

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Monday, June 21, 2021

A meeting of the Board was held at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Mississippi. President Knobloch chaired the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were President Knobloch, Vice President Gillen, Director Becker, Director Ertel, Director Ramirez, Director James, Director Tauzin, and Director Nutting, Secretary ProTem Sue Kinsley and Secretary ProTem Andrea Jones. Absent were Treasurer Rayner, Secretary Sislow and Ex-Officio Marthouse. Also present were GM Abadie and 13 members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 5/17/2021 was made by Vice-President Gillen and seconded by Director Ertel. The minutes were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL/AMEND MEETING AGENDA – Director Ertel requested to add motion to 2021-28 – adoption of Service Animal/Pet policy revision of the Rules and Regulations, Section E, and Vice President Gillen requested to add motion 2021-29 – approval of to replace 1500 sq ft marina ramp area next to boat launch area with concrete, not to exceed \$10,000. Amendments to the agenda were approved.

PRESENTATION - None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Knobloch provided his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – *Golf Committee* reported assuring handicap process is uniform throughout all tournaments; noting that drainage on courses is working well due to excellent condition of courses; plans to aerate the Cardinal greens soon as Pine greens have been done; and new golf carts have had maximum speed adjusted. *Administration Committee* did not meet this month but will soon be looking for a new employee medical benefits plan. *Airport/Marina Committee* did not meet this month; process is “very close” for floating dock permit; and was recently made aware of a potential change in the tower behind Waffle House that could affect the airport landing/take-off pattern and have begun working with Stennis and City to explore the problem. *Grounds Committee* reported Glen Eagle sign and RV storage have been improved; addressing cleaning areas needed and will suspend meetings for several months to allow for work completion. *Safety Committee* is waiting on Golf safety audit before convening. *Recreation Committee* reported working with Grounds to seek improvement of path from Golf Club to Moanalua Drive; suspending Event Lawn plans until best site located; Pickleball courts are now being used; ball field maintenance addressed; and discussed renter’s use of pools as guests. *House/Club Committee* reported heating table has been installed; furniture and sound panels for Latitude 30 coming in July; oil disposal system begins installation in July; seeking initial plans for kitchen renovation as needed for RFP; and proposed pet/service animal policy drafted for approval.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT – GM Abadie gave his report and financial data.

POA MEMBERS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

CONSENT AGENDA – None

REGULAR AGENDA –

1. 2021-27 - Motion to replace the Air Conditioner units at the Community Center for not to exceed \$15,000 made by Director Nutting, seconded by Director Ertel. Motion approved unanimously
2. 2021-28 – Motion to adopt the revised Service Animal/Pet Policy of the Rules and Regulations Section E (see attached documentation) made by Director Ertel, seconded by Vice President Gillen. Motion passed unanimously.
3. 2021-29 - Motion to replace approximately 1500 sq. ft. of ramp area adjacent to the concrete boat launch with concrete spend not to exceed \$10,000 made by Vice-President Gillen and seconded by Director Ertel. Motion passed unanimously.

POA MEMBERS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Ms. R. Womack spoke to scheduling of classes at Main Pool, changed policy of instructor, and timing of pool opening.

NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting of the POA Board will be on Monday, July 19, 202, at 6:00PM in the Diamondhead City Hall.

ADJOURN – Motion was made by Director Tauzin and seconded by Director Ertel to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sislow
POA Board Secretary

Approved on 7/19/21

Motion 2021-28 - Service Animal/Pet Policy

- I. Governing Laws
 - A. Mississippi Support Animal Act and the ADA
 1. Title 43, Ch 6, Article 5, Sections 153-155

II. Definitions

1. Section 154 of the MS Support Animal Act
 1. Defines and gives various examples of what constitutes a Support Animal and the various functions they are to be permitted to serve in public spaces
 2. INCLUDES the right to a trainer to be allowed to have the Service Animal in Training in the same public spaces
2. Title II and III of the ADA:
 1. Only recognizes trained dogs as official service animals. Miniature horses are also considered official service animals under certain circumstances.
 3. Only two questions may be asked of someone entering a facility with a Service Animal:
 1. Is the animal required because of a disability?
 2. What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?
 - a) These questions cannot be asked when the disability and service function is obvious: a seeing eye dog, a dog pulling a wheelchair, etc.
4. Emotional Support Animals

III. Neither the ADA nor Mississippi's service animal law includes what some people call "emotional support animals": animals that provide a sense of safety, companionship, and comfort to those with psychiatric or emotional disabilities or conditions. Although these animals often have therapeutic benefits, they are not individually trained to perform specific tasks for their handlers. Under the ADA, owners of public accommodations are not required to allow emotional support animals, only service animals. And, Mississippi law is even more restrictive, protecting only service animals that assist those who are blind, hearing impaired, or mobility impaired.

Rules and Regulations Rewrite:

E. PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS.

1. Service Animals, as defined under Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Mississippi Support Animal Act, are permitted to the extent mandated under the Acts. Service animals must remain on a leash while on premise and must display their identification as a Service Animal.
2. All other dogs, cats, and pets are not permitted in the Club nor any of the Club's food and beverage areas, pools, and children's play areas.
3. Pets are not allowed to run free except on the owner's property. Any animals found running at large may be referred to the Diamondhead Police, Hancock County Animal Shelter, or the Diamondhead SPCA. This provision includes cats as well as dogs. If the animal, i.e., dog, cat, or other, is not on the owner's property, it must be on a leash.
4. Owners are responsible to clean up defecation after their pets.
5. Employees of the POA are not permitted to bring their pets to work unless granted specific permission from the General Manager, and only for purposes of adding a value for the benefit of Diamondhead and the POA, as determined by said General Manager.