

CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA



WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION Minutes for May 18, 2026, at Eisenhower Lakes Golf Club



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

Non-Executive Board Members: Club Representatives

Bartram Trail: Debbie Yano (G. Harod)
Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth
Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson
Houndslake: Paulette Welsch
Mount Vintage: Kathy Noyce (S. Nix)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: President

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

II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The president noted that the Board has no rules chairman and there needs to be an effort to find someone who will run for vice-president for the 2027 year. She asked all representatives to send an email to their membership asking for volunteers for these positions.

III. ROLL CALL: Secretary

The attendance results are shown above. Members who were unable to attend are highlighted in grey.

IV. VICE PRESIDENT:

There were no new changes to the calendar of events.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- A. Membership as of today stands at 171, with seven new members from Eisenhower Lakes and one each from Mt. Vintage and West Lake.
- B. The secretary requested that the host club for that month's tournament let her know if she will be getting tee times for board members to play the course directly following the board meeting. If so, please provide the cost to play and get the tee times far enough after the meeting to allow board members to stay until the meeting is over. She will then provide this information to all board members with the finalized meeting agenda. (Secretary's note: Most board meetings last between 60 and 90 minutes.)

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer reported a May balance of \$6,344.62. She has filed taxes and the organization is in compliance. (See Old Business for further explanation of the forms in question.)

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. HANDICAP/MEMORIAL CUP: Beth Turner

There was no report because the chair was absent for a medical procedure.

B. MONTENYOHL CHAMPIONSHIP: Kathy Cornforth

The chair reported that she is in the process of establishing golf fees and luncheon costs, both of which look good at this early date. She asked for input from members regarding food preferences for the luncheon and hopes to have the flyer ready by July.

C. PUBLICITY: Sharon Nix

The chair reported that she is working on the album pages for publishing tournament pictures and results for the Lady/Pro.

D. RULES:

There is no chair at this time.

E. TEAM PLAY: Mary Vaarwerk

The chair reminded reps to let their members know that they are welcome to play behind the field at any team event, even if their club is not a member of Team Play. She noted that people can still participate in Wednesday's team event at Woodside. The cost is \$45. The course played will be the Cupp course.

If interested in playing behind the field, please notify Kim Harding so she can arrange for carts and pairings.

F. TOURNAMENT: Nena DeArment

1. The chair reported that there are 16 teams that will be playing in the Lady/Pro tournament.

2. Because Mt. Vintage will be hosting the next event after the Lady/Pro, the chair needs the tournament invitation details from the representative so she can publish them in a timely manner.

3. When asked about format for that tournament, she replied that it most likely will be a stroke play event and said that she soon will determine the formats for the rest of the tournaments.

G. WEBMASTER: Michelle Randrup

There was nothing new to report.

VIII: REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

A. Bartram Trail: Georgia Harod for Debbie Yano

Georgia reported that there currently is no golf pro at Bartram Trail. The owner seems to be difficult to work with and based on unequal costs given for men's vs. women's tournaments, he seems to favor the men.

B. Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth

There was nothing new to report.

C. Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson

1. Charlotte requested that if there is a member signed up for the Lady/Pro who has a name that could be masculine or feminine, such as "Dale" or "Bert," please let her know which gender is correct.

2. She also said that she worked with last year's Lady/Pro chair and found that the biggest complaint was the low payout for the winners. This year, both pro and amateur divisions will receive \$225 for first place and \$150 for runner-up. Even with this increase, this year's entry fee is less than last year's.

3. With difficulty, Charlotte informed the board that her mother had recently passed.

D. Houndslake: Paulette Welsch

1. Paulette reported that the course is dry due to the ongoing drought.

2. The next board meeting is at Houndslake at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, followed closely two days later by the tournament. Reps can bring their tournament checks to that board meeting.

3. She also reported that there is a new dining facility at Houndslake, called The Pub.

E.. Mt. Vintage: Sharon Nix for Kathy Noyce

Sharon reported that Mt. Vintage is being reorganized after the death of the owner. The community is being run by committees and currently there is no pro.

F. The Reserve: Louisa Visconti

There was nothing new to report. There was discussion about rain dates, and Louisa said that their pro told her there were no dates available for rescheduling the cancelled March tournament.

G. Savannah Lakes: Pat Ruse

There was nothing new to report.

H. West Lake: Joann Denmark and Beth Braun

There was nothing new to report.

I. Woodside: Marion Harris

There was nothing new to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary: Ratify the changes to the SOP regarding the bank signature cards

There was a motion made and seconded to approve the changes to the SOP. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

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

1. Kathy told the board that the CSRA WGA is doing exactly what it needs to be doing, tax-wise.

2. Form 501c7: On April 16, Kathy contacted the IRS (877-829-5500) and spoke with agent #1003233245. She asked if any forms had been submitted for CSRAWGA to be recognized as a 501c7 organization, and that agent said there was nothing on file. The information that she gained from the agent is this: CSRA WGA already has 501c7 status based on the 990N tax returns that have been and continue to be filed.

3. Form 1024: This form costs \$600 and provides official government recognition that CSRA WGA is a 501c7 organization. The only benefit is that this organization could then apply for grants. This is the ONLY benefit. There was a question of whether having this form would mean that the 50/50 could continue. That would not be the case, and the 50/50 is gone forever.

4. Conclusion: Since the treasurer already has filed the necessary taxes and the organization is not seeking grants, there is no reason to apply for the status provided by form 1024. There was a motion made and seconded to drop the issue of form 1024, continue to file yearly taxes, and save \$600. The motion passed unanimously.

5. The treasurer also said that she has updated IRS forms to remove the prior treasurer and add herself and her mailing address.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. General: Status of 2026 donations to Hook-A-Kid and First Tee in Aiken and to First Tee in Augusta. \$250 each last year, in July.

A motion was made and seconded to send \$250 to each of the above entities. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. That voter felt the amount should be increased. (Note: The secretary will create the letter and the treasurer will enclose the check and send the donations.)

B. General: Discussion of rescheduling the Reserve Club's cancelled March tournament.

General discussion emphasized how this organization is at the mercy of club managements because our tournament fields are usually small so we do not generate much course income. In addition, schedules are set so far in advance that it is not realistic for clubs to offer a rain date for a cancelled tournament.

C. General: Wisdom of having a rain date for each event other than Lady/Pro and Championship.

This discussion continued on the heels of the previous discussion, with many reasons given why a rain date for each tournament would not be feasible. The conclusion was that for the 2027 calendar, reps were asked to attempt to obtain a rain date in addition to a tournament date when they scheduled their 2027 month's assignment.

D. Team Play: Explanation of and proposal to restrict the team play funds.

1. The team chair noted that team play has its own budget, collects its own monies, and takes no funds from the CSRA WGA budget. She asked that the board approve putting an asterisk (restriction) on team play funds to ensure that no team play money would be used for any other purpose other than team obligations.
2. The treasurer described how the budget has four separate accounts: 1) the general operations account, 2) the Montenyohl Championship account, 3) the Memorial Cup account, and 4) the Team Play account. She reassured the board that none of the funds ever would be co-mingled.
3. A motion was made and seconded that the team play account did not need an asterisk designation. The motion passed with two dissensions.

E. General: Creation of a line-item budget for yearly Montenyohl tournament.

There was much discussion about what it costs to run the Montenyohl and what the general fund monies are used for. Examples: engraving of various plaques, purchase of new trophies when needed, yearly cost of the website, etc. Some board members left early, so it was decided to table this issue for further discussion when all were present.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting is on July 7 at 9 a.m. at Houndslake Country Club.

There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Nix

Secretary