

OPEN POA BOARD MEETING

Thursday February 6, 2014

Call to Order – President M. Kyger called the meeting to order at 4:35pm in the Diamondhead Country Club in accordance with the Bylaws, Sections 5.5 and 5.7.

Roll Call - Board members present: President M. Kyger, V. President J. Yarbrough, Secretary N. Sislow, Treasurer B. Marshall and Directors: D. Crosby, J. Menker, C. Perry, J. Peppenger and Ex-Officio M. Feola. Also present were S. Irwin, K. Allen, M. Boyd, D. Kinchen, L. Naples and J. Haslam. Absent: Director K. Johnson. Approximately 29 POA members were present.

Minutes – N. Sislow reported the minutes from the January 9, 2014 were approved by e-mail, and were made available in the December Diamondhead News and Diamondhead POA website.

Opening Remarks –President M. Kyger reviewed the Red Top process that includes limited access to collection box, non-management staff inputting data in system, return calls to all known authors, review of all submissions for trends and issues - even those written anonymously, and a monthly, written report provided to the full Board.

In support of the Diamondhead Performing Arts Society, a motion to approve the purchase of 20 tickets for The Diamonds Show to be provided for a free raffle of all attendees at the March 6, 2014 Open Board meeting was made by J. Menker and seconded by J. Yarbrough. The motion passed unanimously by all present.

General Manager Report – S. Irwin provided the monthly GM report which was published in the Diamondhead News and Diamondhead POA website. Mr. Irwin also provided an example of improvement made based on a Red Top concern.

Financial Report - K. Allen gave the financial report as of December 31, 2013 which is subject to the planned audit this month, and which was published in the Diamondhead News and Diamondhead POA website.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Member Questions –

1. Canal Dredging – M. Boyd reported two permits have been obtained, and one in process. Board can then begin to plan the project after all permits in place.

2. Soccer/Baseball Fields – M. Kyger noted Hancock County Recreational Complex plans now are causing the Board to reconsider size of plans for the community. Planning will take place once space and budget needs determined.

3. Allocation for playgrounds –M. Kyger discussed repossessed homes, open lots, tax implications for the POA to use as play spaces as well as plans to obtain another KaBoom grant to finish East Rec playground, with area being used more now. East Rec building plans will be reviewed at Board retreat on 2/12/14.

4. Why continue Golf Course plan – M. Kyger described various improvements in community as well as the impact of improved golf course on increase in golf revenue by those not having annual membership, and the value of this investment.

5. Pie Chart – K. Allen sends with each report. Perhaps space in Diamondhead News was lacking.

6. Golf Memberships – S. Irwin reported 280 golf memberships for 2014 thus far which shows a decline over the past several years. This reflects the changing demographics of Diamondhead. Overall golf revenue is improving.

7. AED – Mr. H. Holcomb cautioned for the need to have compatible AED with First Responders in the community.

8. Golf Revenue – Mr. Holcomb noted the golf activities show how we bring in new players. 58,000 rounds of golf were played last year.

10. East Rec Plan – Current plan does not include replacing courts despite a long term goal of growing tennis.

9. Club Manager Position – Position has been advertised and some resumes received. Board will consider club operations at retreat on Wednesday, 2/12/14.

10. Dues discounts for annual payment – M. Kyger explained the rationale for change in discount amount over the past few years, and reminded all that no increase in dues is unusual in these economic times.

Adjournment –

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Peppenger and seconded by J. Yarbrough. The motion was passed unanimously by all Board members present. Meeting adjourned at 5:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sislow
POA Secretary