

# VHA Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Pimlico Recreation Center 1:00 PM May 26, 2022

**Board Members - Present:** Karl Arps, John Conboy, Russ D’Emidio, Peter Moeller, Greg Panjian, Vivian Stephens, Phil Walker

**Board Members - Absent:** Fred Briggs, 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 approve the agenda. Motion made, seconded and approved.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Phil asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the April 28, 2022 meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer John Conboy explained that April financials attached to this meeting’s agenda showed a profit. VHA Bingo and membership dues are making this difference.

## Old Business

**VHA “Evening With the Developer” Follow Up:** Phil thanked members for their help in distributing the remaining tickets for this event to VHA members. Possible reasons for tickets not picked up from The Villages box office were discussed including: not wanting to stand online; awareness that this event would be covered in The Daily Sun newspaper on the following day.

**Note:** The video of this event is available on the VHA website.

**VHA Foundation Committee (FC) Update:** Foundation Committee Co-Chair Vivian Stephens reported The Daily Sun featured a FC article on the front page May 20, 2022 of the interview with Vivian and committee member Carol Duggan. This article generated a great deal of interest as phone calls and a letter, requesting a cash grant, were received. VHA Region 5 Director Nicolas Hemes arranged a luncheon for Vivian and Co-Chair Peggy Fiore to meet with CIVITAN representative Laura McLaughlin to discuss groups who may benefit from FC support.

**VHA Helping Hands Update:** HH President Al Arnold reported to date over 3100 contacts have occurred which includes: loaning and receiving equipment; phone calls. HH Equipment has been analyzed to determine which is in excess and which is in least demand. Excess equipment has been donated to FAME (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism) an international organization whose primary focus is medical mission work sending medical supplies to the developing world. Following this donation, significant work was done to reconfigure the storage units for efficiency.

Including the \$4042 from the VHA total donations for 2022 equals \$12,566. HH Board members shared responsibilities of preparing and finalizing HH position descriptions. Next task is to document processes and procedures for each HH position, along with contacts and tools used. The goal is to finalize by the end of the summer. Two training sessions were held on location: one at the storage space and one at the VHA office. This was done to help volunteers understand each other’s responsibilities.

VHA Far South VP Dave Fountaine invited HH to make a brief presentation at the May 23, 2022 program in Ezell Recreation Center.

HH upcoming challenges include: obtaining sufficient volunteers, especially computer-literate office staff and full-time resident shuttle drivers; managing storage space in one location as returns are made.

Suggestion: Advertise the dollar amount and the HH item that could be purchased to help people recognize how donations are used.

Q. Does a person have to be a VHA member to receive equipment?

A. No. HH provides this loan program to Villages residents.

## **New Business**

### **Promoting the VHA:**

**Programs to Members/Residents:** Phil asked Executive Vice President Peter Russell to report on VHA promotion efforts. Peter explained the VHA is working on putting together agencies that help residents to increase quality years of health and well-being to compliment the Developer's efforts toward residents "Living to 100." Peter is in contact with Amy Wixted to partner the VHA with the 14 presenters who provide the 75 programs available from Villages Health Department.

**Merchants to Members (M2M):** Phil explained the M2M program is facing the challenge of finding people to reach out to the area businesses to join / remain with M2M. Asst Far South VP Gary Frigiola has volunteered to lead an M2M committee to cover the different regions of The Villages.

**Blasts to Members:** Phil noted Dave Fountaine Far South VP also sends membership blasts. Dave needs someone else to take over the responsibility of sending blasts to members.

## **Members Comments**

**Hospital Update:** Russ D'Emidio reported there are 30 Covid patients right now.

**Daily Sun Distribution Center Tour:** Phil reported the Daily Sun has invited the VHA Board of Directors to hold one of the monthly meetings at the new distribution center and receive a tour of the facility.

**Cost Concerns:** Peter Moeller noted residents are expressing cost concerns: Villages amenities fees continue to rise while many are on a fixed income; an independent fire district will likely increase annual costs.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Sullivan

**Next Meeting: THURSDAY 1:00 PM June 23, 2022 Lake Miona - Resolute Room**