

VHA Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Lake Miona Recreation Center 1:00 PM January 26, 2023

Board Members - Present: Fred Briggs, Russ D’Emidio, Mike Dollard, Walter Martin, Peter Moeller, Peter Russell, Sandra Rzepecki, Ray Viall, Phil Walker, Chuck Wildzunas

Board Members - Absent: Vivian Stephens,

Invited Attendees: Al Arnold – VHA Helping Hands President; Peggy Fiore – VHA Foundation Committee Chair; Joan Sullivan-VHA Secretary

Call to order: President Peter Russell called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Peter asked for a motion to approve the agenda with an additional item under Old Business “VHA Board Self Evaluation 2022 Action Items.” Motion made to approve the agenda with the additional item, seconded and approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Peter asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the December 21, 2022 meeting. Motion made to accept, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Mike Dollard reported that all taxes for 2021 have been completed as per the extension period.

Q. When are the VHA 2022 taxes due? A. May 15, 2022.

Mike requested a resolution by the VHA Board of Directors to change the contact person for QuickBooks. A motion made and seconded “As of January 26, 2023 the VHA President Peter Russell resolves that Treasurer Mike Dollard is designated as primary administrator of VHA QuickBooks.” Following discussion motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Board Election – Board Members: Peter R. asked for a motion to re-elect Board Members Vivian Stephens and Chuck Wildzunas. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Term Limits – Board Members: Peter R. reminded Board members Chuck was asked to revise the wording of a proposal to remove term limits for Board members. A handout of Chuck’s revision was distributed and a motion was made to approve the revisions and seconded. Following discussion, the motion was defeated. Peter R. asked Peter Moeller to work with Chuck for further revisions to the wording in the Bylaws of Board Members’ and term limits in preparation for the February Board meeting.

Term Limits – President and Executive Vice President: Peter R. referred members to the proposal emailed with this meeting’s agenda to revise term limits for the VHA President and Executive Vice President. Discussion concluded Peter M. and Chuck would work to revise wording in the Bylaws of these two positions regarding term limits in preparation for the February Board meeting.

VHA Board Self Evaluation 2022 Action Items: Peter R. asked Russ D’Emidio to present an update. Russ reviewed the updates in the handout of Action Items from the Board Self Evaluation 2022 meeting. Most items are completed. Russ and Joan Sullivan will prepare a tentative schedule for the February Board meeting of when VHA Program and Committee Leaders will provide an annual report to the Board. Walter Martin volunteered to work with Mike as oversight for VHA Fiscal Performance. Regarding Board members as liaisons to VHA programs Peter R. reported the following. Ray Viall will attend meetings related to the rebuilding Paradise Recreation Center. Fred Briggs will prepare a monthly column of VHA activities published in the Daily Sun newspaper. Sandra Rzepecki is Chair of a Documents Committee to determine best storage procedures. Phil Walker will work with VHA Golf Cart Safety Clinic. Chuck is working with Bylaws revisions. Peter Moeller is working to prepare and order portable posters used at entrances to VHA programs to identify and promote the VHA. Russ is liaison to the Communication Committee, which includes – VHA Voice, website and Facebook page. Additionally, VP South Dave Fountaine has volunteered to work with Tangent Media regarding website functions.

New Business

Board Members as Liaisons: See above “VHA Board Self Evaluation 2022 Action Items.”

VHA Voice – New Format: Peter R. noted the Voice printing in the Daily Sun was well received and will continue monthly to feature VHA news and announcements.

VHA Poster: Peter M. referred to the handout of the proposed portable poster to be displayed at the entrance to VHA programs. Peter is working with Outer Image in Bushnell, FL with the goal to keep the poster wording simple. The poster is on a tripod, hanging from a pole. It works like a window shade and folds up to carry easily. Discussion followed of possible wording revision plus the addition of a QR code and / or VHA website address. Peter will order six (6) posters \$200+ each for the three (3) Area Vice Presidents, Bingo, New Resident Night, and Golf Cart Safety Clinic.

