

Lowcountry Team Play Association Annual Meeting
March 28, 2025, Long Cove Golf Club
Minutes

11:30am

Welcome, Ruth Bartlett

Invocation, Denise Harris

12:15pm

Call to Order, Ruth Bartlett

Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting, Wendy Locus seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Cynthia Leaf (attached)

Ruth read the organization's Mission Statement

Ruth announced our charitable donations to LPGA Girls Golf of Bluffton/HH and HHI Junior Golf Association (First Tee). \$1750 will be given to each organization.

Recognition

We are 19 Clubs, 42 Teams, 6 Divisions, 1500 rounds of golf, about 550 women on the rosters.

Recognition was given to the Division Chairs:

Div 1, Denise Harris (scoreboards and notebooks)

Div 2, Niza Hall (captain's meeting, Annual meeting)

Div 3, Carol Hammond (season scoring, website)

Div 4 and 6, Kathy LaBonte (pictures)

Div 5, Laura Collins (match scheduling)

And to other Board members:

Cynthia Leaf, secretary and treasurer

Mary Jane Peeples, Past General Chair, ex-officio

Team Captains were asked to stand and the audience showed their appreciation with applause.

There were two hole-in-ones during the season – Donna Cortina (from Hampton Hall) @ Colleton River; Kathy Bradbury (from Dataw) at Haig Point. They were given a certificate for a round of golf at Sea Pines.

Notes from the Season

Play was a little faster this season. Credit was given to Players and Monitors.

Course Reservation Contracts for 2026 season will be accepted April 1 – May 15. No preference will be given for submission date. Contracts must be complete in order to be accepted.

Clubs adding or dropping a Team should inform Laura Collins by May 15. One Club, Oldfield, is on the waitlist.

Dues will remain the same for 2026 -- \$360 per team, \$216 for dues and \$144 retained by the Club for Bag Handler tips.

Course fees for next year are suggested not to exceed \$65 including tax.

Players should post their scores as Away after each round.

Players should put a name tag on their golf bag to aid Bag Handlers.

Standing Rules Updates

Slow Play, we are deleting the requirement to put the time it takes to play each hole on the scorecard. And for Part C., the part that discusses the course monitors on the course is changed to read: "Slow play will be penalized. Players will be given a verbal warning to catch up to the group in front of them if there are players waiting on them and if there is at least a hole and 1/2 open in front of them. The players will finish the hole they are on. Then the players will skip the next hole and receive 1/2 point each for that hole. Play will then continue."

Inclement Weather Part D., if there is severe weather and the teams are called in and delayed, we are adding the words "If the match is delayed, play must be resumed within 90 minutes or the match is deemed cancelled."

ByLaws Change - Small change for nominating Directors, delete the word "Two" Directors. Now reads "Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve a term of three years." Ruth made the motion to approve, Wendy Locus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Recognition of Division Champions

Div 1 – Colleton River I

Div 2 – Callawassie I

Div 3 – Dataw

Div 4 – Moss Creak II

Div 5 – Berkeley Hall III

Div 6 – Callawassie II

Nominating Committee Report

Mary Jane Peebles chaired the Nominating Committee, other members were Ruth Bartlett and Kathy LaBonte.

Mary Jane presented the slate for the 2025/26 Board of Directors

General Chair, Carol Hammond (through 2027)

Sec/Treasurer, Cynthia Leaf (through 2027)

Division Chairs,

Denise Harris (through 2026)

Niza Hall (through 2026)

Renee Rezzatano (through 2028)

Laura Collins (through 2028)

Sue MacCormack (through 2028)

Ex-officio – Ruth Barlett (through 2027)

Mary Jane made the motion to approve the Nominees, Jan Kirk seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary Jane recognized and thanked Kathy LaBonte and Ruth Bartlett for their service.

Passing of the Gavel

Ruth Bartlett passed the gavel to Carol Hammond. Carol announced that a survey would be sent to Team Captains asking for their thoughts about having the Team finishing last in Division 6 go to the bottom of the Wait List, if there is a Wait List. She asked for one response from each Club, even if they have multiple Teams. If implemented, this policy would be effective for the 2027 season.

Lori Witz asked if we could consider limiting Club membership to those in Beaufort County (currently Jasper County clubs are allowed by our Standing Rules). Carol responded that the Board will review this in the Fall.

Pictures of winning teams and new board members were taken outside.

Carol adjourned the meeting at 12:38pm.