

Notes from CSRA WGA Zoom Conference Call

October 28, 2024

CSRA Board Members in Attendance:

Marion Hansen, President
Luce Mallak, VP & Secretary
Mary Shultz Treasurer
Sharon Nix, Incoming Secretary

Paulette Welsch, Incoming VP
Marianne Harris, Tournament Chair
Mary Helen McElreath, Rules Chair
Beth Turner, Handicap Chair

The Zoom connection was made at 4:30, with some technical difficulties, and all members had joined by 4:36. The discussion began with words from the outgoing president, who turned the discussion over to the incoming president. The incoming president said that she initiated this conference call to discuss several issues regarding team play.

1. There was discussion about a recent team play meeting where a root rule was discussed as a potential new addition to team play rules, but it was not presented for a vote or to the board for approval.
2. It was also reported that the team captains told the current team chair that she was doing a good job and that they felt she should continue. (It was determined that the incoming president would attend the final team play meeting on October 31 at West Lake.) Members in this conference call discussed the fact that the team play chair's position is appointed by the board, based on the recommendation of the team captains.
3. There was discussion of an issue with the 50/50 raffle which was held at the Woodside team play event in September. In a letter dated June 14, 2024, the treasurer informed all board members, CSRA representatives and team play captains that if CSRA WGA holds any kind of fundraiser or raffle, we are in direct violation of our organizational standing with the State of South Carolina. Additionally, the treasurer sent a note specifically to the team captain at West Lake (final team event location) reminding her not to conduct a 50/50 drawing at that event.
4. There was further discussion of a letter sent in 2022 to the current team chair regarding her disregard for protocols.
5. This team chair updated the team play handbook in 2022 and distributed it to the board as a fait accompli, but there is no record of the board having approved the handbook.
6. The rules chair reported that the tournament rules sheet had been updated but that old copies of the rules were being used at team play events long after the team chair should have been distributing the new ones.

The consensus of this meeting's participants was that the current team chair has a disregard for many of the protocols she should be following, the most important one being that any action that she takes regarding team play rules, changes, appointments, and/or protocols must be presented to the board and approved by them. Then and only then can they go into effect.

To that end, the incoming president will draft a letter to the team chair, citing the CSRA By-Laws, Section 7 – Detrimental Actions: *If an officer or committee chairman is acting in a manner detrimental to the Association, the Board, by a majority vote, may take appropriate action.*

This draft will be sent for review to all persons on this conference call and will then be sent to the team chair in an effort to impress upon her that she cannot continue to act on her own and in the future must follow protocols that require her to obtain board approval for all decisions affecting team play.

There was also discussion of sending a similar letter to the Woodside team captain who held the 50/50 raffle despite being told it might jeopardize the organization.

The conference call concluded at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Nix, Incoming Secretary

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