March Board Meeting at Daily Sun Site: Peter R. reminded members of the invitation to hold a Board meeting at the Daily Sun's new facility with an invitation to have a tour and pizza. Board members agreed. Peter will confirm with the Daily Sun to meet at 4:00 PM March 23, 2023.

Selling / Donating VHA Equipment: Peter R. noted \$1500 each year pays for a storage unit without air-conditioning of a large conference table and several tents/canopies. Peter requested the Board's approval to sell or donate these items to eliminate this expense. The Board agreed and Peter will contact the Sheriff's ranch to see if they would like these items as donations.

Participation at Polo Grounds Event: Peter R. suggested the VHA participate in the March 18, 2023 event planned by Rotary Club of The Villages NOON from 11:00 – 6:00 PM at no cost. Peter will also discuss this further at Executive and Advisory Boards.

Revisions to VHA New Resident Night: Peter R. reported The Enrichment Academy will now be a regular participant at NRN. Peter explained he contacted the Sumter Landing Bicycle Club to inform them they will no longer participate. Diana Mirkin of the Bicycle Friendly Advocacy Council which includes three (3) bicycle clubs reached out to work with the VHA similarly as the Golf Cart Safety Clinic. BFAC will join NRN as a presenter. Peter will discuss with Diana options for ways they may join with VHA to promote bicycle safety.

Discussion included the amount of postage to send 400-500 invitation each month to new residents inviting them to NRN. Peter R. will contact Membership Chair Kathy Porter to discuss the possibility of testing attendance at NRN for two months with no mailing of invitations. NRN will be announced in the monthly article of the Voice in the Daily Sun and listed on the website, and Facebook.

Bylaws Revision: Sandra referred to a handout asking for a motion to revise the VHA Bylaws Article III Section 2. B. Members-only Meetings by deleting "and invited guests." Motion made and seconded. Following discussion motion approved unanimously.

Members Comments

Pre-registration VHA Programs: Peter R. reported VP South Dave Fontaine used the pre-registration option added to the VHA website for the January 23, 2023 program. Working with Doug Smiley – Tangent Media, Dave and Doug worked out the minor issues and ninety-eight (98) members pre-registered. The room holds 143 guests. Additional members attended with several people signed up as members at the door.

New Area VP: Peter R. explained Tweet Coleman is the new AVP Central. Tweet is also a CDD 6 supervisor.

VHA Awards Night: Peter R. announced the 2022 award winners who will be presented at the March 8, 2023 VHA Awards Night 7:00 PM in Lake Miona Recreation Center are: Volunteer Award – VHA Bingo Team; Partner Award – The Villages Recreation and Parks Department. "Best Buddies Citizens Group" will be recognized and receive a \$500 donation from our Foundation Committee; Don Hahnfeldt Memorial Service Award – Fred Briggs.

VHA Funds: Peter stated part of the VHA general fund will be put into CDs. Mike has been asked to prepare a proposal for a portion of the general fund to be given to the VHA Foundation Committee.

February Meeting with Daily Sun: Peter R. reported he will be meeting with the Daily Sun Editor in February to discuss details of VHA's involvement in dispensing funds for a planned project.

Fire Damage to VHA Van: Phil asked Al Arnold to report on the damage to the VHA van. Al explained a fire in a nearby storage garage caused damage to the VHA van. As insurance companies are working out details, it appears the van will only be out-of-service for one day at no cost to the VHA.

VHA Helping Hands 2022 Contacts: Al explained he contacted the Daily Sun to report the VHA HH had over 8,400 contacts in 2022 up from over 6,000 in 2021 at a 33% increase. Contacts include equipment - repairs, returns, donations and phone calls.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM Respectfully submitted, Joan Sullivan

Next Board Meeting: THURSDAY 1:00 PM February 23, 2023 Lake Miona - Resolute Room