

**HILTON HEAD PLANTATION
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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

June 6, 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

ABSENTEES : None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mary Wilcox motioned to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2024, as presented. Bob Huisman seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

- Ed Schottland thanked everyone for being flexible with their schedules and attending today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chrissy reviewed the plan for updating the Recreation portion of the Strategic Plan for 2026-2030.
- The first step will be to conduct a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats).
 - The committee's homework assignment will be to review the SWOT analysis that was completed for the previous Strategic Plan update in 2022 and make new recommendations to the different areas and bring those recommendations to the July Recreation Committee meeting.
 - Once the Board has reviewed and approved the results from the Resident Opinion Survey, those results will also be shared with the committee members.
- Chrissy provided an overview of the Ken Kolbe Concert and the "Optimizing Health & Wellness" Seminar. She also shared an update on the staffing for Lifeguards and Kids Kamp Counselors. Lastly, she shared the newspaper article on "Summer Softball" that Earle had submitted at the May meeting from the *Wall Street Journal*.
- Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.

SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISONS:

- Activities: Chrissy Kristian
 - Chrissy reviewed the upcoming June events which include the Spring Lake Pool Party, the Kids Kamp Training Week, the Tormenta Soccer Camp, the Kids Kamp Cookie Social, the start of Kids Kamp, and the Tower of Funk Concert.

- Chrissy also shared the upcoming July events which include the July 4th – HHP Day Celebration, the Deas-Guyz Concert, the Teen/Tween Boat Cruise to Vanishing Island with Outside Hilton Head, and the Coffee with Peter.
- In August, Kids Kamp will wrap up on August 9, and we will also be teaming up with the Bishop Eye Center to offer four dates of free vision screenings for residents (two dates in August and two dates in September).
- Tennis / Pickleball: Trevor Scott
 - Trevor shared that the Hilton Head Pro League will be playing at Spring Lake this Saturday, June 8, starting at 3:00 PM.
 - Next Monday, June 10, the Junior Tennis Summer Camp will kick off. He will continue to offer it weekly throughout the summer.
 - The Pickleball Women’s Club is meeting down at Dolphin Head on Thursday mornings for Round-Robin play. They had so much interest that they will be adding a second session of pickleball.
 - The Pickleball Social Club is also going to start offering potlucks on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM.
 - Trevor will be keeping the Spring Lake Pro Shop open later in the summer months starting June 23. Hours will extend until 8:00 PM during the week.
 - Lastly, Trevor is working with the Girls’ Tennis Program from Hilton Head Christian Academy to offer our tennis courts as their new “home base” where they will have practices and matches in the late afternoon and early evening. The revenue stream from this will offset the cost for paying staff to work at the pro shop for the extended summer hours. The coach for the Girl’s Tennis Team lives in HHP.
- Fishing / Lagoons: Richard Dugan / Earle Nirmaier
 - Earle shared that they received the notification about the All Clubs meeting which will be held on September 5th at the Plantation House.
 - Earle also added that members of the Fishing Club will be meeting at Spring Lake Pavilion next Thursday to prepare the fishing rods for Kids Kamp.
 - Earle then shared that he believes they have enough volunteers to help with Kids Kamp fishing.
- Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox / Lois Wilkinson
 - Lois offered to take some of the ticket rolls home to prepare them for July 4th.
 - Mary has been busy recruiting friends to help with our annual July 4th – HHP Day Celebration.
 - Bob also offered to have members from the Softball Club help run the Dunk Tank for July 4th.
- Memorial Program / Softball: John Forsythe / Bob Huisman
 - Bob reported that he still receives one or two calls a week from new residents who are interested in joining the Softball Club.
 - Bob also shared that he will be working with the Softball Club to make sure they are ready for their games against The Landings team on Skidaway Island.
 - Chrissy added that we had one memorial bench recently installed near the corner of the lagoon next to the POA Office. She also added that another bench has been ordered to be placed along Seabrook Drive – near the Cypress, and the most recent order was just placed for another bench for the Kristoff family on Ellenita Drive.
 - John added that the four picnic tables located under the picnic shelter at Dolphin Head are getting a lot of use, but it also looks like kids are walking on them and crushing rocks on them. John suggested that we may want to consider adding signs about the proper use of the picnic tables.
 - John also added that we have a sea turtle nest located on Pine Island.

- John then shared that there has been a collection of painted rocks that are starting to line up down at Pine Island.
- Lastly, John added that he discovered a makeshift shelter down at Pine Island that might be something we want to disassemble.
- Bocce / Shuffleboard: Kristy Graham / Steve Yingling
 - The Bocce Club hosted the Bottoms Up tournament for the teams who didn't make it to the spring season play-offs. The winning team for the Bottoms Up tournament this spring was "Judy and the Dud" (Judy & Patrick Russell).
 - Steve added that registration for the fall Bocce League would kick off in August and then play would begin the first week in September.
- Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
 - Peter reported that he attended a meeting yesterday with all the General Managers of HHI to discuss the 278-bridge corridor project. Shawn Colin, Assistant Town Manager for HHI, gave an hour and a half presentation which included video and slides. The plan he shared looks like it addresses everyone's concerns.
 - Peter also added that if approval for this project isn't made by June 28, we must go back to square one and start from the beginning. The Town Council of HHI is having a workshop to discuss the plan on June 17, and then they will have their regularly scheduled meeting on June 18 to vote on it.
 - Peter shared that we recently received the permit for the sand scraping project for Pine Island which was a year and a half in the making.
 - Peter reported that the RV/Boat Storage is full, but we do have two openings for kayaks on the new racks.
 - Peter then added that we were fully staffed in Security, but then had two officers leave. We've hired one new officer, but we still have one vacancy.
 - This year the Covenants Committee will be updating the Rules & Regulations. They are working on that now.
 - The speaker for the July Coffee with Peter will be the Chamber of Commerce.
 - Peter reported that we recently sent out an email blast about the fitness center and some of the offices at the Country Club getting flooded. It's reopened now, however, the carpet in several areas have been removed and the fans are still on to dry everything out.
 - Peter added that the Town of HHI just finished a major stormwater drainage project at Prestwick Court.
 - The Resident Opinion Survey has closed, and the Communications Committee has several volunteers who will be coming in today to input the results from the paper surveys we received.
 - The front lobby of the POA office will be getting two new monitors installed that will have various information scrolling on the screen. Peter shared that this was something Trevor introduced in the Spring Lake Pro Shop and it's worked so well, we wanted to try it at the POA office too.
 - Peter also shared that former Board President, Tom Hoppin, recently made a significant donation for a new fountain to be placed at Spring Lake. It's been installed, and it looks great.
 - Peter added that the initial results from the Resident Opinion Survey show that the demographics have shifted slightly. Retirees still make up a majority of residents, however, younger professionals who can work from home have increasingly moved in. Ever since the pandemic and people were forced to work remotely, it has caused a shift in our demographics. This was one of the reasons the Board of Directors has wanted to ensure that our community was up to date with the high-speed internet and cell phone towers so people could work from home.

- Peter shared that he is a member of the Greenspace Committee for Beaufort County, and they have already made two major purchases. There are five other applications in the mix including the property where the zipline, ropes course, and go-cart track is located.
- Peter shared that we haven't been informed of any new developments with the Skull Creek Marina and old site for Driftwood Eatery.
- Lastly, Peter reported that all the homes at Waterway Gardens have been sold.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Yingling motioned to adjourn. Bob Huisman seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, July 8th, at the POA Service Center.