

VHA Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Lake Miona Recreation Center 1:00 PM February 23, 2023

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

Board Members - Absent: Russ D’Emidio, Vivian Stephens,

Invited Attendees: Al Arnold – VHA Helping Hands President; Joan Sullivan-VHA Secretary

Call to order: President Peter Russell called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Peter asked for a motion to approve the agenda with additional items: “Signage” “Foundation Committee” “Bicycle Friendly Advocacy Council.” Motion made to approve the agenda with the additional items, seconded and approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Peter asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting. Motion made to accept, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Mike Dollard explained “Transactions by Account” refers to bills paid. No new vendors have been added. Peter R. noted this is two months in a row that net is positive. There has been an increase in receipt of membership dues.

Old Business

Term Limits – Board Members: Peter R. asked for a motion to bring to the floor the proposal to remove term limits for Boards members. Motion made and seconded. Discussion followed with the suggestion to add at the beginning of the proposed revision the phrase from the original ARTICLE IV Board of Directors “Unless otherwise established by the Board from time-to-time,..” Motion made to amend the proposed Bylaws revision by adding the suggested phrase, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion made to amend the Bylaws to read: “Unless otherwise established by the Board from time to time, the VHA Board of Directors shall be comprised of a minimum nine (9) Board Members including President, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. Additions to the minimum Board shall be voted and approved by the Board at their discretion. Board members shall serve until their resignation or removal by the Board.” seconded, and unanimously approved.

Term Limits – President and Executive Vice President: Peter R. asked for a motion to bring to the floor the proposal to remove annual elections for President and Executive Vice President subject to a maximum of five consecutive years. Motion made and seconded. Following discussion motion made to approve the proposed Bylaws revisions for ARTICLE VI CORPORATE OFFICERS President and Executive Vice President, seconded and unanimously approved.

Mike noted an additional revision is necessary to the Bylaws wording in ARTICLE VI CORPORATE OFFICERS stating “The President may be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of all committees,..” explaining it should read “The President is an ex-officio, nonvoting member of all committees,..” Motion made to amend the Bylaws wording from “may” to “is” seconded, and unanimously approved.

March 18 – Polo Grounds: Peter R. reported Don Wiley is working with Rotary Club of the Villages NOON to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, National Brain Tumor Society and Alzheimer’s Association on March 18th at the Polo Grounds and has invited nonprofit organizations to set up a booth. All attendees and volunteers are expected to pay \$5 to help support this cause. VHA volunteers / Neighborhood Representatives will be needed in shifts of 2-3 people to operate the VHA booth along with Helping Hands and Foundation Committee. A six-foot folding table is needed and all will need to bring their own chairs.

March Board Meeting at the Daily Sun Site: Peter R. reminded members the March 23rd Board meeting will be at 4:00 PM at the Daily Sun operations site at 4970 Orba Drive, Sumterville, FL. The Board meeting will be brief to allow time for the tour of the operations offered by the Daily Sun’s publisher.

BFAC – New Resident Night: Sandra Rzepecki noted that the Bicycle Friendly Advocacy Council representative who replaced the Sumter Landing Bicycle Club was still not providing a more positive talk to guests. It appeared the speaker only represented the Sumter Landing Bicycle Club and not all three clubs which make up this Advocacy Council. Walter Martin agreed the talk was still quite negative. Peter R. stated he will speak to the leader ahead of the next NRN.

New Business

Signage: Peter R. displayed and explained that the six-foot portable sign, table sign and 3”x5” handouts were planned and ordered by Peter Moeller to promote the VHA at programs. Wording includes “The Villages Homeowners Advocates - Helping Hands, Philanthropy, Education, Volunteering and Socializing.” “Please Join Us and Keep The Dream Alive” The VHA website is also listed. Peter R. thanked Peter M. for his time, effort and generosity as Peter M. paid for these items as a donation to the VHA. Five (5) additional six-foot signs will be ordered for each of the three (3) Area VPs, New Resident Night and Bingo. Decisions will be made later on type and quantity of table signs. The handouts, which include a QR code to the VHA website, will be distributed to guests at VHA programs. It was noted the Ford Press in Leesburg, FL has most reasonable printing costs.

Peter R. reported that Peter M. also prepared a sample handout of the dates, time and location of the 2023 New Resident Night, which was sent to the Developer’s Representative Dr. Gary Lester to learn if these handouts may be added to resident closing documents.

VHA CPA, Insurance and CDs: Mike reported he met with the VHA CPA and found the cost to prepare taxes too expensive. Mike will prepare the VHA taxes and assist the VHA Helping Hands Treasurer as needed. Mike added he is researching the best bank to purchase VHA CDs.

Peter R. added the VHA liability insurance is cancelled as of March 16th as the organization is incorrectly listed with the insurance company as a homeowner’s association. The insurance agent is working on rolling the liability in the VHA’s second insurance policy as the VHA is a lifestyle group.

50/50 Profits: Peter R. explained 50/50 profits at VHA programs will be announced as designated to the VHA’s philanthropic efforts.

Q. Can membership dues handle VHA overhead without using 50/50 profits?

A. Yes.

Foundation Committee: Peter R. reported he will discuss with the FC to consider giving additional grants to the Hurricane Ian victims and, if so, will approach the Daily Sun to match FC Hurricane Ian grants.

Q. Why did FC give a donation to the Hospital Foundation, which already has large resources?

A. The donation was specified by an anonymous donor to designate a portion of the donation to the Hospital Foundation.

Scheduling Reports: Programs, Committee, Updates: Peter R. referred to the draft of “Annual Reporting to the VHA Board of Directors 2023” prepared by Russ D’Emidio and Joan Sullivan asking if there are any questions or comments. As no revisions were suggested, Peter R. stated the word “draft” is to be deleted and to move forward with this schedule.

Members Comments

Discount discontinued at Villages Golf Cars: Peter R. reported Villages Golf Cars is no longer providing a 15% member discount for safety equipment as this is now standard on new golf carts. Phil Walker is preparing other options of discounts and will discuss with Villages Golf Cars if they will consider another form of VHA discount for members.

Board Member Document Notebook: Board members may request a copy of the Board Member Notebook of documents from the secretary.

Driver Safety Programs: Peter R. asked Chuck Wildzunas about the former CarFit program to provide a VHA driver safety program. Chuck explained the CarFit program is labor intensive with very little return. A great deal of preparation and number of volunteers are needed to process about 20 cars in a 5 hour period. Peter asked Chuck to learn if AARP would work with the VHA to provide driver safety classes. Chuck agreed and noted the individual’s insurance company determines the amount of discount for completing driver safety classes.

Tentative November 14th VHA Health Expo: Peter R. explained planning will move forward to hold a VHA Health Expo in November after the Recreation Department approves the request.

Q. Will there be testing for blood pressure and pulmonary functions?

A. This will be looked into.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM Respectfully submitted, Joan Sullivan

Next BOD Meeting: Thurs. 4:00 PM – March 23rd – Daily Sun – 4970 Orba Drive, Sumterville, FL