

I. CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA



WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES –WOODSIDE COUNTRY CLUB – APRIL 26, 2024

Executive Board – Elected

President: **Marion Hansen**
Vice President: Luce Mallak
Treasurer: **Mary Shultz**
Secretary: **Luce Mallak**
Past President: Barbara Blatter

Club Representative

Bartram Trail – Linda Momeier
Cedar Creek – **Kathy Cornforth** / Judy Long
Eisenhower Lakes – **Mara Bushee** / Charlotte Johnson
Houndslake – Paulette Welsch / Lucy Loomis / **Dineen Haas**
Mount Vintage – **Kathy Noyce** / Pam Johnson
Reserve Club – **Louisa Visconti**
Savannah Lakes – **Nena DeArment**
West Lake – Betsy Howard/Karyn Liljedahl
Woodside Country Club – **Sue O'Connell**

Executive Board – Appointed

Handicap – Beth Turner
Montenyohl – **Louisa Visconti**
Rules – Mary Helen McElreath
Team Play – **Mary Vaarwerk**
Tournament – Marianne Harris / **Nena DeArment**
Webmaster – Michelle Randrup
Publicity – **Luce Mallak**

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. **Welcome:** Meeting began at 9:04 am. President Marion Hansen again reiterated the need to identify a secretary for the remainder (if possible) of 2024 and for 2025. She also addressed the concern over the number of Board meetings. Barbara Blatter shared that the Constitution references Monthly Board meetings so the By Laws would need to be changed/updated. Mary Vaarwerk mentioned that the By Laws do not need updating as they reference a Board meeting before play so there are no conflicts. There was also discussion on the words shall vs. will/must and the inconsistencies our Organizational documents.

B. **Minutes:** The minutes from March were approved with change from Barbara Blatter.

FINANCIAL REPORT: March income was \$110 and with no expenses, the month end balance was \$6,427.23.

- The IRS sent 2 letters claiming the CSRA WGA had not filed taxes for two periods.
- The letter pertaining to the first period indicated the CSRA WGA had not filed taxes for the period ending 12/31/2020. The response indicated the following:
- At that time. The CSRA-WGA was on the fiscal calendar of October 2020 through September 2021. Taxes for that period had been filed and a confirmation notice was provided to the IRS in response to their inquiry.

The second letter claimed the CSRA WGA had not filed for the period ending December 31, 2021. The confusion arose due to the IRS ruling which occurred in May 2022, allowing us to move to a calendar year. We filed our first calendar year return for the period 1/2022 through 12/2022.

- We provided confirmation of filing for the period 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2021. In addition, we provided confirmation regarding the filing for the period 1/2022 through 12/2022. What was missing was the period 10/2021 through December 2021, for which no confirmation could be provided. In a teleconference with an IRS agent, I (Mary Shultz) told the IRS agent, we had not filed for that 3-month period.
- After speaking with an IRS agent, the issue was resolved, and no further action was indicated.

C. **VICE PRESIDENT:** No Report

D. **PAST PRESIDENT** – Barbara Blatter did remind those that itemize their taxes that they can take advantage of mileage driven to and from meetings.

E. **ROLL CALL:** See above highlighted names for attendance,

F. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Team Play: No Report

Montenyohl Tournament: Louisa did bring up the subject of a Plan B if we do not get 40 players for the Montenyohl. Mary Vaarwerk reiterated that it is the Reps role to 'beat the bushes' to gain more exposure/interest in women to play in this event. The discussion then turned to the costs of each day's event. While Savannah Lakes and Eisenhower Lakes know their costs, the unknown remains with the luncheon costs for the last day. Mary Shultz suggested that to get cost estimates from the Reserve Club so a financial decision could be made. The discussion then determined that a plated lunch is less expensive than buffet. Once an estimated cost for all three days can be obtained, a breakeven amount can be determined.

Publicity: It was mentioned that this role is a 'mute' point as it is difficult to get local coverage even if you author the article and supply photos. Perhaps another venue for publicity should be evaluated.

Rules: No Report except the changes submitted prior to the meeting. It was also discussed that prior to an event that

Local Rules do not apply. Local Rules are overridden by USGA Rules.

Handicap: No Report.

Website Coordinator: Need to discuss the Membership List with Michelle – Individuals are different information when pulling from website.

Tournament: Nena announced that there were 42 individuals signed up for May 8 play and that the sign-up would be closed on Sunday, April 28.

I. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- Bartram Trail – Bartram Trail announced two new members – Kim Brody and Jin Lee.
- Cedar Creek – Kathy Cornforth shared that the Club Pros are not charged a cart fee for the Lady/Pro event. She was not sure about amateurs. So that means that each team will pay 3 cart fees, be included in ability to earn prizes and that the team will be covering the Pro's lunch cost.
- Eisenhower Lakes – No Report.
- Houndslake – No Report. Dineen Haas was in attendance representing Houndslake.
- Mount Vintage – No Report.
- Reserve Club – No Report.
- Savannah Lakes – Announced new member – Gail Cox.
- West Lake – No Report
- Woodside – Sue reinforced that she needed checks for the May 8 event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion on the SOP resulted in determining that the word 'monthly' should be removed throughout the document. The treasurer submitted changes to reflect the Destruction Policy would be joint responsibility of the treasurer and secretary. On the VP SOP, the 15-year calendar, now called Long Range Planning Calendar is now under the Tournament role. Also, removal of bag tags by the VP is no longer applicable.
- Changes to the By-Laws were discussed. Regarding the Board meeting scheduled, it was determined that this is covered in the SOP and there is no need for change. Additionally, it was agreed that the reference to "18-hole" golfer would read just "golfer." In Article II, Section 4 on Eligibility to play, discussion was related to the wording. It was determined that the reference to LPGA guidelines would be the method on deciding eligibility and removal of the "be a female and at least 18 years of age" would be deleted.
- Nena discussed having a PA system to make announcements before events. Most felt that this was not necessary. There was also discussion on how the plaque engraving is paid for and it was determined that Host Club pays for this expense and submits for reimbursement to the Treasurer.
- The discussion then moved to the Club Information that is on the website. This information is dated and no longer necessary. Needs to be removed.
- There was an overall discussion on the many updates that need to occur on the various documents such as By Laws and SOP. This will be an ongoing process.
- There was also a comment made about the appropriate use of email. When an email is sent, please reply to the sender, and do not use **reply all**.
- The suggestion of using electronic payment for events was discussed and it was determined that this is not a viable option. There is still an ongoing concern of payments arriving in a timely manner to Club Reps due to USPS issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:43 am

Respectfully submitted,
Luce Mallak - CSRA WGA Secretary