

CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Sept. 16, 2026, at West Lake CC



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
Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth
Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson
Houndslake: Paulette Welsch
Mount Vintage: Kathy Noyce

Reserve Club: Lou Anne Brossman
Savannah Lakes: Pat Ruse
West Lake: Joann Denemark
Woodside: Marion Hansen

Additional members in attendance:

Louisa Visconti for Tournament Guide Update
Guests from West Lake: Claire Albright, Sandra Harris, and Kim Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER: President

The president called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The president discussed a recent email scam purportedly sent from her email. It was initially thought that the CSRA's website members' list was hacked but that does not seem to be the case. Further discussion is continued in these minutes under the webmaster's report: Section VII, Item G.

III. ROLL CALL: Secretary

See above for attendance. Absentees are highlighted and additional non-board members are noted.

IV: VICE PRESIDENT:

A. Status of the Nominating Committee

1. The vice-president noted that no one has volunteered to be vice president.
2. She requested that all representatives get their 2027 tournament dates to her as soon as possible.

B. Calendar

1. Since there is no tournament scheduled in April 2027 because of Masters' Week, the March tournament date at West Lake is flexible and could be moved to April if needed.
2. In addition, later in the meeting the Eisenhower Lakes representative said that her club is willing to host a tournament in April, if needed, even though they will host Day 2 of the 2027 Montenyohl rotation.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- A. Membership Report: September 1 membership remains the same at 176, with one transfer from Savannah Lakes to Woodside. The website has been updated with that transfer.
- B. Michelle Randrup, Webmaster, will be granted lifetime membership at the Montenyohl luncheon.
- C. The secretary circulated copies of thank-you letters received for the \$250 donations made in August to the First Tee of Aiken, First Tee of Augusta, and Hook-A-Kid on Golf, Aiken.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. The treasurer reported balances as follows:
 - 1. \$5182.66 balance in the General Membership fund
 - 2. \$320.94 balance in the Team Play fund
 - 3. \$0 balance in the Montenyohl fund
 - 4. \$631.00 balance in the Memorial Cup fund.
 - 5. \$6134.60 Total Account balance
- B. Suggested revision of the Stroke Play financial report
There was discussion about improving the representative's financial report after their stroke play tournament. The treasurer will send the updated changes to the secretary to apply to the form. The secretary will then send the updated form to the representatives for discussion and approval at the October board meeting. There was indication that other forms may also need to be updated.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. HANDICAP/MEMORIAL CUP: Beth Turner
The chair referred to the financial report she had prepared and distributed to members for Memorial Cup budgeting. (This document was attached to the July minutes and can be found on the website.) It contained the results of the 5-year financial history, from 2021 to 2025. Based on those figures, she recommended a budget of \$1,000 minimum plus the cost of trophies and plaques. (See Item C under New Business, where she was awarded the difference between this year's Memorial Cup tournament contributions and \$1000, plus costs incurred for trophies and plaques.)
- B. MONTENYOHL CHAMPIONSHIP: Kathy Cornforth
 - 1. The chair reported that everything is on track for the championship. She is working with a trophy shop in Augusta for trophies and prizes.
 - 2. She asked for a participation estimate from each representative. The results were that so far, 32 women have indicated they will participate. Nineteen have already signed up through the Golf Genius invitation. There was discussion of what might be done if less than 40 members sign up to play.
- C. PUBLICITY: Sharon Nix
 - 1. The West Lake tournament results album has been created and is ready for pictures and results. The results album for the Championship is in the works.
 - 2. The chair mentioned that she will be leaving on October 10 for the winter but has arranged for pictures to be taken and sent to her from the Montenyohl luncheon, and she will finish and upload the results album from Florida.
- D. RULES:
No report – no chair.
- E. TEAM PLAY: Mary Vaarwerk
The chair reported that the second-to-last match will be on Sept. 22 at Houndslake.
- F. TOURNAMENT: Nena DeArment
 - 1. The chair thanked all the representatives who helped get the needed number of 70 participants that were required at West Lake.
 - 2. There was discussion of the four teams who were only allowed the required 10-stroke differential. She will send a reminder that all players will receive 85% of their handicaps for the event.

3. The handicap chair suggested using a handicap average instead of a handicap addition for determining numbers for each team. The tournament chair will consider this process for the future.
4. There was mention of how not everyone gets email announcements. The conclusion was that these could be sent to the membership through Golf Genius, a more official means than the Gmail email account.

G. WEBMASTER: Michelle Randrup

In the webmaster's absence, the secretary read her report listing ways to protect the website's membership lists. After much discussion, the issue was tabled until the October meeting. (The report from the webmaster is attached to these minutes.)

VIII: REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

A. Bartram Trail: Debbie Yano

The representative noted that she has made preparations for the first day of the Montenyohl tournament.

B. Cedar Creek: Kathy Cornforth

The representative noted that this is her last year in this position but she will continue as treasurer. The new reps for 2027 are Sheri Falcone and Vanessa Kokrda.

