

VHA Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Lake Miona Recreation Center 1:00 PM August 26, 2021

Board Members - Present: Karl Arps, Fred Briggs, John Conboy, Russ D’Emidio, Peter Moeller, Steve Printz, Peter Russell, Vivian Stephens, Phil Walker

Board Members - Absent: Diane Spencer, Chuck Wildzunas

Invited Attendees: John Dean – Interim VHA Executive Vice President, Joan Sullivan - VHA Secretary

Call to order: President Phil Walker called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Phil asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Phil asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the June 24, 2021 meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved. Note: July Board meeting dismissed for lack of quorum.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Conboy referred members to the financials attached to this meeting’s agenda. John noted the budget is at minus \$2000

Q. What is the current sustainability of the VHA?

A. There is an average loss of about \$1200 each month. The January Hoedown may increase revenue provided there are many more sponsors. Membership and Bingo provide some funds.

Q. Is there any data showing the ratio of memberships and renewals: type of membership-new, renewed, lifetime; how many drop; how many expected; how many actually sign up?

A. It is possible to extract that information once the transfer of data into the back-office feature of the website is completed. It is being finalized.

Q. Is it correct more VHA members reside north of SR 44 than south?

A. Yes.

Q. Are there plans for advertising on the website?

A. Yes, “boots-on-the-ground” are essential to help this happen and is being researched. We now have volunteers working with the website and the need for Tangent’s assistance is reducing.

New Business

Interim VHA Officers: Phil introduced John Dean as Interim Executive Vice President.

Phil explained that VP Far South Andy Bilardello asked to be relieved as area Vice President as of September 1, 2021. Andy cares for his mother, serves as a supervisor on the CDD Board, along with other responsibilities. Roger Kass past VHA President agreed to be Interim VP Far South. Roger lives in the Village of Marsh Bend.

VHA Helping Hands President Bill Gottschalk announced his retirement recently for family reasons. Al Arnold has agreed to be Interim VHA-HH President.

Membership Chair Kathy Porter has worked membership for many years and assisted greatly with the transfer of data to the website back-office. The transition to this system is proving to work smoothly but snail-mail is still necessary. Kathy now has two assistants. Russ D’Emidio clarified that Kathy is in charge of operations for membership data not recruitment.

Old Business

VHA Volunteer Social: Phil reported the July Volunteer Social turned out well with about 50% of the attendees volunteering. VHA Volunteers, Neighborhood Representatives (NR) and people interested in learning about volunteer opportunities were invited. Two attendees volunteered to become Neighborhood Representatives and have already attended their first area meeting. One attendee volunteered to become an instructor for the Golf Cart Safety Clinic, which works well as the current instructor Harlan Thrailkill has asked to step down.

New Business (cont'd)

VHA Programs: Phil stated meetings with Neighborhood Representatives and Directors have begun:

Central: August 23, 2021 led by VP Central John Dean

North: August 25, 2021 led by Program Committee Chair Mike Burke

South: September 13, 2021 to be led by VP South Mike Dollard

Far South: In the planning stages to be led by Interim VP Far South Roger Kass.

Q. Is there a plan to bring all NRs together for training.

A. NRs are encouraged to attend educational training. The goal is to prepare many for the CDD position.

Q. Is it a policy to meet regularly in all areas?

A. Yes.

Review: 2021 Senior Staff: John Dean presented 2021 accomplishments by VHA Senior Staff. Meetings during Covid-19 restrictions were by phone, emails and outdoors when weather allowed. Golf Cart Safety Clinic began virtually, then in recreation centers and now at Villages Insurance, also. Events and programs were reported along with area VP plans to work with membership lists.

VHA Area VP Position Description: Phil explained the area VPs position description is being revised. Send thoughts and suggestions to Phil 4ianeknfl4@gmail.com or the secretary joanstrek@aol.com

Developer Relationship: Phil reported a meeting occurred August 26, 2021 with the Developer's representative to discuss the relationship between the Developer and the VHA. Discussion will continue to develop a plan.

VHA Board Annual Review - October: Russ reported the Board mandate states that annually the VHA Board of Directors will meet at a separate meeting to review its performance. Covid-19 restricted operations until mid-2021. Russ distributed a handout "VHA Board Self Evaluation Implementation Status as of August 25, 2021." Note: Handout was sent to all Board members follow the meeting.

Russ asked Board members: Is there enough progress to hold a meeting for the annual review? How could the VHA Board of Directors get better? Which topics should be the focus of the meeting?

Deadline to send Russ thoughts and responses to these questions is **Friday September 10, 2021.** Russd601@yahoo.com

Phil asked members to think about what documents would be beneficial to help prepare Board members.

Russ will facilitate if an annual review meeting is scheduled.

September Board Meeting: Phil announced a topic for the September meeting is Term Expiration of Board Members.

Members Comments

Ambulance and Fire Department Concerns: Phil reported that the VHA and POA signed a letter together urging the Villages Fire & Safety Department become separate from the Sumter County departments. This letter will be in the Daily Sun newspaper.

Meeting Attendance: Phil reminded members they are invited to all VHA meetings.

Karl Arps asked members to think about whether or not Board meetings should be held every other month with the option to meet monthly.

Villages Hospital: Russ reported that 90% of Sumter Country residents over age 65 have been vaccinated. Both the Villages and Leesburg hospital are reporting more Covid patients than last year. Among those patients 80% had not been vaccinated.

VHA Hoedown: Phil explained that activities are being planned for a 2022 VHA Hoedown at reduced costs as Sumter County Tourism in no longer offering the option to apply for a grant. Covid-19 is another concern with the reluctance of people to attend large gatherings. A Hoedown performance review that was requested will be presented at the next meeting. A final decision to present VHA Hoedown January 29, 2021 will be made at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM

Respectfully submitted, Joan Sullivan

Next Board Meeting: THURSDAY September 23, 2021 Lake Miona Rec Center – Resolute Room