
  - b. Yellow tees: All women professionals will play from the yellow tees.
  - c. Yellow tees: All club professionals and amateur men/women over 60 years of age will play from the yellow tees.
  - d. White tees: All club professionals and amateur men under 60 will play from the white tees.

B. General: Discussion of rotation of representatives in vacant board positions

There was random discussion of this issue, but no interest was shown in making any changes to current practices.

C. Marion Hansen: Report on Updated Club Membership Agreement

Marion handed out copies of the updated membership agreement. There were no major changes, just updating out-of-date verbiage. This form will be used in the future with any club requesting CSRA WGA membership.

D. Treasurer: Update on status of Form 1024 and 501c7

1. The treasurer has no update on these forms but will contact the previous treasurer to see if she took any action prior to her sudden resignation.
2. She reassured the board that she is familiar with and has prior experience in filing taxes for organizations.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion about tournament refund policies and deadlines. The tournament chair discussed how these policies are repeatedly made available via Golf Genius to all women who enter each tournament. She emphasized that to have a refund considered, the requesting woman must submit her request to the tournament chair or her own club's representative in a dated written request or email as soon as possible.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting is on May 18 at Eisenhower Lakes, followed by the Lady/Pro on May 28.

There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 10:31.

Attachment:

2026 Membership Report and Comparison

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sharon Nix*

Secretary