

**VHA Executive Board (EB)**  
**Laurel Manor – May 10, 2023**

**Executive Board - Present:** Karl Arps, Tweet Coleman, Michael Dollard, Dave Fountaine, Peter Russell, Joan Sullivan, Mike Williamson

**Executive Board - Absent:** Dan Kapellen

**Call to order:** President Peter Russell called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Peter explained a table and chairs in a storage shed have been donated. Costs for renting this shed ended in April.

## **Discussion Topics**

**Issues Team:** Peter reported an Issues Team has been formed to provide quicker responses to questions that are often answered at the quarterly Town Hall meetings. This team will also remove this extra responsibility from Area VPs who have been responding to questions that need immediate attention. Fred Brigg, Peter Moeller and Peter Russell will meet with the Issues Team to lay the ground work moving forward. Questions for the North region will be handled by Phil Walker, Central – Don Burgess, South – Roger Kass, all VHA Past Presidents. For their awareness of area questions and issues, Area VPs will receive updates and CC's of Issue Team emails.

**Town Hall Revisions:** A new format for Town Hall will begin July 18<sup>th</sup> with a current topic presented to VHA Leaders and NRs. Heather Long CEO UF Health Shands Central Florida has been asked to speak at the July 18<sup>th</sup> Town Hall about the relationship between UF Health and The Villages Hospital.

eBlasts of Town Hall revisions will be sent to members as soon as Issues Team's procedures are set.

Note: Questions are sent by Members-only.

**Lifestyle Expo – Volunteers & Coordinator:** The VHA is staffing a table each month at Ezell RC from 9:00 – 3:00 where new residents learn about services in The Villages and meet representatives including many from lifestyle groups. Two volunteers are needed from 8:30 – 11:45 and 11:45 – 3:00 to promote the VHA and provide handouts as guests browse through.

**June Area VP reports to Board of Directors:** The VHA Board of Directors want to meet the VHA Leaders of VHA areas and programs annually and learn how the Board may help them. June was selected as the month when Area VPs and the Assistant AVPs would report to the Board. This schedule can be adjusted to work with VP's schedules. Area VPs are to contact the Secretary if they are able to attend the 1:00 PM June 22, 2023 Board of Directors meeting at Lake Miona RC. If not June, then please advise which month. The Board meets in Lake Miona RC at 1:00 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Jan – Oct. Nov-Dec meetings are held at 1:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. Contact Joan Sullivan at [joanstrek@aol.com](mailto:joanstrek@aol.com)

**NRs to Speak at Golf Cart Safety Clinic:** Past President Phil Walker overseeing GCS noted an opportunity for NRs to become involved in promoting the VHA which occurs at each GCS Clinic. An NR would need to speak for 2-3 minutes explaining what the VHA is and does for members and residents. GCS meets at 9:00 AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at Colony Cottage RC.

**Reviewing Drafts VP Documents:** Karl Arps drafted several documents for Area VPs to review. Discussion determined there is no need for the documents "Position Description of an Assistant Area Vice President" and "Orienting and Supporting an Assistant Area Vice President" since Assistant AVPs are positions, which step in as Area VP receiving the same training as AVPs.

AVPs will review and discuss the document "VHA Procedure & Checklist Coaching Neighborhood Representatives."

**Merchants to Members:** Peter noted M2M is not working. Members are not using the discounts and merchants are unaware that members use their service. The VHA will move focus toward obtaining Sponsors and Supportive Members/Patrons with levels of support TBD. Peter Moeller is working on a framework for labeling and determining levels of support. Tweet Coleman will provide the format of levels from an organization with which Tweet is affiliated. M2M Director Carol Duggan will continue with The Foundation. Carol may be asked to take over as leader coordinating volunteers for Lifestyle Expo.

**Daily Sun:** In June the Daily Sun will be focusing on Hurricane relief and using The Foundation as a conduit for donating funds. DS has identified four (4) groups still needing support from Hurricane Ian. The Foundation will focus on hurricane relief support in Sumter, Lake and Marion counties as relief may be needed for future hurricanes.

**VHA Logos:** Dave sent a draft of professional level logos to Peter to review.

**Online Newsletter:** Dave explained that the draft of a VHA online newsletter is almost ready as promised for June.

Meeting adjourned 12:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Sullivan