

**HILTON HEAD PLANTATION  
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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

**July 8, 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: Margia Lechowicz, Vice President of HHPPOA Board and Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee

**ABSENTEES :** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Bob Huisman motioned to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2024, as presented. Mary Wilcox seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

- Ed Schottland congratulated the staff and the volunteers for a wonderful job at the July 4<sup>th</sup> – HHP Day event. He heard great things about the event.
- Ed then introduced our special guest – Margie Lechowicz, Vice President of HHPPOA Board of Directors as well as the Chairperson for the Strategic Planning Committee.
  - Margie complimented the staff and volunteers on another fabulous HHP Day. She assisted Trevor and Sean at the Watermelon and Pie Eating Contests, and it was a fun event to attend and watch.
  - Margie then discussed the Recreation Committee's role in updating the Strategic Plan for 2026-2030. The first step is to complete the SWOT Analysis (identify our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats within the Activities/Recreation Department). The second step is to review, edit, and add suggestions for the new Strategic Plan for 2026-2030 that will include updating our objectives and making sure we are staying on course for completing the objectives for our current Strategic Plan for 2024-2028. The deadline for submission is October 31, 2024.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chrissy started the discussion of the SWOT Analysis and compiled a list based on feedback from the Recreation Committee members as well as the results from the current Resident Opinion Survey.
- Chrissy then requested that committee members review our current Strategic Plan from 2024-2028 and make recommendations for revisions/additions which we will review at our next meeting in September. There will be no Recreation Committee meeting in August.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Ed Schottland then opened the floor for discussion regarding the results from the 2024 Resident Opinion Survey. He was specifically interested in reviewing the results from questions #5, 10, 25, 27, 33, and 35 which were the questions submitted by the Recreation Committee last year.
  - The results showed that of those residents responding to the survey, the first choice was the Plantation House as the next Capital Improvement Project.
  - The Recreation Committee discussed making a recommendation at a future meeting that would encourage the Board of Directors to contract with a land planner to start the conceptual design phase in order to see what the possibilities would be for a replacement/renovation of the Plantation House.
- Chrissy provided an overview of Kids Kamp, the Spring Lake Pool Party, the Tower of Funk Concert, and July 4<sup>th</sup> – HHP Day.
- Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.
- Chrissy also shared an email from a resident asking staff to review the pool rules in regard to appropriate swimwear attire. This will be something we will want to consider before we open for the 2025 pool season.
- Ed then shared a photo that he took this morning regarding the parking situation behind the Spring Lake Tennis Pro Shop. A resident living on Cygnet Court has also brought this to Ed's attention. The parking behind the pro shop poses a danger to the kids who are utilizing the field for a play area during the morning hours in the summertime.
  - Peter shared that this parking area is required as it is for handicapped parking, but it is also used for deliveries and maintenance/cleaning staff. The main time of concern is during the changeover in the morning when the first group is still on the courts, but the second wave of tennis players arrives before the fitness classes let out and before the first group is done on the courts. Parking is an ongoing issue as we are a victim of our own success.
  - It was noted that the Fishing Club volunteers who park on the other side of the field next to where the kids go fishing was not an issue.
  - Our Director of Maintenance recently added an extra sign that reminds residents that children are at play in this area.
  - Ed deferred to staff to come up with a reasonable solution.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISONS:**

- Activities: Chrissy Kristian
  - Chrissy gave kudos to the Bocce Club for offering to help teach the Green Group (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders) how to play bocce during our second week of Kids Kamp. The kids loved it, and we are hoping that if the Bocce Club can recruit enough volunteers that we might be able to offer two separate weeks next year – one in June and one in July. Bocce Club President John Hupchick also donated a set to one of the young boys in the Green Group who really enjoyed the experience and wanted to play the game at home with his family.
  - Chrissy reviewed the upcoming July events including the Deas-Guyz Concert, the Teen/Tween Boat Cruise to Vanishing Island with Outside Hilton Head, and Informational Meeting for the Ireland Trip in 2025.
  - Chrissy reported that due to high demand for the Ireland trip, we have added a second bus that will leave a week earlier than the original group. A smaller bus of 30 will take the Ireland tour March 1-10, 2025, and the original group on the larger bus of 44 will take the same Ireland tour on March 8-17, 2025.
  - Chrissy also shared that the next Coffee with Peter is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House. The local Chamber of Commerce will be our special guest speaker.

