

**HILTON HEAD PLANTATION
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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

January 9, 2023

OPENING:

Rex Garniewicz called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM at the POA Service Center.

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

ABSENTEES : Dave Morse (Alternate)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bob Huisman motioned to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2022, as presented. Earle Nirmaier seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

- Rex welcomed everyone to first meeting of the New Year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chrissy and Peter provided a brief update on the Dolphin Head Renovation Project.
 - Chrissy shared that Nix Construction has been working on the framing of the clubhouse, and work should be starting soon on the sheltered picnic area now that we have a plan of action approved which includes us putting down geo-fabric before construction. Peter added that the archaeological report that has been written for the project has been an interesting piece of history, and Rex is willing to work on an actual historical dialogue to include on the kiosk that will showcase some of the archeological finds from the site. Our next meeting with Nix Construction and Wood + Partners is scheduled for this Thursday, January 12, at 1:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chrissy provided an overview of the Big Band Christmas Concert, the Holiday Hayride, and the Kids Holiday Party.
- Chrissy presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.

SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISONS:

- Activities: Chrissy Kristian
 - We are having a pre-departure meeting with our representative from Collette to go over last-minute details for the upcoming group tour to Iceland on Wednesday, January 11, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House.

- Next Monday, January 16, we will be hosting our first Community Blood Drive of the year with the help of OneBlood and the Big Red Bus. They will be parked in the Plantation House parking lot from 10 AM to 4 PM on Monday.
- Our annual Kids Night Out is scheduled for Friday, January 20, at 6:00 PM at the Plantation House. This year's theme is Super Pets, and we'll be offering a fun evening of games, pizza, and showing the movie "Super Pets."
- We will be hosting a Volunteer Outreach Event on Thursday, January 26, from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Plantation House. We've invited 15 different local organizations and non-profits to join us for this event. Residents are encouraged to come and meet these groups and hopefully find an organization to volunteer for during the year.
- Upcoming February events include the "Protect What You've Worked For" Seminar, the "Heart Healthy" Seminar, the AARP Safe Driver Course, and we are bringing back the Vegas Casino Night at the end of the month.
- Our next Coffee with Peter is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, at 10 AM at the Plantation House. This will be "Meet the Board Candidates."
- Tennis: Trevor Scott
 - Trevor reported that he has recently hired two new teaching professionals – Carmine Barnada and Jim Demos.
 - Trevor added that USTA will start back up in a couple of weeks, and they have 24 teams that will be participating in the upcoming season.
 - The yearly court maintenance is scheduled for January 20-27, and they will also be cleaning up the bocce court area (replacing boards, etc.).
 - Trevor also added that they hosted the Soup & Chili Social last week, and they had 62 people attend.
- Fishing / Lagoons: Earle Nirmaier / Dave Morse (absent)
 - Earle reported that fishing in the plantation is quiet this time of year. The fish are non-active when it's this cold.
 - Earle then added that the Fishing Club is still struggling to attract new members.
 - For their December dinner, Earle shared that not a lot of the volunteers from Kids Kamp were in attendance. Earle admitted this was not usually the case.
 - Lastly, Earle added that the Fishing Club has booked a magician to come and speak at the January meeting. They are hopeful this would attract some new people.
- Volunteer Program: Margita Rockstroh / Mary Wilcox
 - Nothing to report.
 - Chrissy thanked everyone for their support over the past year, and she gave special kudos to those members who helped with the holiday events in December.
- Memorial Program / Softball: Lois Wilkinson / Bob Huisman
 - Bob reported that he hasn't been as active with the Softball Club lately, however, he still helps them do the books and set aside funds for equipment.
 - Bob added that the Softball Club still held practices through the holidays, and they are scheduled to meet this afternoon at 1:00 PM.
 - Bob also shared that the Senior Softball League would be starting back up in February. They have members that help make up two of the teams that participate. The Senior Softball League may split up into two divisions though – one that is more competitive and one that is more for social interaction and fun.
 - Chrissy added that we recently installed a new memorial bench in Fort Mitchell in memory of Lou Benfante, and there is another memorial bench that has shipped which will be installed over in the Hickory Forest neighborhood once it arrives.

- Chrissy then shared that she placed an order for two Veteran Memorial Bricks just before the holidays.
- Lastly, once we have a list of potential items with prices, we can start promoting the Dolphin Head Memorial & Honorarium Program. Chrissy will meet with Lois and Bob to help get things organized.
- Bocce Ball / Shuffleboard: Richard Dugan / Peggy Howard
 - Richard reported that things are quiet right now. The Bocce Club did host a Winter Tournament the first half of December, and they ended up with 16 teams participating. It was a double-elimination tournament held just for fun.
 - Later this month, Richard shared that team registration would begin, and the spring season would run from late February through May.
- Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
 - Peter reported that *Plantation Living* continues to draw ads.
 - He also shared that Hilton Head Monthly was going out of business but before they announced this, they shared with us that Hilton Head Plantation had been voted Best Gated Community for 2022.
 - Peter also added that the total collected for Capital Transfer Fees in 2022 was an astounding \$622,900+ for the year.
 - Peter reported that the Board held a joint Pre-Audit meeting with the Finance Committee and our Auditors on scheduling and preparing the 2022 Audit. We will once again keep the Annual Audit separate from the Annual Report. The Annual Report will be printed and mailed to every household. The Annual Audit will be emailed out, but we will have some copies printed for distribution at the Annual Meeting in March.
 - Peter shared that work on The Charles development and Waterway Gardens continues to move along.
 - Peter added that he will be meeting with the HHI Town Manager on Thursday, January 12, to discuss the issue of parking at the Gullah cemeteries for funerals.
 - Peter then shared that the Security Department ordered a new Security vehicle which is a new truck. We are still waiting for the radar to be installed.
 - The kitchen in the POA Service Center was renovated at the end of December. We have new cabinets and countertops, and David did a super job with the installation.
 - Peter then added that we are hoping to complete a mini-beach renourishment at Pine Island later this month. This means part of the job site fencing around the Dolphin Head renovation project will need to be moved temporarily.
 - Peter also reported that the annual assessments were mailed out at the end of last year, and residents are starting to come in and pay their assessments which are due January 31.
 - We have invited the new HHI Town Mayor and the two Town Council members who represent HHP to attend our Board Orientation at the end of March.
 - On February 21 we will be hosting a quarterly meeting with some of the local general managers of larger communities at the POA Service Center.
 - Peter added that the experimental season of allowing dogs off-leash at the ball fields during certain times of the day appears to be a feasible solution. We will most likely continue doing so.
 - The gas card program for employees was discontinued after the first of the year since the Board approved to give all staff members a 5% cost-of-living increase in wages/salaries effective January 1, 2023.

- Peter shared that we were contacted about a potential Eagle Scout project that might take place down at Pine Island. It would include the creation of a new oyster shell reef barrier.
- We have several paving projects going on now.
- Lastly, Peter reported that we will be replacing a sign and Palmetto Electric light pole that was hit by an apparent drunk driver at the entrance to HHP.

ADJOURNMENT

Margita Rockstroh motioned to adjourn. Bob Huisman seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, February 13, at the POA Service Center.