

## **Minutes from the Clubs Advisory Committee Meeting on May 24, 2012**

The Clubs Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting was called to order by Carol Ludwig at 4:05pm. This meeting should have taken place on the third Thursday, May 17, 2012, but due to committee member calendar conflicts and the CAC interest in being at the Yacht Club for the soft opening of the 2012 summer season, the regular date was changed during our April meeting to accommodate.

Present:

CAC: Carol Ludwig, Jack Ferry, Pat Beisler, Diane Baker, Ellen Spataro, Sandy Reifsnnyder, Les Purcell. Mary Anne Whitcomb, Audrey Wahl were not present.

OPA: Pete Gomsak, Bob Thompson, David McLaughlin, Tom Terry

Summary of Actions:

There were no public comments.

April Minutes: April 2012 minutes were approved.

Old Business

Yacht Club bids were postponed by a week in order for contractors to provide more comprehensive information and to insure inclusion of all interested bidders. They will be opened and viewed on Saturday, May 25, 2012 at 10:00am at the Admin Building. The actual number of bidders is unknown at this time, though there were at least five submitted as of today, with a mix of both remodel and tear down/new build bids.

### **David McLaughlin, Yacht Club Manager**

David reviewed the new menu plans for the Yacht Club/Java Bay. He is steering towards fresh seafood and light salads. He is also working on "Burger, Salad of the Week" specials. Java Bay breakfast menu is being expanded to include house desserts and it will be staffed in the evening. The wine list will be expanding to include a variety of wines by the glass. David also mentioned some adjustments he wants to see in presentation and plate appeal. Jack mentioned that they are very important, and eye appeal and presentation would be increased by eliminating plastic baskets and that the Prime Rib is excellent and should be served with a steak knife. David is working on these at the present time and targeted more improvements he wants to see. Dave and Bob delivered samples of the freshly made tiramisu, which was reported to be wonderful by those who taste tested the sample.

### **Bob Thompson-OPA General Manager**

Beach Club- The bathrooms have been painted and are now under contract to keep drains clear. All surfaces were painted, counter tops updated, new lighting in an effort to brighten up the area. There is a new retractable awning that will eliminate the necessity of having to take it down for weather challenges or removal and replacement for the season changes. The old awning will be used at the Yacht Club entrance as there is no wind concern there. There are new showers and the oven was replaced. Bob also verified that the investigation of a Full Liquor License at the Beach Club, as requested by the Clubs Committee, would involve a re-zoning of the property to commercial from residential as it is now, but there are some other possible plans in the future. At this time, most attention needs to be towards the Golf and Country Club as well as the Yacht Club. Bob reported that management at clubs are concentrating on freshness, and the new manager has vast experience and shared David's background.

**Tom Terry, President OPA Board of Directors**

The question came up regarding recycling at the Yacht Club and Tom reported that there is interest and there is a contract with Allied.

Carol distributed information and flyers provided by Teresa Travatello about upcoming events at the Clubs, including scheduled entertainment at the Beach and Yacht Clubs for the whole season, Beach Club menus, and other events such as the Farmers Market in White Horse Park and Kayak Tours.

**Pete Gomsak, Liaison to Board of Directors**

Pete shared a report that he created with data from the past three years which shows that OP Members and organizations are about 80% to 85% of the banquet business, with 96% of the functions being resident driven by 60 different organization. Pete also shared a copy of the motion he made at the recent Board Meeting directing the President to request Board Advisory Committees to undertake an evaluation. There is an Executive Council Meeting scheduled for May 29, 2012, and Committee Chairs will share the status of their committees and will be covered on the evaluation.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 21, 2012, 4pm, Ocean Pines Yacht Club

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ellen Spataro and  
Carol Ludwig