HILTON HEAD PLANTATION

**PROPERTY OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**POA Service Center**

**7 Surrey Lane**

**March 4, 2024**

**OPENING:**

Lori Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the POA Service Center.

**ATTENDEES:** Lori Schmidt (Chair), Richard Dugan, Bob Huisman, Earle Nirmaier, Mary Wilcox, and Lois Wilkinson (Alternate)

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

**ABSENTEES :** Kristy Graham

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Bob Huisman motioned to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2024, as presented. Mary Wilcox seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

* Lori welcomed everyone to the meeting.
* Lori reminded the committee to complete the Interest Form for POA Committees if they were interested in serving another year on the Recreation Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Chrissy provided an update on a few outstanding items for the new Dolphin Head Rec Center.
  + The Board approved moving forward with the purchase of 35 sound cushions to be placed on the walls inside the new Dolphin Head Rec Center to help with the acoustic issue in the building.
  + We are still waiting for the addition of two more parking lot lights for the Dolphin Head parking lot. Nix Construction has been given the green light to move forward with this item as well.
  + Mary Wilcox asked about adding dimmers to the light switches. As of right now, there are no plans to add dimmers to the light switches. Chrissy responded that we have them at the Spring Lake Pavilion and residents are constantly complaining about the lights there. For the Dolphin Head Rec Center, we wanted to make them super easy to use.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Chrissy provided an overview of the Sleep Apnea Seminar, the Savannah Ghost Pirates Hockey Game, the Pre-Departure Meeting with Collette, and the AARP Safe Driver Course.
* Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.

