

VHA Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
Lake Miona Recreation Center 1:00 PM March 24, 2022

Board Members - Present: Karl Arps, John Conboy, Peter Moeller, Greg Panjian, Phil Walker

Board Members - Absent: Fred Briggs, Russ D’Emidio, Vivian Stephens, Chuck Wildzunas

Invited Attendees: Al Arnold – VHA Helping Hands President, Peter Russell- 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 add the item “Review – VHA Awards Night” to the agenda. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Phil asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the February 24, 2022 meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Conboy informed members that he sent the revised change to his name “John Conboy” for registered agent of the VHA to the State of Florida and the VHA’s lawyer.

John asked if there are any questions referring to the financials attached to this meeting’s agenda.

Q. Have any investments been pulled?

A. One investment will be cashed-in this June to finance the VHA Foundation Committee.

Q. Which amount references available cash?

A. “Current Assets” on the Balance sheet. CD’s are listed separately.

Q. Will the amount for the Website Project decrease as less work is required?

A. Yes.

Old Business

VHA Website Update: Phil explained that the VHA Executive Committee met with Beth Musser the VHA Website Content Editor to review the components of the front-end. Many revisions and suggestions were identified. Beth revised many while the other items were sent to Doug Smiley of Tangent Media. Another meeting will be scheduled for Beth to review and instruct use of features in the back-end of the website with the Executive Committee and Membership Chair Kathy Porter.

John explained that Kathy often gets requests from members to correct a notation on their account. Occasional errors occur when amounts of cash or check transactions are entered by hand. These errors do not occur when memberships are paid through credit card.

Q. Could the website make an error of entering “lifetime membership” when a member clicks on “two year membership?”

A. No, that only occurs by human error. The member would need to click on the cell for the correct choice and the amount of credit card would need to correspond for the transaction to be completed.

Q. Will expenses continue for use of mailchimp, mailgun and Grasshopper.com?

A. That is something the Executive Committee needs to review and address.

Q. What is the charge for credit card transactions?

A. It is 4% for the \$25 membership and 3% for \$100.

VHA Foundation Committee: Phil asked Peter to provide an update of the VHA Foundation Committee. Peter explained that Board member Vivian Stephens is the Chair of this committee. The next meeting is on April 4, 2022 to discuss recruiting recipients and distributing contributions.

April General Meeting – Members Only: Phil reminded members of the VHA General Meeting April 19, 2022 in Rohan Recreation Center with the US Representative Daniel Webster as the featured speaker. Rep. Webster has requested that off duty Sheriff’s officers are present for this meeting.

VHA Mailboxes – Update: Phil announced the VHA mailboxes have all been emptied and sealed by District Property Management. A notice has been attached indicating how memberships may be paid through the website and snail mail. A note has been sent thanking all VHA volunteers for their efforts maintaining these boxes.

Review - VHA Awards Night: Phil reported there was a very good turnout for this year’s VHA Awards Night. Publicity was strong and the meeting was open to all residents for the first time. In the past, this meeting was Members-Only while also inviting family and guests of award winners. Phil noted when Chief Cain addressed the audience, Chief Cain received a lengthy standing ovation for the work done by Villages Public Safety Department. Suggestion was made for the future to encourage the award winners to introduce their guests to be recognized.

Note: Mike Burke VHA Social Events Coordinator did an outstanding job with a non-stop comic monologue which kept the audience entertained.

Board Member Training Documents Update: Phil referred members to the updated Board member interview and training documents that have been finalized. Peter displayed the notebook new Board members will receive that contains documents some of which include the VHA Vision, Mission and Values, Articles of Inc., and VHA Bylaws. The secretary thanked Karl Arps for turning the simple documents for interviewing and training new Board members into a professional format.

New Business

New VHA Officers: Phil announced John Dean has resigned as VHA Vice President – Central to pursue his interests with Honor Flight and cooking for the food pantry. Ellie Decker has been interviewed and accepted the position as VHA VP Central. Interim VHA Vice President Far South Roger Kass is stepping down for Dave Fountaine to move up from Assistant to new VHA VP Far South. Dave will be invited to the April Board meeting to explain the programs he has scheduled in 2022 south of SR 44 open to all Villages residents. One member of the Foundation Committee has expressed interest in becoming the VHA Assistant VP Far South and will soon be interviewed.

Note: Following this Board meeting, Gary Frigiola was interviewed and accepted the position of VHA Asst VP Far South.

Members Comments

North Region Volunteer: Karl explained an excellent candidate was interviewed to become VHA Assistant VP North but health issues caused him to decline the position at this time. As health improves, he may be able to accept the position at a later date. In the meantime, this candidate has volunteered to become a VHA Neighborhood Representative in the Village of Country Club Hills.

Promoting VHA Helping Hands: VHA Helping Hands President Al Arnold announced the Daily Sun will be sending a photographer to take pictures at the HH storage facility for a significant article about VHA HH. A photo will also be taken at the office showing equipment being handed out.

Promoting VHA: Peter Moeller noted the advertising that is on Gold Wingnut videos. Peter agreed to learn the cost of this advertising for the VHA to consider as the videos have a great number of viewers.

Phil added that the Radio Station is being checked out as another means of promoting the VHA.

“Evening With the Developer:” The “Evening With the Developer” is in the planning stages and will likely occur on or after May 18th. Notices will be sent explaining how and when VHA officers may request 1 or 2 tickets in advance of the box office opening for VHA members as soon as the date has been announced.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Sullivan

Next Meeting: THURSDAY 1:00 PM April 28, 2022 Lake Miona RC – Resolute Room