

BellaVita Veterans Club Meeting Minutes  
19MAY2010

1. Commander Stiefvater opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. New members were welcomed – Claire Pittman, WWII veteran and his son Rex Lawson.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary David Southard and approved unanimously.
4. The treasury report was given by Treasurer John Devereux. Poles and caps for the Flag Project were purchased for approximately \$380. The clubhouse sidewalk extension is budgeted for \$1,200 and appears to be on budget. The Memory Walk project is budgeted and approved for \$5,000. Currently \$4,624 has been spent with known continuing expenses of \$800 for additional water system improvements and \$1,277 for the stone marker. The club currently has total funds of \$6,236.38.
5. The trailer will be repaired during the Memorial Day showing. Donald Velasquez and V&V will do the repairs.
6. The sidewalk extension project is in process and is expected to be completed this week. A motion was made by Gene Reddell to approve the \$1,200 expenditure for the sidewalk extension. Motion was seconded and approved.
7. Memorial Garden. Benny Rains reported that Brandon will install additional water leads and wiring, smooth and level the rough areas, and plant nandinas in the display and bench area for \$800.
8. Flag Project. Wayne indicated that flags may stay up between Memorial Day and Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup> depending on weather. Team captains should be ready to alert their teams on short notice. The trailer will be open by 8a.m. on May 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a workday to install receivers this Friday at 9a.m. Rain guards will be available to team captains on the 29<sup>th</sup>. They should each get a box of 48. Captains should identify locations that need a rain guard during the installation on the 29<sup>th</sup> and install with team members at a later time.
9. Gene Reddell displayed a POW-MIA flag for approval to fly on the designated federal holidays. A motion was made by Frenchy to approve \$70 expenditure to purchase the flag and associated hardware. Motion was seconded and approved.
10. Arlen indicated the Memorial Day picnic would be at 12pm. There is a volunteer list for signup. The picnic has been marketed in the Weekly Announcements. Everyone wanting to attend needs to get a ticket from the clubhouse. Guests will be \$3.00. The menu will be hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, and chips. Potato salad will not be available this year due to spoilage issues.
11. Arlen informed that the memorial garden dedication would be at 10am on Memorial Day. A bugler from the Pearland Community band will be available to play taps.
12. Arlen indicated he would be requesting the Advisory Committee to review creating a Bereavement Committee at their next meeting. This committee might be better suited to implement a bereavement process community wide rather than the Vets. Considerable discussion ensued.

13. The clubhouse flags will be cared for in June by John Rodriguez and Gene Reddell.