



**Board of Directors Meeting  
July 22, 2021  
3:30pm – Zoom  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Barry Cohick, Carol Pollard, Dave Bowman, Rick Elliott, Marcia Salera, Kate Sawyer, Michael Salera, Sam Heidt

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm

**Approval of Minutes :** The minutes of the June 28, 2021 meeting were approved as read. A motion was made by Dave Bowman to approve the minutes, seconded by Rick Elliott. All in favor. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's report/Financial Update – Marcia Salera**

- Financials July 2021 – beginning balance of \$ 26,000
- New bank account is being opened at TD Bank because they have much better accessibility. Marcia is in the process of completing the paperwork for that.
- 75 reservations for Winter Classic so far.

**Social Committee – Dave Bowman**

- DHGC status –
- Christmas Party – Commitment not made yet for date. Cost per person by Sonesta is \$54 per person. Minimum is \$5,200 and total cost for \$6,250 with service charge and taxes. Outside band or DJ will add to the cost. Dave will work on getting one. DJ would be \$500 and possibly a room. Dave has some concerns about new member enrolments in the future when considering amount of any subsidy. Christmas party will be open to member and non-members. Rick recommended differentiating between member and non-member cost. Carol Recommended \$50 for members and \$70 for non-members. Rick seconded the recommendation. Board unanimously approved the recommendation. Dave will put together a flyer on the Christmas party for December 16, 2021.

**Dance Instruction/Jr. Shag Committee/ Historian – Rick Elliott**

- Update on dance lessons on Friday. 45 minutes before Friday night dance is working well. Rick wants to stay with this format until Tuesday can be guaranteed by DHGC.

**Winter Classic – Kate Sawyer and Mike Salera**

- Registration is very encouraging.

- Room charges have been resolved with Sonesta.
- Things are moving very well, Sonesta is very receptive.
- Charlie and Jackie normally do a lesson on Saturday morning. Dance Friday night. May do spotlight both nights.
- Still working on hors d'oeuvres. Sonesta will provide, just negotiating prices.
- Sam Heidt has done a great job on the website that is working perfectly.
- Rick would like to add in a line dance class
- Rick would also like to make a time for a spotlight dance for Noah and another Junior. Thinks we need to include the juniors if at all possible.

### **Other Business – Barry Cohick**

- DHGC – update. No staff at present. Barry doesn't have a good feeling about how we are being treated with lack of chef, air conditioning out of order, etc. We've had a good past relationship with them before COVID. There appears to be a lot of instability at the club. Last Friday night there was no food because the chef had been fired earlier in the week, but the club had not been informed. We need back up plans just in case DHGC deteriorates even further.
- Mike Salera confirmed that the dance floor at DHGC is the best on the island. He has visited the Sonesta but they are very busy and we don't generate a lot of revenue so they have no interest in hosting our Friday night dances. Before COVID we represented about \$100K/yr. which is 10% of their gross in food and alcohol at DHGC. Mike believes that members don't care about the food, we just need the floor and have access to the bar. Some of our biggest nights this year have been when there was no food. We need to come to terms with DHGC to figure out how we can make things work in the current environment. Kate is worried that there is no continuity with the management of DHGC currently and things are very unstable. Barry talked to Peter Kristiansen about the HHP Plantation House and in a worst-case scenario they have a dance floor and kitchen we can use. They would charge \$200 week on a per use basis. This is a good back up plan. Carol suggested that we should use it on an as needed basis for any week that DHGC cancels on us with BYOB and snacks/food. Board agreed to proceed on this basis for now. Barry will set up a meeting with Chandler to get more information and explain our position.
- Board confirmed that the listing of the Taste of Europe as a 'dance opportunity' that had been removed from the Newsletter will be reinstated until regular dancing at DHGC resumes.
- The board extended Sam a thank you for all his work on the website particularly with regard to the Winter Classic.

**Adjournment** Carol Pollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Bowman seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm.