

**HILTON HEAD PLANTATION
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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

February 12, 2024

OPENING:

Lori Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM at the POA Service Center.

ATTENDEES: Lori Schmidt (Chair), Richard Dugan, Kristy Graham, Earle Nirmaier, and Lois Wilkinson (Alternate)
Guest: Ed Schottland, Board President
Ex-Officio: Chrissy Kristian, Jen Westerfeld, Sean Ahern, and Peter Kristian

ABSENTEES : Bob Huisman and Mary Wilcox
Ex-Officio: Trevor Scott

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lois Wilkinson motioned to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2024, as presented. Kristy Graham seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

- Lori welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the committee to complete the Interest Form for POA Committees if they were interested in serving another year on the Recreation Committee.
- Board President Ed Schottland thanked everyone for serving on the Recreation Committee this past year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Peter reported on a few outstanding items for the new Dolphin Head Rec Center.
 - Staff met with a second acoustic engineer onsite to get a proposal for improving the sound quality inside the new building.
 - Peter emailed the Executive Committee and received unanimous votes to move forward on the addition of two more parking lot lights for the Dolphin Head parking lot.
 - Maintenance staff tightened the hinges to the exterior doors to the screened-in porch area because the wet weather had caused the wooden doors to swell so much it was making it difficult to open and close those doors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chrissy introduced our newest staff member – Sean Ahern. He is our part-time Activities Assistant who will be working out of the Scheduling Office with Jen.
- Chrissy provided an overview of the Kids Night Out, the Community Blood Drive, the Savannah Ghost Pirates Hockey Game, and the January Seminar.
- Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.
- Chrissy also shared the new pie graph included in our committee packets that show the building usage per category for the month of January. Compliments to Sean for helping put this together for us.

SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISONS:

- Activities: Chrissy Kristian
 - Chrissy reported that we have 55 residents signed up to attend tomorrow's Sleep Apnea Seminar with Dr. Sanchez.
 - Our Pre-Departure Meeting with Collette has been scheduled for next Tuesday, February 20, at 10:00 AM. The Tuscany trip will be held from March 5-13, but some residents have opted to add-on the Rome pre-extension tour and/or the post-extension tour to Bologna.
 - The next Coffee with Peter has been scheduled for Thursday, February 22, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House, and we will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" for those individuals who are running for the upcoming Board election.
 - Other upcoming events include two AARP Safe Driver Courses – February 27 and April 2, two Knife-Sharpening Events – March 18 and April 22, an 8-week session of Soccer Shots at the Ball Fields starting March 18, "Birds of the Lowcountry" nature presentation with Jill Moore on March 19, and Cooking Live which will kick off March 20.
 - Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House, and Board Orientation will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at the Spring Lake Pavilion.
 - Other events for March include the "Taxes and Retirement Income" Seminar on March 28, the Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch on March 30, and the Easter Sunrise Service on March 31.
 - Upcoming concerts include the Hilton Head Big Band Spring Fling on April 20 (rain date – April 21), Rob Ingman Concert on April 29 (rain date – May 6), and Ken Kolbe Concert on May 21 (rain date – May 23).
- Tennis: Peter Kristian for Trevor Scott (absent)
 - Peter shared that we just finished our annual court resurfacing project which included resurfacing six of the tennis courts.
 - Peter added that the pickleball lines that were on one of those courts may not get re-done until April; however, the pickleball courts at Spring Lake are not getting used very much. Most usage is taking place down at the new Dolphin Head multi-use sport court. Our new Pickleball Pro Mark has been running programs for residents on those Dolphin Head courts.
 - Trevor has installed a coffee and snack bar at the pro-shop that is open to any property owner or guest of a property owner.
- Fishing / Lagoons: Earle Nirmaier
 - Earle shared that members of the Fishing Club are working with Dave Morse to plan a Celebration of Life for his wife, Bev, who recently passed away. Right now it is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 AM at Dolphin Head. The Fishing Club is also working with Chrissy and David to get a tree planted for Dave and Bev.
 - Earle also reported that a member of the Fishing Club caught a 40" Redfish in Spring Lake recently, but because of the size, he had to release it back into the water. He could have only kept it if it measured between 15" and 23" in size.
 - Earle then added that the Fishing Club would like to invite non-Fishing Club members to help volunteer during Kids Kamp as several of their members have moved away who were always big supporters of the program.
- Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox (absent)
 - Nothing to report.
 - Chrissy shared that she would connect with Mary to arrange for volunteers for our upcoming Easter Sunrise Service.

- Memorial Program / Softball: Lois Wilkinson / Bob Huisman (absent)
 - Nothing to report on Softball.
 - Lois shared that she and her daughter were recently down at Dolphin Head, and they noticed that only some of the benches had plaques on them.
 - Chrissy then shared that Hilton Head Signs reported that the plaques were being shipped in early 2024, and we've paid for them in full. Just waiting for them to be delivered so we can install them.
- Bocce Ball / Shuffleboard: Richard Dugan / Kristy Graham
 - Richard shared that registration for the Bocce Spring Season is closed.
 - Richard added that there were 16 new teams that signed up for the upcoming spring season, and we have a total of 102 teams participating across 13 divisions. Games are being played six days a week. Last fall there were 97 teams competing.
 - The Champions' Clinic was held this past weekend, and that is hosted by last year's winners.
 - Richard added that the spring season will kick off on February 26, and they will hold their Spring Fest on April 5. They also continue to offer Happy Hour every Thursday.
 - Kristy asked if the organization we use for our Community Blood Drives does extra blood testing. Both Ed Schottland and Richard Dugan shared their previous experiences with the blood drives. They had to complete a questionnaire before they could donate blood, and they had to undergo screening beforehand to ensure they could give blood or not.
 - Kristy then asked if we had considered organizing guided tours for the conservancies, and Ed Schottland shared that the Hilton Head Island Land Trust does provide guided tours for interested groups and individuals from time to time. Ed then added that he has taken over the responsibility of keeping track of the daily visitors, and we are averaging between 10-15 visitors per day.
- Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
 - Peter reported that we are currently working on getting prices for resurfacing the roads in the community as we have several roads on the list to do this year.
 - Peter then added that the 2023 Audit is currently underway and the Annual Report has been sent to the printers, and they will be mailed out to residents next week.
 - Peter also reported that he, David Mills, Steve DeSimone, Ed Schottland, Jon Heron, and the Town of HHI's Marine Engineers as well as HHPPOA's Marine Engineers held a virtual meeting with representatives from DHEC and the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the two permits that were requested from the Town of HHI and HHPPOA. The Town has requested a permit for the beach renourishment, which is tentatively scheduled to take place in 2025, and that renourishment is a one-time project that will hopefully reoccur every 5 to 7 years depending on the need and resources. In between those larger renourishments, the HHPPOA would like to have a sand scraping permit to move the sand that has already been added in previous years. We are just moving it back to where it needs to be to help protect the shoreline. Senator Tom Davis has been very supportive of this project, and his staff has also been copied in on the emails for this project.
 - Peter then added that the Greenspace Committee (a committee he is currently serving on) has been researching properties within Beaufort County to recommend for purchase. One piece of property in particular is close to Mitchellville Beach. The groins that the Town installed in front of the Mitchellville Beach Park are similar to what the Town is proposing for Pine Island to slow the erosion process.
 - Peter reported that a new entry gate has been installed for the RV/Boat Storage area. This new entry gate allows surveillance, and each property owner that pays rent for one of the spaces is given a unique PIN number so we can better track who

is using the amenity. We also had our maintenance staff build new kayak racks which hold 8 kayaks. Currently, 4 of the spaces are being rented.

- Hargray is putting in new fiber throughout the community, and it's specifically for the POA's phone and internet system.
- Peter then reported that we have over 10,000 subscribers to our email blast system.
- Peter also shared that the Resident Opinion Survey was approved by the Board at their January meeting, and it will be included in the April newsletter.
- Peter reported that on NextDoor there was buzz about property owners' guests having to show their ID at the gates when they come in, and Peter shared that it was because the gate officers are supposed to verify that the name on the ID (driver's license) matches the name on the guest pass. We had trouble years ago, and this seemed to remedy the situation. It's to protect the residents.
- Peter added that we recently had our maintenance staff spray for mold and mildew on the wooden boards down at the Whooping Crane Conservancy Boardwalk.
- The POA at the next Coffee will hold a "Meet the Candidates" on February 22 which will include all five candidates – the four nominated candidates by the Board and the one petition candidate.

ADJOURNMENT

Kristy Graham motioned to adjourn. Richard Dugan seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Monday, March 4th, at the POA Service Center.