# HILTON HEAD PLANTATION PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

# RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES Dolphin Head Rec Center 171 Dolphin Head Drive

### **November 13, 2023**

#### **OPENING:**

Lori Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM at the Dolphin Head Rec Center.

**ATTENDEES:** Lori Schmidt (Chair), Richard Dugan, Kristy Graham, Bob Huisman, Earle

Nirmaier, Mary Wilcox, Lois Wilkinson (Alternate), and special guest Ed

Schottland (Board President)

Ex-Officio: Chrissy Kristian, Jen Westerfeld, Trevor Scott, and Peter Kristian

**ABSENTEES:** Margita Rockstroh

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mary Wilcox motioned to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2023, as presented. Lois Wilkinson seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

# **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

 Lori welcomed everyone to the meeting and reiterated that we had a big week ahead of us as we have the Grand Opening for Dolphin Head on Thursday, November 16, in the afternoon and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary scheduled during the Coffee with Peter in the morning.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chrissy shared the plan for the Dolphin Head Grand Opening and passed around an assignment sheet for members to sign up for a particular location during one of the afternoon timeslots.
  - We will have volunteers and staff members positioned at eight different locations at the Dolphin Head Recreation Area to help answer questions and be of assistance during the Grand Opening on Thursday.
  - The HHP community has been invited to attend in the afternoon, and the timeslots are based on the beginning letter of their last name. A-L names are invited from 1:00-2:30 PM and M-Z names are invited from 3:00-4:30 PM on Thursday, November 16. We will hold the event rain or shine. Security will assist with parking if we get big crowds.
  - Chrissy then added that punch list items are being completed over the next few days in preparation for Thursday.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chrissy provided an overview of the Trash & Treasure Sale, the Parkinson's Disease Seminar, the Flu Shot Clinics, the Halloween Pet Parade, the Fall Harvest Party, the Healthy Back Seminar, the Medicare Made Clear Seminar, the Veterans Day Ceremony, and the Estate Planning Workshop.
- o Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.

# **SUBCOMMITEE LIAISONS:**

- o Activities: Chrissy Kristian
  - Chrissy reported that the Cyber Security Seminar is scheduled for next Monday, November 20, a Knife-Sharpening Event is scheduled for the following Monday, November 27, and then holiday decorating will take place on November 28 and 29.
  - Our December events include the POA Volunteer Christmas Party scheduled for Friday, December 1, the Big Band Christmas Concert scheduled for Saturday, December 2 (rain date December 3), the Kids Holiday Party is set for Sunday, December 10, and the Holiday Hayrides are scheduled for Saturday, December 16 (rain date December 17). The month will wrap up with the second Knife-Sharpening Event scheduled for Monday, December 18.
  - o For January, we will ask for volunteers to help us take down the decorations on Tuesday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 10. The Kids Night Out is scheduled for Friday, January 12, the Community Blood Drive is set for Monday, January 15, and we have arranged for group discounted tickets for the Savannah Ghost Pirates Hockey Game on Saturday, January 20.
- Tennis: Trevor Scott
  - Trevor reported that this year's Club Championship for tennis was cancelled due to low participation.
  - Trevor shared that he recently hired a new Tennis and Pickleball Professional –
     Mark Hanna. He has already started working alongside Trevor at the Spring Lake Racquet Club.
  - Trevor is getting the website ready for the new launch of the sport court reservations for the Dolphin Head Rec Area.
  - Trevor has been exploring options for maximizing court usage at Spring Lake since membership has skyrocketed this past year going from just over 200 members to just shy of 300 members.
- o Fishing / Lagoons: Earle Nirmaier
  - o Earle shared that fishing has been very slow.
  - Earle also reported that the Fishing Club is planning to host a fishing tournament this Saturday, but it may get cancelled if more people don't sign up. So far, they only have 3 or 4 people registered.
  - Earle then added that their club membership has dwindled, and they are only averaging around 30 people for their monthly dinners. They used to have 60-70 members in attendance.
  - Earle shared that the Board members are planning to reach out to those members on their roster who still haven't paid their annual membership dues. They will be given until mid-December to pay, otherwise, they will be taken off the membership list.
  - Richard Dugan added that there is an off-shore fishing excursion scheduled for November 28, which will be a 6-hour trip with a maximum number of 6 members who can register for it.
  - Peter then commented that he had been working with David Mills about adding signage for the Spring Lake outfall. There was a crack in the structure, and we wanted to add a sign that asked individuals to stay off it.
- O Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox / Margita Rockstroh (absent)
  - Mary reported that we have a good number of volunteers who have already reached out to offer their help with the holiday decorating at the end of the month for the Spring Lake Pavilion and the Plantation House.
  - Chrissy thanked Mary and all the volunteers who helped us get through our busy month of events in October. She also thanked Jen for her recruitment effort to the

POA Clubs. Her email sparked the largest number of volunteer help with the Trash & Treasure Sale. We had 18-20 volunteers who showed up to help that day.

