

**HILTON HEAD PLANTATION
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
POA Service Center
7 Surrey Lane**

October 10, 2022

OPENING:

Rex Garniewicz called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the POA Service Center.

ATTENDEES: Rex Garniewicz (Chair), Bob Huisman, Earle Nirmaier, Margita Rockstroh, Mary Wilcox, and Lois Wilkinson (Alternate)
Ex-Officio: Chrissy Kristian, Jen Westerfeld, Trevor Scott, and Peter Kristian

ABSENTEES : Richard Dugan, Peggy Howard, and Dave Morse (Alternate)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bob Huisman motioned to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2022, as presented. Margita Rockstroh seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

- Rex welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chrissy and Peter provided a brief update on the Dolphin Head Renovation Project.
 - Chrissy shared that Nix Construction has been busy prepping the area for the foundation of the new clubhouse and the sheltered picnic area. The archaeological dig was also completed, and several small items were discovered. One amazing find was a 1782 King George III ½ penny, which we plan on displaying with the other findings in some manner – possibly with the historical kiosk.
 - Peter added that the plumbing work has been completed prior to the foundation being poured. Peter also shared that a great deal of tree work has been completed as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chrissy provided an overview of the Trash & Treasure Sale, Flu Shots, the Totally 80s Bingo Party, Mary Kay's Cooking Classes, the Holiday Photo Mini-Sessions, and the Photography Classes.
- Chrissy presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.

SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISONS:

- Activities: Chrissy Kristian
 - The Trash & Treasure Sale was a huge success with over 80 spots sold. We ended up utilizing the rain date on Saturday, October 8, because of Hurricane Ian possibly impacting our area at the end of September. We lucked out with a gorgeous day, and all three food trucks received steady business. Kudos to all the volunteers and staff that helped make this event possible!

- The first Flu Shot Clinic was a success on Wednesday, October 5, and we have a second clinic scheduled on Wednesday, October 19. Right now, every appointment is taken for the second date, but we have started a wait list.
- Tom Stevens with Sharper Edges will be offering two Knife-Sharpening Events on October 17 and November 14. Each event will be limited to the first 25 appointments.
- The Trunk-or-Treat Tailgate Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, from 4:00-6:00 PM. We will have inflatables for the kids, a pumpkin patch, a contest for the best decorated trunks, and we will also have light refreshments for residents. This is a free event, and so far, we have 15 trunks registered to help with this event. The rain date for this event is the following day – Sunday, October 23 – same time.
- The Halloween Pet Parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, at 5:00 PM. We are encouraging residents to bring their furry friends dressed up, and we will have a variety of categories for the contest. We will also have prizes to give away. Admission is one canned good item which we will give away at Christmas time to a family in need. In case of inclement weather, this event will be moved to the following day – Friday, October 28 – same time/place.
- Upcoming November events include the Medicare Made Clear Seminar, the Veterans Day Ceremony, more Cooking Classes with Mary Kay, and Holiday Decorating days at the end of the month.
- We also have our final Coffee with Peter for the year scheduled for Thursday, November 17, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House. Rex will be our speaker for this meeting.
- Tennis: Trevor Scott
 - Trevor reported that last month we were able to host some of the USTA matches for the state's tournament for mixed doubles. Two of the members of Spring Lake made it to the finals, however, they lost.
 - Trevor added that this upcoming weekend will be another round of USTA matches on the island for 65 and over as well as 75 and over. For this one, we will NOT be hosting any matches. We felt there may be a conflict with parking as there is a wedding scheduled at the Spring Lake Pavilion on the same day of the tournament. We do have six teams from Spring Lake participating in this tournament, however.
 - Trevor then shared that their next social will be their Oktoberfest which will begin at 2:30 PM this Friday, October 14.
- Fishing / Lagoons: Earle Nirmaier / Dave Morse (absent)
 - Earle shared that Dave has been dealing with some health issues since his hip replacement surgery.
 - Earle then shared that the Fishing Club is returning to normal meeting/dinner outings. They had their first one in September which was a buffet dinner, and the speaker was from Birds of Prey. It was lightly attended with around 50 members.
 - Earle added that the Fishing Club hosted a Bass Fishing Tournament in early August, and it was so well-received that they are planning to host another fishing tournament in November. This one is for catfish only.
- Volunteer Program: Margita Rockstroh / Mary Wilcox
 - Both Chrissy and Mary thanked the volunteers for all their hard work on Saturday for the Trash & Treasure Sale. Both Mary and Margita were there along with a handful of extremely dedicated volunteers and several staff members who made this event possible.
 - Chrissy added that Mary and some other volunteers will be helping at two of our upcoming Halloween events – judging the best decorated trunks at the Trunk-or-Treat Tailgate Party as well as judging at the Halloween Pet Parade.

- Memorial Program / Softball: Bob Huisman / Lois Wilkinson
 - Bob reported that the Softball Club continues to practice, and they were finally able to arrange a game with The Landings Softball Team from Skidaway Island. The HHP team won but the home team hosted a pizza party afterwards for everyone.
 - Bob also shared that the Senior Softball League for the County is starting back up again. Several teams/players have expressed interest in splitting up the teams into two divisions – a recreational division and a competitive division. Right now, it's all combined in one division with play (double-headers) being scheduled for Wednesdays for the next 6 to 8 weeks.
 - Chrissy added that we have one new memorial bench that has been ordered for Lou Benfante. His wife, Laurette Doscher, will have his bench placed at Fort Mitchell, and we did receive special permission to have this bench installed at this location.
 - Another bench scheduled to be ordered soon is by the Gingras family. This bench will be placed overlooking the water on the way to the Hickory Forest area.
- Bocce Ball / Shuffleboard: Chrissy for Richard Dugan / Peggy Howard (both absent)
 - Chrissy read a report supplied by Richard Dugan. The Fall Bocce League is underway as it started the first week in September.
 - There are 80 teams competing which is five more teams than they had in the spring. This includes 16 new players.
 - The fall putt-putt contest was canceled due to bad weather.
 - Happy Hour is still going on Thursdays at 4:00 PM.
 - The last games of the fall season are set for the last week of October with tournament competition beginning the first week in November. The Bocce Ball Festival will be held mid-November.
- Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
 - Peter reported that the off-leash area for dogs established over by the ball fields has been working out nicely. Only one complaint has been made.
 - Peter added that the two new housing developments – The Charles and Waterway Gardens – continue to make progress. The Charles is slated to have a February/March 2023 completion date. All those units are sold out.
 - Peter then shared that Driftwood Eatery is only opened for limited hours now and for catering. The owners of the Driftwood Eatery are scheduled to come to the October 25 HHPPOA Board meeting because they would like to apply for a variance to up zone the property. The Town of HHI has jurisdiction on this matter, however, the first step is to get permission from the Board.
 - Peter then added that the 2023 Budget has been passed. The 2023 assessment is a \$71 increase over the 2022 assessment. Peter shared that increased revenue from various departments has made the increase minimal despite the cost of goods and services continuing to rise.
 - Peter also reported that home sales are steady even though we only have ½ month worth of inventory. People are still willing to buy homes with all cash deals. Peter indicated that he attended a meeting where Jean Beck, the Executive Director of the Hilton Head Island Realtors Association, was the guest speaker. Ms. Beck made a special point that HHP was a very desirable community for new property owners to purchase for many reasons including: the prohibition on short-term rentals, the outstanding facilities, and the special events and educational programming provided by the Activities Department.
 - Peter then reported that the Town Council of HHI voted 4 to 3 in favor of moving forward on the bridge project. Certain individuals are still trying to delay the project, but traffic improvements need to be made. We also have a dire need for

workforce housing, and the bridge project directly impacts all those workers who must commute over the bridge to HHI.

- Peter added that we still have a lot of paving and cut-and-fill work to do before the end of the year as well as leisure path work.
- The lagoons are still a little low since we lowered them in preparation of Hurricane Ian. Thankfully, it was a non-event for our area with minor wind/rain.
- Peter shared that collections for POA Assessments continue to go well.
- The wood hog is currently down for the moment. It has a bad sensor that needs to be replaced. We are waiting on a technician to come out and assess the issue.
- Lastly, we are hosting a New Homeowners' Orientation tomorrow evening at the Plantation House at 7:00 PM. We have several door prizes to give away, and we will have a sponsor there providing refreshments and goodies.

ADJOURNMENT

Margita Rockstroh motioned to adjourn. Earle Nirmaier seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, November 14, at the POA Service Center.