

**HILTON HEAD PLANTATION
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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

November 11, 2024

OPENING:

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

ATTENDEES: Ed Schottland (Chair), Kristy Graham, 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 : Richard Dugan, John Forsythe, and Bob Huisman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kristy Graham motioned to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2024, as presented. Steve Yingling seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

- Ed Schottland acknowledged that today is Veterans Day, and he thanked the veterans on the committee for their service.
- Ed also introduced our guest in attendance – Bob Lamb (HHP resident).
- Lastly, Ed reminded the committee that we would not be meeting in December, and the next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Peter reported that we had received numerous concerns about the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations regarding the court reservation times for tennis after our last committee meeting. We held a meeting with tennis members approximately two weeks ago to listen to their concerns.
 - Based on the feedback from the tennis members, we are proposing that the Recreation Committee revisit the Rules and Regulations update for Section F (Facilities), and we consider changing it back to the original time of two hours for tennis court reservations.
 - Another concern brought up at the tennis meeting was the court time that is dominated by USTA non-members. Trevor will be addressing this issue along with other concerns with additional enforcement of reservations and USTA team membership. Trevor plans to announce any new rules to the membership and court reservations by promoting them directly to the tennis members before the new year. These new rules will not be included in the Rules and Regulations as they may be revised after a probationary period to ensure their effectiveness.
 - Chrissy then requested that another addition to the Rules and Regulations be considered under the Pool Rules regarding proper swimsuit attire at the Spring Lake Pool.
 - Steve Yingling made a motion to accept the two modifications to the updated Rules & Regulations to Section F (Facilities) – one for the tennis court reservation times

- and one for the proper swimsuit attire. Mary Wilcox seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.
- Ed opened the floor for discussion about the next Capital Improvement Project.
 - Ed asked if the Recreation Committee was in favor of recommending the Plantation House to the Board of Directors based on the survey results from the last two Resident Opinion Surveys as well as our own evaluation from the building tour.
 - Kristy commented that the questions about the next Capital Improvement Project in the recent surveys should have provided more details about each project under consideration. In future survey questions, Kristy recommends we clearly define the projects.
 - Ed then brought up the question about what spaces need to be considered if we decide to move forward with the Plantation House. Jen remarked that it is a community hub, and we should remember to include the following: main meeting space for larger groups/clubs, library, elevator if we have a second floor, office space, kitchen area, smaller meeting spaces, and storage space. Other spaces/items that were discussed that could be eliminated – dance floor, fireplace, and wrap-around porch.
 - After further discussion, Lois Wilkinson made a motion that the Recreation Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that based on the 2021 and 2024 Resident Opinion Survey results, we consider the Plantation House as the next Capital Improvement Project for planning purposes and budgeting to include hiring a land planner and engaging with an architect and engineer to determine if the project is a renovation or complete replacement. Steve Yingling seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor of the recommendation to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Trevor led the discussion of the potential grant acquisition for LED lights on the tennis courts at Spring Lake.
 - Trevor reported that they extended the hours of play during the summer months to allow for working residents to enjoy the courts after work hours, and this was well received.
 - Due to daylight savings, we can no longer offer extended summer hours, so another option is to consider adding LED lighting to a limited number of tennis courts.
 - Trevor and Peter went on a site visit to a multi-million-dollar private estate in Beaufort, SC, to check out a LED light system that an individual has on his own private tennis courts in his backyard. It was discovered that there was little light spillage with the strips of LED lights strategically placed along the fence.
 - Trevor is considering adding the LED lights to the three tennis courts closest to the Spring Lake Pool and Spring Lake Pavilion – courts 3, 4 and 5.
 - He is requesting permission to submit a grant proposal to USTA in hopes of getting funding for this project which is expected to cost approximately \$50,000 installed.
 - Mary Wilcox made a motion to give permission to Trevor to submit the grant application to USTA for LED lights on the limited number of tennis courts at Spring Lake Tennis facility. Kristy Graham seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Chrissy provided an overview of the Knife-Sharpening Events, the Halloween Pet Parade, the Trunk-or-Treat Tailgate Party, the Inflammation Seminar, the Medicare Made Clear Seminar, the Veterans Day Ceremony, and the Estate Planning Workshop.
- Chrissy then presented the 6-month Activities Calendar.

SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISONS:

- Activities: Chrissy Kristian
 - Chrissy reported on the remaining November events which include the “Women’s Retirement Outlook” Seminar on 11/12, the Coffee with Peter on 11/21, and the “Benefits of Moor Mud” Seminar on 11/22.
 - For December, the holiday decorating days are scheduled for 12/2 and 12/3. The Holiday Sugar Scrub Class is scheduled for 12/5, and the POA Volunteer Christmas Party is scheduled for 12/6. The Big Band Christmas Concert is scheduled for 12/7 (12/8 rain date), and the Holiday Hayride is scheduled for 12/14 (12/15 rain date). The final event for the year is the Kids Holiday Party on 12/15.
 - For January, we have two days of taking down the holiday decorations with the help of volunteers on 1/7 and 1/8. The Community Blood Drive is scheduled for 1/13, the Kids’ Night Out is scheduled for 1/17, the “Five Wishes” Seminar on 1/23, and the “Senior Living vs. Home Care” Seminar on 1/29.
- Tennis / Pickleball: Trevor Scott
 - Trevor reported that they are in the middle of championships. They had three teams that went to the Combo League Championship in Aiken, SC. The 65 & Over 7.5 Combo Team for ladies are finalists. The other teams didn’t make it that far.
 - Trevor then shared that they recently held their Halloween Fun Fest, and they have their Turkey Take Down event this upcoming weekend.
- Fishing / Lagoons: Earle Nirmaier / Richard Dugan (absent)
 - Earle reported that the Fishing Club received an email from a resident who rescued an anhinga (bird) from an entangled mess of fishing line. Earle asked Peter if it was possible to mention it in one of his future columns to remind folks not to discard old fishing lines in the lagoons for this very reason.
 - Earle also shared the very sad news about the recent passing of former HHP resident and former Fishing Club President Gary Turner. Gary was instrumental in the Fishing Club. He not only helped with the fishing program for Kids Kamp, but he also helped with the fish stockings over the years. He was living with his daughter in California. He will be deeply missed.
- Volunteer Program: Mary Wilcox / Lois Wilkinson
 - Nothing to report.
 - Chrissy reminded the committee that the annual Volunteer Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 6 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Spring Lake Pavilion.
- Memorial Program / Softball: Chrissy Kristian for John Forsythe / Bob Huisman (both absent)
 - Chrissy reported that we have a memorial bench that will be installed near Crooked Pond later this week. We have also received more inquiries into possible bench and tree donations.
 - Chrissy also shared that we have received the plaque from Barbara DiRusso which will be added to her bench in the coming days.
- Bocce / Shuffleboard: Kristy Graham / Steve Yingling
 - Kristy shared that the Bocce Club’s Fall Awards Banquet will be held at the Plantation House on 11/16.
 - Kristy then added that the Bottoms Up Bocce Tournament will be held on the weekend of 11/23 and 11/24. This tournament is exclusively for teams not eligible for the fall playoffs.
 - A Double Elimination Bocce Tournament will also take place over two weekends in December – 12/7 and 12/8 as well as 12/14 and 12/15.
 - Kristy added that the Bocce Club’s Spring Season registration will begin on 1/26/25 with an Information Clinic scheduled for 2/1/25 and the Champions Clinic scheduled for 2/8/25. The opening day for the spring season will be 2/26/25.

- Lastly, Kristy shared that Sun City is hosting an Intercommunity Bocce Tournament on 11/23. HHP has been invited, and the Bocce Club will send four teams to participate. A total of four communities, including Sun City, will each be sending four teams to participate in this single elimination tournament.
- Steve added that Sun City has turf on their bocce courts.
- Steve then asked Trevor if he could check out the moss growing along the edges of the bocce courts as well as the broken umbrella. Trevor acknowledged and will be discussing these issues with David Mills.
- Miscellaneous: Peter Kristian
 - Peter reiterated that today is Veterans Day, and he shared that we had our Veterans Day Ceremony earlier in the month. In attendance at our ceremony were two special veterans – a WWII Veteran (Ray Tuttle) and a Korean War Veteran (Harrison Hays).
 - Peter added that MAJ continues to do work on the leisure paths. We also plan to repaint the bike stencils and directional arrows on the leisure paths.
 - Peter then shared that the flowers have been changed out at both the main gate and the back gate.
 - Peter added that on the front cover of the November newsletter we will be announcing the new reservation system that we will be launching in the coming months. The new system is called Engage, and it's a product of Enumerate. To get it launched properly, we need email addresses from residents who want to use the program. The November newsletter article will ask residents to click on a QR code and fill out their contact information and provide an email. The new system will eventually allow payments to be made online with the hopes of accepting payments for assessments in the future. This new system will be launched in phases.
 - Peter reported that the new high-tech security cameras have arrived, but we need to install CAT 5 wiring to connect the new camera system. We plan to tie in the cameras at Dolphin Head Rec Center with this new system as well.
 - Peter added that we are doing very well financially, and we should end the year with a positive variance. The positive variance can be attributed to a number of factors – Trevor's tennis revenue, Pippi's ad sales revenue, Michele's ARB revenue, the gate pass revenue as well as special event income.
 - Peter then reported that the Capital Transfer Fees have brought in \$618,000 for the year so far.
 - The next Coffee with Peter is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House. Dr. Frank Rodriguez – the Superintendent for Beaufort County School District – will be our guest speaker.
 - The Board is currently finalizing the Strategic Plan update.
 - Peter reminded the committee that for previous Capital Improvement Projects, we have been fortunate enough to borrow money from ourselves as well as use the funds from the Capital Transfer fees to pay for multiple million-dollar projects. We just need to be patient with the funding process.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, January 13, at the POA Office.