



**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 is no conflicts. There was also discussion on the words shall vs. will/must and the inconsistencies our Organizational documents.
- B. Minutes:** Barbara Blatter brought it to the attention of the group that the reason for Eisenhower Lakes no longer doing CTP or 50/50 is that it has to do with their LGA organization rules. It has nothing to do with the JAG office. This was noted and will be updated accordingly. The minutes were unanimously approved with this change.

**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 a 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 for women to play in this event. The discussion then turned to 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 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 break even 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 write the article and supply photos. Perhaps another venue of publicity should be evaluated.

**Rules:** No Report except the changes submitted prior to the meeting.

**Handicap:** Beth Turner shared how the Most Improved Player formula is calculated to avoid any confusion on data points. Currently Beth uses the beginning of the CSRA season to the end of the CSRA season to calculate MIP. She is suggesting that she use end of season of prior year to end of season to current year. The reason for this is to avoid using indexes that are typically higher at the beginning of the season due to winter golf.

**Website Coordinator:** No Report

**Tournament:**

#### I. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- Bartram Trail – Bartram Trail was working on pricing for the upcoming Stableford event. The event would be going out either on Tuesday or Wednesday, March 12/13.
- Cedar Creek – Kathy Cornforth indicated that the May Board meeting will be held at Cedar Creek on Tuesday, May 28, which is the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Cedar Creek will be hosting the Lady Pro on Monday, June 3. Reps can bring their checks for the Lady Pro to the May 28 meeting, or mail to Kathy by May 28 if you cannot attend the meeting.
- Eisenhower Lakes – Mara Bushee indicated Gwen Pollard would be switching to Eisenhower this year, so Membership List needs to be updated.
- Houndslake – No Report.
- Mount Vintage – No Report.
- Reserve Club – Louisa Visconti shared that Sara Foley would be rejoining the CSRA for 2024.
- Savannah Lakes – For the event of March 14, 78 players signed up for 4-Ball. Monticello would be the course but unfortunately it is not drying out and could be cart path only. Additionally, there would be grab & go lunches available for purchase by members. These lunches would need to be paid for via credit card but **NO AMERICAN EXPRESS**. Also shared that they have a new Pro and Assistant Pro.
- West Lake – No Report
- Woodside –No Report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- SOP – Marion Hansen indicated that the responsibilities of each position in the SOP will need to be updated. She asked that each respective individual review their section and provide feedback.
- Tournament Guide – Louisa began discussion on the updated Tournament Guide. Mary Helen provided details

on redundancies. These were noted for updating. She indicated that under Article II, Section 4 needs to have the updated LPGA statement inserted. Additionally, discussion began on when event monies need to be received by the representative club. It was shared that the event registration closes 10 days prior to the event. This is done via Golf Genius. It was determined that the monies **should be** sent to the Host Rep at the **minimum of one week prior to the event date**. Louisa made notes of all the changes and will provide an updated draft for review. Once feedback is received, the document will be updated and voted on accordingly.

- Retention/Destruction Policy – Mary Shultz shared that South Carolina has three points to be considered:
  - All personal information needs to be encrypted and locked away.
  - The IRS Statute of Limitations is 3 years for information to be retained.
  - The CSRA Board Members are not insured which could cause issues in the case of audit, etc.

Barbara Blatter also mentioned the issue of who would be responsible for this new policy, and it was determined that this would be a joint effort between the Treasurer and Secretary. The SOP for these individuals will need to be updated accordingly. The above information was motioned for vote by Luce Mallak and Mary Helen McElreath, and the vote was unanimous.

**The number of Board Meetings was also brought at during the meeting. For example, many Boards only have meetings on a quarterly basis. This may require further discussion.**

**Marion Hansen also mentioned the issue of identifying a secretary for the remainder of 2024. This may result in other potential issues going forward and will require discussion on how to manage for the remainder of 2024 and for the next season.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **NOTE: Incorrect date for next Board Meeting – It is April 26 at 9 am at Woodside Country Club**
- Barbara Blatter indicated that Eisenhower has a new policy on 'gambling.' Due to Ethics, CSRA had to eliminate the Closest to the Pin contest due to Government not allowed to raise monies. The monies from this event supplemented Memorial monies (is this correct?). To avoid controversy, an inconspicuous 'box' would be out for members/golfers to add 'contributions' if desired.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Luce Mallak - CSRA WGA Secretary