

**HILTON HEAD PLANTATION
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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

January 13, 2025

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:

Bob Huisman motioned to approve the Minutes of November 11, 2024, as presented. Mary Wilcox seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

- Ed Schottland wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Ed also introduced our guest in attendance – Bob Lamb (HHP resident).
- Ed thanked everyone who assisted in taking down the holiday decorations at the facilities last week.
- Ed reported that the Board approved the Plantation House as the next Capital Improvement Project.
- Ed shared that staff would report on the ENGAGE website platform that has recently been launched, and Trevor would share the new rules that have been implemented for Tennis.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Peter reported that he reached out to Kyle Theodore at Wood + Partners regarding the Plantation House project.
 - Peter specified to Kyle that he wanted the first step to be to hire the appropriate engineer and architect to make the determination on whether the project would be a renovation or a complete replacement.
 - Peter asked the Recreation Committee for volunteers to participate in the subcommittee for the Plantation House project. The following members volunteered: Kristy Graham, Steve Yingling, Bob Huisman, and John Forsythe. Also involved will be Ed Schottland along with Staff – Jen, Chrissy, and Peter.
 - Ed requested that we include the items that were discussed at our previous meeting as a starting point for what needs to be included in the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chrissy reported on the new ENGAGE website platform that went live on Monday, January 6.

- Chrissy shared that we spent the month of December and early January checking emails and inputting in new email addresses into the system in preparation of the welcome email that was sent out to everyone who signed up to receive it.
- Chrissy also reported that the new website will allow residents to RSVP online for seminars. There is also an online calendar for the three main facilities as well as a resident directory.
- Next steps would be to get the POA Clubs more involved as each club will have the opportunity to have their own platform to share events, news, and even create their own calendar, and make posts to their membership. A meeting will likely be held in February where all the clubs will be invited to attend, and staff will share ways for the clubs to participate.
- Chrissy also reported that we are hoping to have the capability of receiving online payments for things such as Kids Kamp registration, activities, and even assessments in the future.
- Chrissy provided an overview of the Holiday Sugar Scrub Class, the Hilton Head Big Band Christmas Concert, the Holiday Hayride, and the Children's Holiday Party.
- Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.

SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISONS:

- Activities: Chrissy Kristian
 - Chrissy reported that we had 25 volunteers come out last Tuesday to help take down decorations at the Spring Lake Pavilion and 23 volunteers on Wednesday to help with the Plantation House. She also thanked The Avid Gardeners for not only decorating the neighborhood signs but also for decorating the new Dolphin Head Rec Center.
 - Today is the Community Blood Drive with OneBlood, and they brought two Big Red Buses for the blood drive.
 - For the rest of January, we have Kids' Night Out scheduled for this Friday – 1/17, the "Five Wishes" Seminar on 1/23, the "Groundbreaking Medical News" Seminar on 1/27, and the "Senior Living vs. Home Care" Seminar on 1/29.
 - For February, we have the Savannah Ghost Pirates hockey game on 2/1, the "Turning 65 Medicare Tips" Seminar on 2/6, the Ireland Trip Pre-Departure meeting on 2/12, the "Latest Advances in Cardiac Technology" Seminar on 2/13, and Coffee with Peter on 2/20.
- Tennis / Pickleball: Trevor Scott
 - Trevor reported that the court reserve system is up and running.
 - Trevor added that he is requesting that every person sign in when they come to the pro shop. He will have multiple kiosks set up to make it easy, so they know who is at the facility throughout the day.
 - Trevor shared that one of the new updated rules is that someone can reserve only one court at a time. One person can no longer reserve multiple courts.
 - Trevor also reported that they have redefined annual memberships. They are now called court packages. All residents are automatically members, and members can sign up for specific court packages depending on what they want.
 - One of the concerns that surfaced from the tennis meeting held late last year was the fact that there were too many USTA teams. In the past, there would be anywhere from 25-30 teams per season. Making a restriction that USTA team membership must be comprised of at least 40% HHP members. This will gradually move up to 60% throughout the year. This has dropped the team count to 17 teams for the upcoming spring season.