- In August, we will offer two dates of free Vision Screenings hosted by Bishop Eye Center, the Annual Cleaning week of the facilities will be held the week of August 19-23, another 8-week session of Soccer Shots will kick off on August 19, and an AARP Driver Safety Course will be offered August 28 as well as September 24.
- Tennis / Pickleball: Trevor Scott
  - Trevor shared that the Junior Tennis Summer Camp is underway. This is week #6.
  - He added that the Wimbledon Challenge is scheduled for this Friday.
  - Trevor shared that Pickleball has partnered with the Women's Club to offer pickleball at Dolphin Head on Thursday mornings and Monday mornings. They are also planning to offer potlucks on Saturday morning, but the weather hasn't cooperated so far.
  - Trevor then added that Mark has been organizing focus groups for Spec Tennis, and we hope to start that new program soon.
  - The newly extended summer hours have been working out well so far. The pro shop stays open until 8:00 PM during the week (M-F).
  - Lastly, Trevor is finalizing arrangements with the Girls' Tennis Program from Hilton Head Christian Academy to use Spring Lake as their "home base" where they will have practices and matches in the late afternoon and early evening. This should be starting soon.
- Fishing / Lagoons: Richard Dugan / Earle Nirmaier
  - Earle shared that the Fishing Club has been getting enough volunteers to help with the fishing at Kids Kamp.
  - Earle also added that fishing has been spotty; however, last week one of the kids caught a 21" large-mouth bass that was 3.6 pounds.
  - Earle then shared that he heard from Dave Morse that Gary Turner, former member of the Fishing Club who now resides in California with his daughter, recently fell and is having mobility issues. He's currently confined to a wheelchair.
- Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox / Lois Wilkinson
  - Mary reported that now July 4<sup>th</sup> is over, the next event they will be recruiting volunteers will be for the fall Trash & Treasure Sale.
  - Chrissy once again thanked everyone who came out to support our July 4<sup>th</sup> event as it is our largest single day event that requires the most volunteers. We couldn't make this event possible without the help from so many volunteers.
- Memorial Program / Softball: John Forsythe / Bob Huisman
  - Chrissy reported that the DiRusso bench has arrived, and it will be installed along Seabrook Drive – near the Cypress. Another order was also placed for another bench for the Kristoff family on Ellenita Drive. That bench should ship out this week. Two other memorial bench inquiries have recently been made.
  - John added that we now have three sea turtle nests located on Pine Island.
- Bocce / Shuffleboard: Kristy Graham / Steve Yingling
  - Kristy reiterated that the Bocce Club members enjoyed their time helping the kids at Kids Kamp learn how to play the game.
  - Kristy 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 the Town Council for HHI approved the plans for the 278-bridge project.
  - Peter added that in the recent Pink magazine there is an article highlighting our own HHP Security officer, Michael Howard, who was awarded the "Security Officer of the Year for Hilton Head Island." Also in the same Pink magazine is another article that discusses the appropriateness of the skimpy bathing suits that some females like to wear out in public at the beaches and pools.

- Peter shared that the Town of HHI is planning to renourish our beach at Pine Island next year, and we have also received the permit for the sand scraping project for Pine Island.
- Peter added that we have six low-speed vehicles that have received decals for use in HHP; however, the rule is that they are not permitted on Seabrook Drive from the wye to the back gate and Whooping Crane Way. There has been at least one exception granted by the Board to allow permission for one family to use theirs to gain access to the Plantation House and Spring Lake Rec Area.
- Peter thanked everyone for their support on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Peter added that we have many concerned residents about new docks being built in the marsh, but we do not have jurisdiction to stop it. SC DHEC says we could develop a dock plan to try and limit the number of docks. That opens us up for lawsuits allowing some and not others. This will be an item that the Board may need to address in the future.
- Peter reported that he has invited the CEO of the Whitestone Group (owner of the former Driftwood Eatery) to attend our upcoming Executive Committee Meeting so he can shed some light on the magazine advertisements that have promoted the Bay Point Island tourism. We haven't received any response yet.
- The newly revised General Committee Guidelines have been posted on our website. These guidelines provide the governance of how the committees should be run.
- Peter reported that the RV/Boat Storage is full, but we may have one or two openings for kayaks on the new racks.
- Peter noted that Board President Carlton Dallas called him this morning and asked that he share with Chrissy and Jen his admiration and congratulations for their planning and execution of HHP Day. President Dallas also wanted all the volunteers and staff that worked this extremely successful event to be complimented and recognized for their contribution to this special event.
- Lastly, Peter shared that we are starting to work on the 2025 Budget, and we may want to consider adding funds for engaging a land planner to help with the next Capital Improvement Project.

## ADJOURNMENT

*Steve Yingling motioned to adjourn. Lois Wilkinson seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

*The meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.*

**There will be no meeting in August.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at the POA Service Center.**