**SUBCOMMITEE LIAISONS:**

* Activities: Chrissy Kristian
  + Chrissy shared that she, Jen, and Peter would be leaving early tomorrow morning to head to the Savannah airport to start our trek to Tuscany. The smaller group of residents that signed up for the Rome Pre-Extension Tour left on Saturday, March 2nd, and Jen and Chrissy met them at the Plantation to see them off. The rest of the group will be joining them in Tuscany on Wednesday, March 6th, after the overnight flight on the 5th.
  + Chrissy then shared the upcoming events that will take place once we return from the trip including a Knife-Sharpening Event on 3/18, Soccer Shots begins on 3/18, “Birds of the Lowcountry” presentation on 3/19, Cooking Live kicks off on 3/20, the Annual Meeting on 3/23, Board Orientation on 3/26, “Taxes and Retirement Income” Seminar on 3/28, the Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch on 3/30, and the Easter Sunrise Service on 3/31.
  + Upcoming events for April include: AARP Safe Driver Course on 4/2, Cooking Live on 4/3 and 4/24, the Master Ballroom Class for Beginners on 4/5, Soccer Shots every Monday in April, “Suddenly Alone” Seminar on 4/10, “Quantum Therapy” Seminar on 4/12, the HH Big Band Spring Fling Concert on 4/20 (rain date – 4/21), a Knife-Sharpening Event on 4/22, the Community Blood Drive on 4/29, and the Rob Ingman Concert on 4/29.
* Tennis: Trevor Scott
  + The spring USTA season is in full swing. We have 29 teams participating this season, which is the most of any club on the island.
  + Trevor is working with the company on getting the six front courts resurfaced. It’s been delayed.
  + The “Luck of the Irish” Social was cancelled due to lack of sign-ups.
  + Trevor is working with Mark on revamping their adult clinics.
* Fishing / Lagoons: Earle Nirmaier
  + Earle shared that fishing continues to be slow.
  + Earle added that Dave Morse was going be having a procedure done at the hospital next week.
  + Earle then shared that he is only one of our four Fishing Club members who are still active in the Club that had helped at previous Fishing Clinics teaching people how to fish. He brought it up at the last Fishing Club meeting but received an underwhelming response.
  + The Fishing Club only had 25 people attend their last meeting which is much lower than the 85 members they used to get regularly.
  + Earle added that Dave Morse is planning to have a private Celebration of Life for his wife, Bev, in late April. This will be an invite-only event.
  + Lastly, Earle mentioned that they could use help in getting the word out that they will need volunteers for fishing at Kids Kamp. Chrissy asked Peter if he could mention this “call for volunteers” at his next Coffee with Peter meeting.
* Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox
  + Mary has been working on arranging volunteers for the upcoming Easter Sunrise Service scheduled for Sunday, March 31.
  + Chrissy reminded Mary that Mary Kay Hoffman had volunteered to help this year too.
* Memorial Program / Softball: Bob Huisman / Lois Wilkinson
  + Bob shared that practices were still taking place.
  + Bob also added that the County continues to offer the Adult Softball League, and there are two different leagues – a competitive league and a recreational league. Both leagues are trying to recruit additional players in hopes of creating more teams this year.
  + Games are held at Barker Field on Hilton Head Island.
  + Chrissy then shared that Hilton Head Signs finally delivered the bronze engraved plaques for Dolphin Head, and everything has been installed. The plaques look great!
  + Chrissy also added that we are still collecting donations for the Dolphin Head Memorial & Honorarium Program with the five-levels of giving. We recently received an additional $1,500. We will stop collecting donations once the plaque of the five-levels of giving is in production.
  + Chrissy then reported that we have one new memorial bench that was ordered, and it will be added along the lagoon next to the POA Office. Another bench has been requested along the leisure path off Seabrook Drive close to the entrance to the Cypress. No deposit has been paid on this second bench though.
* Bocce Ball / Shuffleboard: Richard Dugan / Kristy Graham (absent)
  + Richard reported that the spring Bocce season is starting week 2 this week.
  + The bocce courts are being used six days a week with Sundays left open for make-up games.
  + Richard added that we have a total of 102 teams participating across 13 divisions. This is the most teams we’ve ever had, and we had to add 2 extra divisions just this season.
  + Trevor added that the Shuffleboard court area is now being used multiple times a week for the new Cornhole Club. The Cornhole Club has 4 boxes with bags for each.
* Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
  + Peter reported that David is currently working on getting prices for resurfacing the roads in the community as we have several roads on the list to do this year.
  + We are still waiting on the permits from the Army Corps. of Engineers for the sand-scraping permit.
  + The Board has approved moving forward with a mini-beach renourishment for Pine Island for $200,000. Out of that $200,000, the Town of HHI will be contributing $100,000.
  + The auditors sent their preliminary report to Todd this morning. It looks very good. We may end up with $800,000 to the good which could finish paying off the Dolphin Head Renovation Project. Todd will review the numbers, and he will work on lining up a post-audit meeting with the Finance Committee along with Peter and Ed Schottland, Board President. Peter and Ed may have to be there virtually from the airport tomorrow morning if Todd can get it scheduled that quickly.
  + Peter shared that David came in over the weekend to remove the big tree stump in the parking lot at the POA Office. Our plan is to pave over the area and create another parking spot.
  + Peter also shared that an email blast will be sent out later this morning informing the community that a few residents have reported stolen outgoing mail. Peter encourages residents to use the blue Post Office mailbox by Spring Lake Recreation Area to send out any outgoing mail.
  + Peter reported that over the weekend someone dumped personal wooden patio furniture back by the debris site. This will have to be removed as it cannot be processed through the Wood Hog.
  + The electronic signs were recently replaced. The wording should show up brighter on the new monitors.
  + Peter reminded everyone that our Annual Meeting is scheduled at the Plantation House at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 23.
  + The Resident Opinion Survey will be included in the upcoming April newsletter.
  + The RV/Boat Storage area project has been completed. The new bar gate has been installed, and everyone has their own unique PIN number to gain access.
  + Peter shared that he recently had lunch at the Country Club of Hilton Head with the new General Manager, and he was informed that they are considering converting two of their tennis courts into four pickleball courts.
  + Peter then added that Sean has been a tremendous help as he worked on a special spreadsheet that the Security and Covenant Departments both rely on, and he was able to get the calculations to tab correctly for the new year numbers.
  + Peter reported that we had a Hit and Run incident last week just outside the back gate by the Squire Pope and Gum Tree traffic circle. Peter shared that he was the one who called the police the following morning on his commute to work which was just before 7:00 AM.
  + Chrissy added that we will be working with Year-Round Pool to resurface the splash pad with the Pebble Flex material, and we have received Board approval to also order more pool furniture for the upcoming season.
  + Peter then shared that we have been dealing with issues with access onto the Plantation from the individuals living at Waterway Gardens. There are no lease agreements that have been signed so we don’t have proper documentation that these individuals have any right to be there. It’s caused some serious issues.
  + Mary added that the Coffee with Peter on February 22 was a good meeting.
  + Lori then thanked the committee for their service this past year. She enjoyed working with all the members, and it’s been a pleasure.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Bob Huisman motioned to adjourn. Mary Wilcox seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

*The meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.*

**The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Monday, May 13th, at the POA Service Center.**