- Trevor is working on resurfacing tennis courts, and the clay should be delivered later today or tomorrow. He is also working with our maintenance staff on the gazebos and considering replacing the fabricated roof with a metal roof.
- One of the big enhancements for using the pickleball equipment at Dolphin Head is that they now have a digitized locking system through court reserve. This allows members who reserve the pickleball courts to have a way to gain access to the equipment in the storage container at Dolphin Head instead of having to go to the Spring Lake Pro Shop first.
- Upcoming social events include the February 7 Chili Cook-off for tennis members, and on February 14 they will host the Pickleball Mixed Doubles Tournament.
- Fishing / Lagoons: Earle Nirmaier / Richard Dugan
 - Earle reported that it's still not fishing season.
 - Earle also shared that there was a comment on NextDoor thanking the POA for adding carp to the lagoon next to their house because it was looking so clean.
 - Ed shared that 1,000 carp were stocked into HHP lagoons last year.
- Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox / Lois Wilkinson
 - Nothing to report.
 - Mary thanked the volunteers again for helping decorate for the holidays and then thanked them for taking everything down.
- Memorial Program / Softball: John Forsythe / Bob Huisman
 - Bob reported that some of the softball players are still practicing because they are involved with Beaufort County's Senior Softball League which plays at Barker Field. Because some players are very competitive and others are not, they have split the league into two divisions – one competitive division and one recreational division.
 - Chrissy provided an update on memorials. We have a new memorial bench that will be added along Christo Drive on the first island in the roadway.
 - Chrissy also shared that because we are running out of spaces for the benches, we will be working with two families that have inquired about the benches last year, but then putting a pause on ordering more memorial benches until the memorial and honorarium program for the Plantation House gets initiated.
- Bocce / Shuffleboard: Kristy Graham / Steve Yingling
 - Kristy shared that the Bocce Club's Spring Season registration will begin at the end of January for existing teams, and then registration will open in early February for new teams.
 - Kristy also added that John Hupchick has been busy with preparations for the upcoming spring season.
- Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
 - Peter shared that the additional acoustical panels have been added to the Dolphin Head Rec Center.
 - Peter then reported that work on the 2024 Audit has begun.
 - Peter added that the 2025 assessments were mailed out at the end of December, and we used the new Enumerate software to print this year's invoices.
 - Peter also shared that we are currently working on the 2024 Annual Report which will be mailed out with the election materials. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 22.
 - Peter reported that he attended last week's HHI Town Council workshop regarding the bridge corridor project. Because the referendum failed across Beaufort County, the money isn't there to fully fund the complete project including the bridges going in both directions. Since the westbound 2-lane bridge still has another possible 10 years of useful life, the suggestion was made to only replace the eastbound bridge with a new 3-lane bridge at this time. The third lane could be

designed to be a reversible lane to accommodate both east and west-bound peak traffic needs. The current funds available would allow for this along with the improvements for the corridor connecting Windmill Harbor to the Cross Island Parkway. The Town Council will need to finalize their decision by the end of March. The project is estimated to begin sometime in 2027.

- Peter shared that a few of the Security Officers will be leaving, and interviews are currently being conducted to fill those positions.
- Peter added that the RV/Boat Storage area has minimal spots open – maybe 3.
- The ad sales for Plantation Living are in the \$19,000 range for January. Pippi is doing a great job selling ads.
- Peter reported that he has a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the Pine Island beach renourishment project.
- Peter then shared that the main pool pump is failing, and we need to replace it. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$7,800. We have \$11,000 budgeted in the R&R Fund to replace it in 2026 giving it a 10-year useful life. We have made it to 9-years so we will be going to the Board to request funding for this out of the R&R Fund a year earlier than expected.
- MAJ was asked to pave a small connection to the leisure path at the end of Marsh Owl. The 15-foot path they paved doesn't meet with our approval, so we have asked them to redo the work.
- The Rules & Regulations that were revised at the end of last year have been approved by the Board and have officially been recorded in the County Land Records for Beaufort County.
- Lois added that on the front page of the Island Packet earlier this week it shared the assessment costs for various communities in our area. Hilton Head Plantation was praised for the best deal for the money.
- Ed then suggested that we may want to set up training sessions at the Plantation House to help residents get their account set up on ENGAGE.
- John asked if there was a way to send out community surveys on ENGAGE – particularly to ask about the leisure paths. Bob then added that he is concerned about a hanging tree over the leisure path by Fallen Arrow near the connection to Raintree Lane. Peter will follow up with David Mills about this.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

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