

# Minutes of Annual Meeting

# January 25, 2019

# 6pm - Dolphin Head Golf Club

Board Members Attending: Mike Salera; Bruce Zimmerman, Pete Lievense, Mick Martin, Kathy

Reynolds

Board Members Absent: Bill Anderson

General Attendance: 94 members and guests

## MINUTES OF PRIOR ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been approved by email.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT - Pete Lievense

Club Income and Expenses for 2018: Report was distributed to all attending. Pete commented on the active and generous nature of the club during the past year and commended the membership. He also thanked Vito for handing over the club's accounts in such good order at the beginning of the year. In reviewing the report, Pete drew attention to the \$22,000 bank balance. He noted that the Board had recognized that the club had too much money on hand and had begun to reduce this overage by funding many of the dinner dances that had been held to reduce the \$22,000 balance. As a result, the current Treasurer's Report shows a \$2,200 loss, however, this is in keeping with current club goals to reduce money on hand.

The club held

**2018 Party Income and Expenses:** Pete then turned his attention to the 2019 Winter Classic that showed a surplus of \$1,500. He noted that the Board will continue to work to bring the surplus down.

**Possible Change in Accounting Methods:** He also asked for 3 or 4 members who had accounting backgrounds to look at the books with him for the purpose of determining if it was advisable to move to

an accrual method of accounting for the club. He said it would take approximately 1 hour of someone's time and asked for volunteers. None offered.

**Questions from the Floor:** Mike Salera asked for questions from the floor related to the Treasurer's Report. There were none.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – Bruce Zimmerman**

**Parties from Past Year:** All parties in the past year had been a great success. Bruce emphasized that the club had heavily subsidized Club parties during the year to the tune of \$11,000 in keeping with club goals to reduce the amount of money on hand.

**Winter Classic 2019:** The 2019 Winter Classic was the best we had ever had and Bruce asked that members recognize Kate Sawyer for her tireless efforts. Member responded with a huge round of applause.

Kate Sawyer was asked to give a recap of 2019 Winter Classic – she said that 150 members of the HHI Shag Club attended the Winter Classic, out of a total of 376 attendees. She had received no complaints and lots of positive comments. The one that stood out and seemed to sum up the feelings of all attendees, was from a lady from Macon, GA who said, "Darlin', you sure know how to put on a dang good party!".

Over the past year, the club held 7 additional dinner/dance events. These were Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Reup, Summer Breeze, Welcome Back, Halloween and Christmas. All parties were very well attended.

**Dates Scheduled for Incoming Year:** Bruce urged members to save the dates of January 9-12, 2020 for next year's Winter Classic, to held at the Marriott. The club is moving there because they have a bigger space than the Sonesta, which is anticipated to be too small, since an even larger turn out for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Winter Classic is expected.

Bruce brought the upcoming Valentine's Day party on February 13, 2019 to the attention of the membership and reminded everyone that sign-up sheets were available.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Bruce Zimmerman**

Bruce read the slate of officers for Board of Directors and asked for nominations from the floor. None were offered. He then called for a voice vote. All nominations were confirmed unanimously as follows:

Mike Salera, President Bill Anderson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Rick Elliott, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Pete Lievense, Treasurer Carol Huester, Secretary

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND THANK YOU TO RETIRING OFFICERS - Mike Salera

New members of the board – Rick Elliott and Carol Huester - were introduced to the members.

Mike thanked Bruce as 1<sup>st</sup> VP for all his efforts and leadership in organizing the club parties over the past year. He also recognized Mick Martin for his outstanding service as club secretary.

Mike pointed out that HHISC was founded on August 23, 1994 - according to Vicky Anderson, the club currently has 355 members!. To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, the Board is working toward holding a party on its anniversary date – more information to come on that in the future.

Mike also offered a big thank you to all Winter Classic volunteers who gave so generously of their time and for the gifts and auction items provided by many of the club members.

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS – Mike Salera**

Mike stressed that the Board needs to know if members are NOT Receiving the weekly club newsletter and encouraged members to check their Spam mailboxes to make sure that it wasn't going there. If it is members needs to mark it as "Not Spam" and move it to their inbox.

Mike expressed his excitement about the new slate of officers and said he is looking forward to a great new year ahead. He also encouraged members who wanted to volunteer to help with the 25<sup>th</sup> Winter Classic to contact the Board or Kathy Reynolds, who has taken responsibility for organizing Winter Classic 2020.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Rick Elliott acknowledged the assistance of Al Chaput who takes photos at all events and Jeff Keefer for this videography at the Winter Classic and lessons online.

Pete Lievense added that \$3,655 was raised from auctions at the Winter Classic and said that the money would be going to a number of very good causes.

Mike Salera asked for questions from the floor and Sylvia Gubacsi made club members aware of the Lions Club Dance on February 16 at HH Beach and Tennis.

# **MOTION TO ADJOURN - Mike Salera**

Mike Salera asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Huester made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Huester. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm. By Mike Salera.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Huester, Secretary 1/27/19