HILTON HEAD PLANTATION

**PROPERTY OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**POA Service Center**

**7 Surrey Lane**

**May 13, 2024**

**OPENING:**

Ed Schottland called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM at the POA Service Center.

**ATTENDEES:** Ed Schottland (Chair), John Forsythe, Kristy Graham, Earle Nirmaier, Mary Wilcox, Lois Wilkinson (Alternate), and Steve Yingling (Alternate)

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

**ABSENTEES :** Richard Dugan, Bob Huisman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Mary Wilcox motioned to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2024, as presented. Earle Nirmaier seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

* Ed Schottland welcomed everyone to the committee, and introductions were made around the table.
* Ed thanked everyone for their willingness to volunteer and serve on the Recreation Committee for the upcoming year.
* Ed shared that our committee will be busy with reviewing the survey results from the Resident Opinion Survey as well as updating the Strategic Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Chrissy and Peter provided an update on the new Dolphin Head Rec Center.
  + The 35 sound cushions have been installed along the walls in the main room of the new building.
  + The two additional parking lot lights were also installed at Dolphin Head.
  + We held our first outdoor concert on the event lawn, and the residents shared extremely positive feedback about the new venue.
  + One issue that has been reported multiple times is that individuals and groups using the outdoor spaces at Dolphin Head are not cleaning up after themselves.
  + We now have a sandwich board sign for groups to use because of another issue we’ve been experiencing regarding individuals just walking into the main room of the building while a private event or club meeting is going on. The sign points out that the room is being utilized; however, the bathrooms are still accessible using the side doors only.
  + One reason there is not outdoor furniture available on the surrounding deck areas is because we do not want to encourage individuals to hang out on the deck when the building is in use. Groups who have the facility reserved are also entitled to use the deck space for their event.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Chrissy reviewed the Recreation portion of the Strategic Plan for 2024-2028.
* Chrissy also briefly reviewed the responsibilities and goals for the Recreation Committee as listed in the Recreation Committee Responsibilities and the General Guidelines for all Committees.
* Trevor provided input regarding the Resident Correspondence.
  + Concerns were received from two Hilton Head Plantation residents who are also members of Spring Lake Racquet Club. They were requesting priority for scheduling the tennis courts versus the non-resident members. Non-Resident members pay a much higher fee to play.
  + Trevor shared that the system currently in place allows for tennis members to book up to seven days in advance. This is true for all members whether they are HHP residents or non-residents. Some members have been upset that they aren’t given preferential treatment for being HHP residents. Once a member requests a court, they are given a “pending approval” status so the Spring Lake Tennis Pro Shop employees can do their best to place groups together or close to one another on the courts that are available. The consensus from the committee was to support Trevor and his staff to continue scheduling the tennis courts using the current system in place.
* Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.
* Ed appointed the subcommittee liaisons as listed below.

