

VHA Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
Lake Miona Recreation Center 1:00 pm March 28, 2024

Board Members – Present: Russ D’Emidio, Peter Moeller, Peter Russell, Phil Walker, Chuck Wildzunas

Board Members – Absent: Fred Briggs, Mike Dollard, Walter Martin, Sandra Rzepecki, Vivian Stephens, Ray Viall

Invitees – Present: Dave Fountaine – Executive Vice President, Jeff Hamblin – Helping Hands, Joan Sullivan - Secretary

The Board of Directors meeting did not have a quorum.

Introduction: President Peter Russell introduced invitee Jeff Hamblin VHA Helping Hands Board Member.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Peter reported the following information:

Old Business

Update Handout in Closing Documents: Peter distributed final copies of the double-page document, which will be placed in closing documents and available where residents obtain ID cards to promote the VHA Resident Information Night and Golf Cart Safety Clinic. The document will be reviewed in six (6) months and revised if needed. Also distributed, a single-page handout promoting VHA membership opportunities with a QR code to the website. The single-page document will replace the current tri-fold membership application.

Resource Hub: The Resource Hub is ready for the website. Curious Minds Media Company is checking that website updates allow all the links to open correctly before the Resource Hub is operational for use.

Foundation Update: The Foundation will meet quarterly with Gail Royster as Chair and Committee Members: Carolyn, Carver, Gary Frigiola, Robert Hilkeman and Vivian Stephens. Peter read a Thank You email to the Foundation from the family of a physically challenged child who received equipment which allows her increased mobility to be more active. The donation was sent by the Foundation for the Hugs and Wishes charity.

New Business

May 8 at The Sharon: Peter explained the focus of this VHA event is on The Villages today and its five-year plan. Peter will discuss this with Kenny Blocker, Mark Morse, District officials and a Wellness panel featuring John Rohan, Drew Craven, Bob Trinh, and Heather Long.

BoD Meeting Schedule: Peter informed members the next Board meeting will be in two months on May 23. At that time the Board will discuss keeping the meeting schedule each month or bi-monthly.

Google: Executive Vice President Dave Fountaine through Google has arranged for all VHA leaders including Neighborhood Representatives to select a common email address using their first initial, period, last name @thevha.net. Dave will check will all leaders on the Roster and send their preferred email for VHA correspondence to the Secretary. When complete, the Secretary will send a revised Leadership Roster.

Website Update: Dave explained a great deal of work is involved for Curious Minds to complete all necessary updates to the VHA website. This is a costly and necessary process to allow

information in both the back and front-ends to move ahead smoothly. Once complete, the monthly service cost will be reduced to an appropriate amount.

Q. Can VHA Helping Hands make updates to their portion of the website?

A. Yes. HH needs to notify the VHA to make changes as needed.

Updating Mandate and Board Policies: Recent revisions to VHA structure should be reflected in several Board documents. A point person will be designated to make the necessary revisions. Peter will ask Karl Arps if he is available to do this.

Health & Wellness Expo: Peter asked Russ D’Emidio to prepare a timeline of HW Expo deadlines in preparation for the November 15, 2024 event.

Members’ Comments

From Bottom - Up Information: Peter Moeller noted the Board gets VHA operational information from the top as an overview and asked for the information from bottom up to the Board. Advisory Board meeting minutes provides program / committee reports regularly. Other sources to consider: invite Area VPs and Asst AVPs to a Board meeting and annual program / committee reports. Dave explained the South VP and Asst VPs invite several NRs to meet in a coffee shop monthly and exchange emails several times a month.

April Leadership Forum: Peter R. stated The Villages Landscape Architects would present at the April Leadership Forum.

CDD Elections: Focus is on CDDs 5, 7 and 8. Peter R. noted the April 4 edition of the Voice focuses on elections.

Adjourn: The informal meeting ended 2:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Sullivan

Next Board Meeting: Thursday - May 23 - 1:00 pm
Lake Miona – Resolute room