

**HILTON HEAD PLANTATION  
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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

**September 9, 2024**

**OPENING:**

*Ed Schottland called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the POA Service Center.*

**ATTENDEES:** Ed Schottland (Chair), Richard Dugan, John Forsythe, Kristy Graham, Bob Huisman, Earle Nirmaier, Mary Wilcox, Lois Wilkinson (Alternate), and Steve Yingling (Alternate)  
Ex-Officio: Chrissy Kristian, Jen Westerfeld, Trevor Scott, and Peter Kristian  
Guest: Bob Lamb (HHP resident)

**ABSENTEES :** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Steve Yingling made a correction to the July minutes, and Bob Huisman motioned to approve the amended Minutes of July 8, 2024, as presented. Mary Wilcox seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

- Ed Schottland congratulated Chrissy and the Activities Department staff for a successful summer with various programs and activities.
- Ed addressed the letter included in the meeting packets from HHP Bocce Club President, John Hupchick. The Bocce Club is encouraging the POA Board of Directors to consider the addition of two bocce courts. Ed then shared that the Recreation Committee would be discussing future Capital Improvement Projects at our next meeting in October.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ed requested a minor revision to the updated SWOT Analysis. Chrissy will make the revision and resend the updated version to the committee members as well as submit a copy to Executive Secretary, Sharon White.
- Chrissy then led the discussion of updating the Recreation portion of the Strategic Plan for 2026-2030. The Recreation Committee members reviewed the Goal, the Objectives, the Strategies, and the Assumptions, and then they made recommended changes to the current plan for 2024-2028. The updated Strategic Plan will be sent to the Recreation Committee members as well as submitted to Executive Secretary, Sharon White.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chrissy provided an overview of Kids Kamp, the Teen/Tween Boat Excursion, Vision Screenings, Annual Cleaning Week, Soccer Shots, AARP Safe Driver Course, the All-Clubs Meeting, and the Superhero Bingo Night.
- Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.

## SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISONS:

- Activities: Chrissy Kristian
  - Chrissy reported that today we have a community blood drive going on at the Plantation House with two buses from OneBlood.
  - Chrissy also shared the upcoming September events including the “Can You Trust a Trust to Protect Your Assets” Seminar on 9/17, the Flu Shot Clinic with CVS Pharmacy on 9/20, the AARP Safe Driver Course on 9/24, the Historical Presentation by Suzanna Eibuszyc on 9/25, Coffee with Peter on 9/26, and the “Signs & Symptoms of Cataracts” Seminar on 9/30.
  - For October, we have the “Digital Photos Management” Seminar on 10/2, the Fall Trash & Treasure Sale on 10/5, the New Homeowners’ Meeting on 10/8, the Flu Shot Clinic with Burke’s Pharmacy on 10/9, the Knife-Sharpening Event on 10/21, the Halloween Pet Parade on 10/25, the Trunk-or-Treat Tailgate Party on 10/26, and the “Inflammation” Seminar on 10/30.
- Tennis / Pickleball: Trevor Scott
  - Trevor reported that they are continuing to stay open later during the week.
  - Trevor added that the Girls’ Tennis Program at Hilton Head Christian Academy would be starting matches at Spring Lake next week. The Girls’ team will play this fall, and the Boys’ team is scheduled to play in the spring.
  - Trevor then shared that they will be starting an In-House Men’s Tennis League next Thursday, September 19. They already have 32 spots filled out of 40 so far.
  - Trevor reported that the Women’s Club continues to have a group of ladies that are playing pickleball down at Dolphin Head on Mondays and Wednesdays. They then have socials on Saturday mornings. Because it has become so popular, they are planning to add socials on Friday mornings at 9:00 AM.
  - Trevor then added that they are looking to increase their instructional programs for pickleball to get more beginners interested in the game.
  - Ed requested that Trevor supply some updated stats for pickleball usage at Dolphin Head.
  - Steve then asked Trevor if the extended hours at the Spring Lake Racquet Club also meant extended hours for bocce play, and Trevor confirmed it does.
- Fishing / Lagoons: Richard Dugan / Earle Nirmaier
  - Earle shared that the Fishing Club made it through the summer with enough volunteers for Kids Kamp. They ended up with 669 children that went fishing during the summer. Those stats will be sent to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) of South Carolina.
  - Earle also added that the alligators behaved themselves, and they had no issues during Kids Kamp.
  - Earle then shared that the Fishing Club received a \$1,600 check from the POA to be added to their stocking fund.
  - Peter added that the Fishing Club hosted Camp Leo in mid-July, and they had 11 participants.
  - Richard then reported that the Fishing Club’s annual shrimp boil was scheduled for late September at Spring Lake Pavilion.
  - Richard added that Amber Kuehn with the Sea Turtle Patrol would be their speaker at their October meeting.
- Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox / Lois Wilkinson
  - Mary reported that the Clubs have been wonderful to help volunteer at our various special events.
  - Chrissy shared that Jen had encouraged participation from the Clubs at our recent All-Clubs meeting last week to help gain more volunteers for the Fall Trash & Treasure Sale.