**SUBCOMMITEE LIAISONS:**

* Activities: Chrissy Kristian
  + Chrissy shared details about the Recreation/Activities monthly report and the facility stats.
  + Chrissy then added that the Cooking Live program would be wrapping up for the season this Wednesday, May 15.
  + Chrissy also shared that she and Peter just returned from the CAI National Conference in Las Vegas, NV .
  + Other activities that were held last week included the “Extended Care 101” Seminar, the Sugar Scrub Class, and the final practice session for Soccer Shots.
  + Upcoming events for May include the Ken Kolbe Concert on May 21, the Coffee with Peter on May 30, and the “Optimizing Health & Wellness through Nutrition & Lifestyle” Seminar on May 31.
  + Our busy season will continue in June with the Spring Lake Pool Party on June 8, the Tormenta FC Soccer Camp from June 10-14, the Kids Kamp training week scheduled for June 10-14, the Kids Kamp Cookie Social on June 16, and the kick-off to Kids Kamp on June 17 (continuing for eight weeks).
  + The two summer concerts are scheduled for June 19 (Tower of Funk & the Choosy Mothers Horns) and July 11 (Deas-Guyz) from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Plantation House parking lot.
  + We will need volunteers for our annual July 4th – HHP Day event scheduled on Thursday, July 4, from 12:00-3:00 PM at the Plantation House.
* Tennis / Pickleball: Trevor Scott
  + This weekend USTA will be playing in the 55 & Over and 70 & Over divisions. Spring Lake has 4 teams participating out of 29 teams.
  + Trevor added that the Hilton Head Pro League will be playing at Spring Lake on June 8.
  + The USTA will be starting their 65 & Over league soon with 9 teams competing.
  + Trevor is offering 10 weeks of tennis summer camps for kids starting the week of June 10.
  + Trevor shared that he sent out a survey to their members asking if they wanted to have the pickleball court lines replaced on the clay courts, but the response was overwhelmingly no (80% said NOT to put the lines back down).
  + Trevor is working with his staff to organize a new Pickleball Social Club where they meet at the Dolphin Head pickleball courts on Saturday mornings. Newly hired Pro Chris Benzinger will be running it. This new club will kick off on June 8.
  + Trevor is also working with his staff (Mark) to introduce a new sport – Spec Tennis. This sport uses low compression tennis balls and is played on smaller pickleball-sized courts. It also uses a blended paddle – smaller than the typical tennis racquet but a little bigger than a pickleball paddle.
  + Trevor was asked about the balls used for pickleball, and he responded that the sport uses different balls for indoor and outdoor play.
  + Lastly, Chrissy and Peter added that a new indoor pickleball facility was going in the building where the old Sam’s Club used to be.
* Fishing / Lagoons: Earle Nirmaier / Richard Dugan (absent)
  + Earle shared that Dave Morse returned to Hilton Head on April 24 to have a small intimate memorial service for his wife, Bev Morse. The Fishing Club helped donate funds for a tree to be planted at Dolphin Head, and the plaque was in honor of both Dave and Bev.
  + Earle also added that the Fishing Club attendance is slowly dwindling. Several active members have moved away in the past year.
  + Earle then shared that they are hopeful to have enough volunteers to help with Kids Kamp fishing.
  + The Low Country Boil dinner scheduled for May has been cancelled, and it will be rescheduled for September in hopes of having more members sign up.
  + Earle added that no one showed up to the Board meeting that was scheduled for last Thursday.
* Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox / Lois Wilkinson
  + Nothing to report.
* Memorial Program / Softball: John Forsythe / Bob Huisman (absent)
  + Nothing to report.
* Bocce / Shuffleboard: Kristy Graham / Steve Yingling
  + John Hupchick submitted a letter to the Board of Directors requesting that they consider building more bocce courts as we have reached capacity for the two existing courts.
  + The Bocce Championships were held earlier this month with The Buckeyes team winning it all. Congrats to Merv & Karen McCoy.
  + The Bottoms-up Tournament is scheduled for this weekend, and this is for the teams that didn’t make it to the spring season play-offs.
* Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
  + Peter reported that the POA has switched over to higher speed internet and phones earlier today. This transition will take several days to complete.
  + Peter also added that we are hoping to get the online registration moving forward soon.
  + Peter confirmed that we have two chickens running wild down at Dolphin Head. No one has claimed them, and they will be relocated as soon as Security catches them.
  + This past Saturday we saw an influx of residents enjoying the night sky down at Dolphin Head due to the rare Northern Lights sightings over the weekend.
  + Peter reported that there were several session on AI (Artificial Intelligence) at the CAI National Conference. He also added that the keynote speaker, Bert Jacobs, who is the CEO and Co-founder of the company Life Is Good did an excellent job sharing the company’s vision. Chrissy reached out to Mr. Jacobs afterwards to discuss opportunities for his company to partner with our playground company in hopes of working together to bring inclusive playgrounds to communities in need.
  + Peter reported that DHEC wants to come to Pine Island for a final site visit before officially issuing the permit for the sand scraping project from the Army Corps of Engineers.
  + David Mills will be working on a paving project that will cover the entire length of Dolphin Head Drive as well as Skull Creek Drive. The price has risen significantly per square yard. It’s now $17+ per square yard.
  + Peter reported that the bearing went out in one of the lazy river pump motors last week at the Spring Lake Pool, but it’s been repaired.
  + Peter added that we are still short-staffed in the Security Department. We have at least one opening in the first shift.
  + This year we will be updating the Rules & Regulations as well as the Strategic Plan.
  + The Resident Opinion Survey will remain open until the end of May.
  + The speaker for the May Coffee with Peter will be Senator Tom Davis, and the speaker for the July Coffee with Peter will be the Chamber of Commerce.
  + Peter shared that we haven’t been informed of any new developments with the Skull Creek Marina and old site for Driftwood Eatery.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Steve Yingling motioned to adjourn. Kristy Graham seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

*The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.*

**The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 6th, at the POA Service Center.**