C. Eisenhower Lakes: Charlotte Johnson

The representative noted that her club is hosting the second day of the 2027 Montenyohl Championship but that they are willing to host an additional tournament in April if the board would like to add that to the schedule.

D. Houndslake: Paulette Welsch

Houndslake is hosting team play on September 22 and the course is in good condition.

E. Mt. Vintage: Kathy Noyce

The representative told the board that Mount Vintage will be under new management on October 1. The management team is Bobby Jones Links, who manage 32 other courses, including The Patch and Forest Hills in Augusta.

F. The Reserve: Lou Anne Brossman

Because of an ongoing lawsuit, the representative has been advised not to divulge any information from The Reserve.

G. Savannah Lakes: Pat Ruse

There was nothing new to report on from Savannah Lakes.

H. West Lake: Joann Denemark and Beth Braun

West Lake will have two new representatives for the 2027 season: Sandra Harris and Kim Thomas.

I. Woodside: Marion Hansen

The representative reported that Lori Cairns has transferred to Woodside from Savannah Lakes. In addition, she has the date of Wednesday, August 11, for Woodside's 2027 tournament.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Nena DeArment: Follow-up on Timber Ridge and Ponderosa as possible new clubs.
There is nothing yet to report.

B. Georgia Harod: Slate of Officers

Georgia reported that there still is no vice president. After discussion, Kathy Noyce from Mt. Vintage volunteered to fill the office. The slate is as follows, to be voted upon in October:

President: Georgia Harod

Vice President: Kathy Noyce

Secretary: Sharon Nix

Treasurer: Kathy Cornforth

Georgia then confirmed that women currently holding the appointed positions have all agreed to continue into the 2027 season. Paulette Welsch from Houndslake will be the 2027 Montenyohl chair.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Louisa Visconti: Discussion and acceptance of revisions to the Montenyohl Championship Tournament Procedures, the General Tournament Information, and the Host Club Responsibilities.

After discussion and minor adjustments to all three documents, a motion was made and seconded to accept these documents. The motion passed with one dissent based on procedure, not content. The updated documents will be given to the webmaster for formatting and uploading to the website.

The board thanked Louisa for her extensive work on this and her previous updates to the club's official documents.

- B. Kathy Cornforth: Discussion of future prize distribution for the Montenyohl championship.

1. This topic is tabled until October. Kathy is following the past year's procedures and budget.

2. Kathy mentioned that she needs two trophies returned to her prior to the event: the championship and runner-up trophies from Allison Lebo and Meg Prior.

- C. Sharon Nix: Discussion of a dues increase and allotment of funds for the Championship awards and Memorial Cup funding.

1. Sharon noted that there is no need for a dues increase because there is \$6,000 in the treasury. There was discussion about budgeting and what are necessary expenses and why the organization isn't spending the money they have. The consensus was to table this until October.

2. The issue of Memorial Cup funds was raised, since there are fewer tournaments and the 50/50 has been eliminated. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to add additional funds to what will be collected from tournament funds earmarked for the MC so that funds available will total \$1,000. In addition, the treasurer will reimburse the chair for the cost of trophies and plaques.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting is at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 5, at Bartram Trail.

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:31.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Nix

Secretary

Webmaster: Michelle Randrup

Report Submitted to the Sept. 16 Board Meeting

Webmaster Update on protecting the membership lists on the website.

After some clever phishing emails appeared to be sent from our CSRA WGA president, I looked around for other ways to secure our membership lists. I'm not sure our lists were compromised because not everyone on the lists received an email. However, passwords on a PDF file can be hacked.

So far, the alternatives I've found would require either each member having a log-in accounts on CSRAWGA.COM or adding another password at the webpage level. I personally don't like either. I will continue to explore options, but they tend to be paid subscription services.

Another alternative may be to remove the riskiest information from the website. At a minimum, we should consider removing the mailing address and phone number because the two together with a name aid in identity theft. The Secretary would keep that information and could include it only when appropriate in an announcement (email) about an individual, e.g. to send a get-well card to someone.

The safest alternative is to remove the lists completely. Instead, the Secretary could send the monthly updates directly to board members.

If we keep the lists on the website, I will change the password on the next update.

Interesting notes about visitors to the website

We have some rudimentary usage monitoring tools on our website. (Better tools require paid subscriptions.) We can get a count of visitors, but the only identifying info is the city/country from which access is made. Surprisingly, over half of the "hits" to our website come from out of the country, with China representing the biggest. The statistics show fewer than 5% of these "users" do anything, such as click on a link. This means they are most likely some kind of "bot" trying to find some exploitable data on a webpage.

Another roughly 25% of the visitors are from USA locations outside the CSRA, few of which are probably legitimate. In the past 30 days, only 133 of 230 visitors started on the homepage, further leading me to believe most are not CSRA WGA members.