- Memorial Program / Softball: John Forsythe / Bob Huisman
  - Bob reported that the Softball Club started practicing every other Monday because of the high temperatures.
  - Bob also shared that he continues to receive phone calls from new residents who are interested in the Softball Club.
  - Several members of the Softball Club are also currently playing in the Senior Softball League which is run by Beaufort County. Their games are held at Barker Field.
  - The team at Skidaway Island at The Landings continues to reach out to our Softball Club, because they are still interested in scheduling games with us. Bob shared that we have so many new players that we need to have more practice before we schedule any games with them because they are that good.
  - Chrissy reported that the DiRusso bench was installed along Seabrook Drive – near the Cypress. The Kristoff bench was also added on Ellenita Drive. We also have another memorial bench for Stacy Dragulescu scheduled to ship later this week. It will be installed near Crooked Pond.
- Bocce / Shuffleboard: Kristy Graham / Steve Yingling
  - Kristy shared that she has an email that she would like to forward to the Recreation Committee members from the Bocce Club President, John Hupchick.
  - Kristy added that they have 206 members signed up for the fall bocce league making up 95 teams. Out of the 206 members, 18 are brand new members.
  - Kristy then reported that the Bocce Club President is hopeful to surpass the record of 227 members next spring.
  - The Fiesta is scheduled for September 28, and the Chili Cook-off will be the following social.
- Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
  - Peter reported Chrissy, Jen, Sean, and Todd attended a virtual training on the new reservation software platform.
  - Peter added that we continue to work on road resurfacing projects. We are currently working on the manhole covers.
  - Peter then shared that we are in the process of several painting projects. We already painted the deck of the Plantation House, the interior walls in the main room at the Spring Lake Pavilion, and the back gate house for Security. We still need to work on the gate houses at the main gate for Security.
  - Work still needs to be done on the leisure paths.
  - Peter offered to invite representatives from Wood + Partners to our next Recreation Committee meeting since we will be discussing future Capital Improvement Projects.
  - Peter added that there is a referendum on the ballot for road projects, and he also shared that Town Council member Glenn Stanford will not be running for re-election for Ward 6. There are three candidates who are running for his open seat.
  - Peter then reported that he and Todd met with all the Department Heads and their Committee Chairs to complete the first and second rounds of budget review for 2025. The Finance Committee will review the budget next week before it goes to the Board for approval at their September meeting at the end of the month.
  - We currently have approximately \$750,000 in the Capital Transfer Fund already which will be used for the next Capital Improvement Project.
  - Peter, Chrissy and Todd will be attending the CAI Large-Scale Managers Workshop later this week which is being held in Montgomery County, Maryland.
  - Peter and David both reached out to the Town of HHI to ask if monies were budgeted for partial beach renourishment for 2024. They are still waiting for a

response. If so, we will do a mini-beach renourishment for Pine Island later this year.

- The guest speakers for the September Coffee with Peter will be the Mayor of HHI – Alan Perry and the Town Manager – Marc Orlando.
- The Covenants Committee will be working on updating the Rules & Regulations for the community. We will need to address e-bikes and low-speed vehicles within the community.
- Peter shared that the annual New Homeowners Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 PM at the Plantation House.
- A new indoor pickleball facility will be opening in the location of the old Sam's Club facility. Trevor wants to reach out to see if we can work out any deals for HHP property owners.
- We have secured Frank Soule from the Island Rec Center as our guest speaker for the May Coffee with Peter next year.
- Peter added that the Greenspace Advisory Committee is working with the Town of HHI to purchase a piece of property near Mitchelville Park. It may end up being an \$11 million dollar deal where Beaufort County pays \$9 million and the Town of HHI pays \$2 million. The details of the deal are still being worked out. The other tract of land that the Greenspace Advisory Committee is considering is on Marshland Road where the go-cart park is located. The owner is selling the land, and it is currently zoned for waterfront mixed-use development.
- Bob asked Peter about the safety of the leisure paths with all the hanging tree limbs after heavy storms as well as the root intrusion. Peter agreed about the root intrusion and shared his concerns with the sycamore trees that were planted next to the leisure paths. Peter added that the Maintenance Committee has marked several trees along the leisure paths that need to be trimmed for safety reasons.
- John then added that guests of residents who use the leisure paths near Dolphin Head aren't familiar with the routes, and they end up going through residential streets or just making their way on the main roads which isn't safe. He suggested the addition of extra signage, but Peter shared that we have directions painted on the path itself, but it is probably time to be repainted.
- Lastly, Ed reminded the committee that we will be discussing the next Capital Improvement Project at our October meeting. He also suggested that he would like the committee members to have a time scheduled to inspect our buildings. Chrissy will work with Jen on a schedule for those inspections in the coming months.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

*The meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.*

**The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Plantation House.**