- o Memorial Program / Softball: Bob Huisman / Lois Wilkinson
  - o Bob reported that the Softball Club pushed their Monday practice back to 1 PM today because of the weather forecast scheduled for this morning.
  - o Bob added that many of their team members are also participating in the Beaufort County's Senior Softball League.
  - o The HHP Softball Team still hasn't been able to schedule their games with the softball team from Skidaway Island. Too many conflicts with the schedule.
  - Chrissy then added that she's been working with Hilton Head Signs to order the
    plaques for all the outside site furnishings as well as work with Jack to create a wall
    display for the older plaques. She's still waiting for the proof of the five-levels of
    giving plaque.
  - Chrissy shared that we have raised just under \$50,000 in donations for the Dolphin Head Memorial & Honorarium Program.
  - Chrissy also added that we had two benches ordered and one has been installed at the Seabrook Farm. The other is scheduled to be installed this week, and it will be placed by the entrance to the Whooping Crane Conservancy.
  - Lastly, an order for Veterans Memorial Bricks will be placed soon as additional orders have been received.
- O Bocce Ball / Shuffleboard: Richard Dugan / Kristy Graham
  - O Richard shared that the fall Bocce Season held their Finals this past weekend. The championship was played between the Two Tuffs vs. the NYPD team. Two Tuffs ended up winning, and they will be recognized at the end-of-season banquet this Friday, November 17. It will be catered by Java Burrito.
  - Richard also added that the Bocce Club President, John Hupchick, is trying to recruit some teams to play in a tournament out at Sun City. They have space for up to 32 teams.
  - Richard shared that the Bocce Club will plan to host another Bottoms Up
     Tournament in December which is a double-elimination tournament scheduled over
     a five-day period. This will be comprised of teams from the Losers' Bracket of the
     fall season.
  - o Richard added that sign-ups for the spring season will begin February 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Chrissy shared that she's been working with the Bocce Club to make arrangements for them to help host bocce lessons for the Green Group at Kids Kamp next summer. Details underway.
- Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
  - Peter reported that he's working with Jen to get a date for the Realtors to come in and see the newly renovated Dolphin Head Rec Center. It could possibly be sometime in January.
  - Peter also shared that The Avid Gardeners will be decorating the neighborhood signs for the holidays in the coming days.
  - o Peter also added that the 2024 Budget was passed.
  - o Peter then shared that new flowers have been planted all over the community.
  - o Peter reported that David Mills is working on having the stripers re-do some of the crosswalks in the community.
  - Peter shared that the Board approved to have a new gate system installed for the RV/Boat Storage entrance, which will include a camera and surveillance system since we've updated the entire area and cleared space for additional parking. The new system will allow for each owner to have their own passcode which will be an

- easier way to track if owners are sharing the passcodes with their friends who don't belong in the RV/Boat Storage area.
- Both the Security Building and the POA Service Center were repainted (POA Service Center exterior only & Security Building interior and exterior).
- Peter shared that we were only down one Security Officer for the time being.
   However, we plan to hire additional part-time help for the Activities Department,
   Maintenance Department, and the Tennis Pro Shop to help in the new year.
- Our final Coffee with Peter will be held this Thursday, November 16, and we will showcase a video of Past Presidents to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Leah is currently working on the video reel.
- o In January, the Board of Directors will be reviewing the Resident Survey which will be going out to the community next spring.
- Peter reminded everyone that Board Candidate nominations need to be submitted by this Wednesday, November 15.
- O Peter informed the committee that credit card payments were now being accepted at the security gates. We had increased the daily gate fee from \$10 to \$15 earlier in the year, which has helped increase our revenue for the year.
- Lori thanked our Board President, Ed Schottland, for attending today's meeting, and she thanked the Recreation Committee for all their work on the Dolphin Head project. Peter added that it has been many years in the making, and the Recreation Committee has been instrumental in the design of this incredible project.
- Lastly, Chrissy reminded the committee that we would not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bob Huisman motioned to adjourn. Kristy Graham seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

There will be no meeting in December.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, January 8, at the POA Service Center.