

VHA Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Lake Miona Recreation Center 1:00 PM June 22, 2023

Board Members - Present: Modesto Alcala, Fred Briggs, Russ D’Emidio, Mike Dollard, Walter Martin, Peter Moeller, Peter Russell, Sandra Rzepecki, Vivian Stephens, Chuck Wildzunas

Board Members - Absent: Ray Viall, Phil Walker

Invited Attendees: Al Arnold – VHA Helping Hands President, Dan Kapellen – Asst VP Central, Marc Langroth – VHA Foundation Asst Chair, 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 this meeting’s agenda with added agenda items: Draft Policy 1.6 Documents Management and Central Resource for Aging in Place. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Peter asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 25, 2023 meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Mike Dollard reported financials are progressing satisfactorily. Mike explained an inaccurate financial report was randomly emailed from the office computer. To correct computer issues a new modem is on order. Peter explained due to the random email of that financial page, financials will no longer be emailed ahead of the Board meeting. Mike will report financials orally during Board meetings. However, Board members may request a complete copy of the financials from Mike at any time. MJDollard@hotmail.com
Financial report filed for audit.

Old Business

Update Health and Wellness Expo: Peter reported the next committee meeting of H & W committee meeting will be at 2:30 following this Board meeting. Good news, the platinum sponsor has already been sold. The focus of this event is “How Can We Stay Healthy?”

VHA Involvement & Driver Safety: Peter reminded members of the Safe Mobility for Life materials Chuck Wildzunas distributed during the May Board meeting and asked for suggestions of VHA involvement for a Driver Safety Initiative. Chuck restated that the VHA is the only Community Partner with this program in The Villages. Chuck’s contact in Tallahassee, FL is willing to assist and responds quickly to emails. Chuck suggested a series of programs could be presented. The VHA golf cart instructor could present the program of Golf Car Safety, while other people could present bicycle and pedestrian safety. Room reservations will be requested for presenting these programs in 2024. Chuck received additional copies of the SMFL materials and invited members to pick up more after the meeting. Peter reported District Manager Kenny Blocker will be holding a Discussion of the Multi-Modal Paths 1:30 PM July 17, 2023 at the Savannah Center.
Peter stated July 1st the new State law now requires golf cart drivers to have either a learner’s permit or a driver’s license.

Updates VHA Foundation: Foundation Asst Chair Marc Langroth reported at the June 26 meeting, the Foundation will be working on an article for the Daily Sun newspaper explaining the VHA Foundation will collect and distribute funds for the hurricane relief initiative. Daily Sun reporter Maddie Cutler is assisting the Foundation. A donation tab specifically for hurricane relief has been added to the VHA website. Other organizations will be considered to receive hurricane relief support besides the four (4) organization currently named.

Members are encouraged to recruit people who are interested in participating with the Foundation. Send name and contact information of interested Foundation participants to Peter Russell. pmrhop@gmail.com

Central Resource for Aging in Place: Peter reported rather than working with the Partners to create a resource list for VHA members and Villages residents aging in place, the VHA will work on this project.

Update: July Town Hall: Peter explained an Issues Team will handle questions as they are received rather than asking for questions every three (3) months ahead of the Town Hall meeting. Questions will be answered by region with Phil Walker covering Central, Roger Kass – South and TBD – north.

On July 18, 2023 in Laurel Manor Recreation Center at 9:30 am members are asked to attend the Meet & Mingle ahead of the 10:00 am Town Hall meeting. The meeting will begin with one or two key questions for the Partners followed by a presentation of information from UF Health Central Florida CEO Heather Long discussing UF Health and The Villages hospital.

October Town Hall will feature Chief Brian Twiss.

Russ will be meeting with Heather Long the week of June 26th. Send questions / concerns for Heather to Russ by Sunday June 25, 2023. Russd601@yahoo.com

New Business

Trademarking Logos: Peter explained the VHA uses The Villages “V” in its logo therefore the VHA cannot trade mark the VHA logos.

Draft Revised Policy 1.5 Colors & Logos: Peter asked for a motion to approve the revised VHA Policy 1.5 Colors & Logos. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Draft Policy 1.6 Document Management: Peter asked for a motion to approve the VHA Policy 1.6 Document Management. Motion made, seconded and approved.

501(c)(3) Statements: Peter referred to the document “501(c)(3) Statements” sent with this meeting’s agenda. The wording in the document’s statements must be used if decision is to add a statement of the VHA as a 501(c)(3) organization at the bottom. Use font size 8.

Members’ Comments

President’s “Right-hand”: Peter R. explained members will notice that Peter Moeller may be sending emails to you as he is working closely as the President’s “right-hand.”

Member Passing: Asst Director Region 6 Bob Griffin recently passed. Bob worked with the VHA for many years and will be missed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Sullivan

Next Board Meeting: Thursday 1:00 PM July 27, 2023 Lake Miona RC – Resolute room