

## VHA Advisory Board - Minutes

### Laurel Manor Recreation Center – October 16, 2019

**Advisory Board Members- Present:** Steve Andelman, Andy Bilardello, Lu Bowen, Lorraine Britt, Mike Burke, John Conboy, John Dean, Ray Glessner, Nicolas Hemes, Kathy McKelvey, Sandy Mott, Greg Panjian, Joan Sullivan, Roy Thacker, Phil Walker

**Advisory Board Members - Absent:** Roger Akers, Fred Briggs, Art Donnelly, Barb Fielitz, Matt Friedland, Mark Gallo, Bob Griffin, Jim Hipple, Colene Makela, Irv Markley, Walter Martin, Jan Palmer, Bill Pope, Kathy Porter, Art Rowe, Linda Sanzone, Joan Testa,

**Guests:** Karl Arps-Board Member, Joe Elliott-Board Member

**Call to order:** Executive Vice President Phil Walker called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Previous Minutes:** Motion made to accept the minutes from the September 11, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Conboy referred to the financials attached to this meeting's agenda.

Q. Is this correct that we lost about \$1000 in the month of October up to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and about \$1000 each month from January – September this year.

A. Yes.

Phil stated we are aware of this and we cannot continue operating at a loss. These financials will be filed for audit.

### VHA North Area

**Asst VP North:** Kathy McKelvey reminded members of the program titled "Internet Privacy" to be held at La Hacienda 6:30 PM October 17, 2019.

A ribbon cutting was held for an insurance resource center in the North area. It will cover information about Freedom Blue and United Health. It can address other health insurances as well.

### VHA Central Area

**VP Central:** John Dean reported that the Computer Connected Villager Club presented "Cutting the Cord" at Lake Miona on October 15, 2019. About 150 attended. This club now puts the presentation online rather than providing a handout. The web address: <https://tinyurl.com/vhaoct>

John recommended to members to call presenters a week or so before the date of scheduled programs to confirm that the presenters are still planning to attend.

### VHA Far South Area

**VP Far South:** Andy Bilardello reported he is looking for a new Asst VP since Joe Sidoti has a new job and had to resign. Andy stated there was a good turnout at New Resident Night with many attending from the Far South Region.

### Other VHA Meetings and Reports

**Community Foundation:** Joe Elliott reported that the Foundation continues to work with the results from the resident survey to decide where the Foundation will focus its efforts. The three (3) presidents are discussing how budgets will work between VHA/VHA CF/VHA HH.

Joe announced to date \$2575 has been collected for the Bahamas Disaster Effort. The Foundation will match the monies collected, which will be matched by Pan American and Royal Caribbean. VHA Helping Hands will accept donations during their hours of 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday – Friday in the month of October. Phil stated that Sandy Mott's article promoting this effort was in the Daily Sun and that an email Blast to VHA membership will be sent this Friday October 18, 2019.

**New Resident Night:** Joe conducted this meeting while Fred and Phil were away. Joe reported that a little more than 100 people attended the meeting.

**Membership:** Kathy P.'s monthly membership report is included at the end of the minutes. **See Appendix**

**Golf Cart Safety (GCS):** Mark Gallo sent an email report that stated 102 guests attended the clinic which is a combined number from 1 monthly class and two (2) Villages Insurance presentations. Mark assisted the Daily Sun in the writing of an article about the VHA Golf Cart Safety Clinic which received many positive comments.

**Voice:** Sandy reported that Jan has revised this month's deadline to October 21<sup>st</sup>. Jan wants members to look for an acknowledgement from her that the article was received by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Jan will send articles back if changes are made due to corrections or space limitation for the author's approval. Please spell out acronyms and explain terms for readers' understanding. Sandy further explained that Jan wants to remind members that Mark Palmer is available as a photographer for events. Note: Roy Thacker is also available as a VHA photographer.

Note: Lynn Davis will take over writing articles for Lady Lake now that Dan Bard is no longer doing this.

Q. Where are extra articles of the Voice placed around The Villages?

A. Freedom Pointe, District Office, VHA office, Trinity Springs, and in Spanish Springs in a doctor's office. Please let Jan know of other locations where the Voice may be placed where it will not be tossed.

## **Old Business**

**Hoedown Update:** Phil Walker reported a meeting will be held with Cowboy Stew participants on October 28, 2019. Some are also Hoedown sponsors.

## **New Business**

**VHA Town Hall:** Phil emphasized the importance of preparation for the quarterly VHA Town Hall Meeting as an ongoing process. Send questions as soon as they are asked.

**Bahamas Disaster:** See "Community Foundation" report above.

**SCORE Committee-Communications Report:** Phil explained this well done report was presented to Sr Staff. Dave Bedard a Neighborhood Representative has now been appointed as VHA Communication Director and will work with Carol Hughes and others to put suggestions into action. Mike Burke stated that it became clear that there is overlapping between the committee reports from Membership and Communication which will be reviewed.

## **Discussion**

**Excessive Noise Issue on SR 44:** Andy reported that he has received many calls about the weekend concerts on Friday and Saturday nights at the corner of SR 44 and Warm Springs Ave. There is no noise ordinance. Phil requested to meet after this meeting to discuss further.

**Announcement:** Part 3 of the Solid Waste Management Workshops will be on October 23, 2019 from 9:00 AM – noon at the Savannah Center.

Q. Why is there no recycling south of SR 44?

A. This will be explained at the workshop.

**Request for Motions:** Steve Andelman made a motion to remove the words "scientific" and "religious" as purposes from the Articles of Incorporation (AoI) Article IV. Phil explained that this wording is regularly used by corporations and that the AoI have been submitted to the state after the membership vote on September 11, 2019. Motion not seconded.

Steve made a motion to change the AoI Article X and the Bylaws Article VI Section 2 to define a quorum as at least 6 Board of Directors members. Motion not seconded.

Discussion involved best way to bring motions forward: Contact the meeting leader to add the item to the agenda and provide material in advance for members to review.

Suggestion: Form a committee to develop an Advisory Board Mandate of responsibilities and procedures which is being done for the Board of Directors.

**Help Needed for General Meetings Set Up:** Phil reported that since Irv Markely has "stepped down" the VHA needs someone to replace Irv to arrange the Set Up for General Meetings. This includes confirming the floor plan with the Recreation Center, ordering refreshments, etc. Please contact Phil if you are able to help.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Sullivan

## Appendix

### MEMORANDUM

To: Fred Briggs, President

From: Kathy Porter, Membership Chair

Date: October 9, 2019

Re: Membership Report

The numbers below represent membership ending September 30, 2019

- 41 Renewals:
  - 25 - Card Notice
  - 1 – Other
  - 15 - Credit Card
- 60 New members:
  - 14 - Trifold Brochure
  - 6 - Voice
  - 31 – New Resident Night with 17 by credit card
  - 10 – Credit Card
- Mail pickups:
  - 20 - VHA boxes
  - 15 - US Mail
- 16,952 members (a loss of 17 members from last month) in 9,376 households (a loss of 11 households)
- 507 Invitations going out for the November 12 New Resident Night
- Mailings:
  - 113 Renewals due November 1, 2019 mailed
  - 176 expired notices for August, September and October mailed.
- New Resident Night with 89 residents and 22 vendors:
  - 10 new members: 2 lifetime and 8 two-year memberships
- Many thanks to:
  - Walter Martin for his help at the membership table
  - Andy Bilardello for manning the VHA info table and wrapping up the materials.
  - To the South for hosting.

I will be at both the Oct. 15 Cutting the Cord and the Oct. 17 Internet Privacy meetings to check and take memberships but we will need people at the door to check membership cards.