

BellaVita Veteran's Organization

Minutes of 18 June 2014

Commander Paul Ashline called the meeting to order at 20:05. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was said. Eighteen members were present. One new member was introduced; Wade Hudson served in the US Marine Corp and is a Vietnam Veteran. He was accompanied by his wife, Nancy.

Minutes - Reading of the last meeting was waived.

Financial Report – Walter Paciack

The Beginning Balance as of 19May was \$13,576. Disbursements Totaled were \$2,298.97. Deposits were \$960.00. **Total Money on deposit as of 05June was 12,831.00.**

A copy of the Wells Fargo Bank Statement is included with these Minutes.

Flag Project – David Southard

Our Flag Raising for Memorial Day and Flag Day went very well. 695 Residents Flags and 175 Community Property Flags in 494 locations were posted. This was the most flags ever. There are still more renewals coming and we had about 100 duplicate checks to return. Next scheduled Flag postings will be 3July at 0730 and take down on Monday 07July after 7am. The Captains can set their own schedule to accommodate their crew.

Correspondence – We received a Thank You note from Brazoria County Military Moms and Wives for the Veterans contribution of \$500.00. The Moms and Wives sent 2,782 “Care” packages to soldiers. Postage for this amounted to over \$40,000. Their next mail out is in December. The question “do we want to contribute again this year”? After discussing, the Veterans Organization declined at this time. Mary Marino is our contact with the Wives and Moms.

Old Business

The Memorial Day Picnic went real well. We had lots of volunteer help. We hope we get the same response for the 4th of July Picnic.

Stainless Steel Counters – Gene said we are waiting for responses from suppliers. The BellaVita Men's Club want to contribute as well. Further discussion will be tabled for future meeting.

The Pool Party 7 June went very well. Olga did an outstanding job as the Veteran's representative.

New Business

The plan for the July 4th Picnic was presented. Arlen will get chairs. They will need to unload these early and setup the stage. We don't know that Mayor Reid has accepted our invitation yet. As a matter of courtesy, allow the Mayor to eat first, then any handicapped second and the rest following.

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The parade will start at 10am. Bill Burdick will be the Parade Grand Marshall and the Mayor will be the Honorable Dignitary. Flags of each of the Branches of the Service will be carried in the parade. The United States Flag will be carried at the head of the parade by Marjorie Parham. The Program will begin at 11am. The Choir will perform 11-11:30am. Food will be served at 12 until 1. The Choir will eat before. At 12:30pm the Mayor will be introduced, after that, the Choir will perform again. The Clubhouse closes at 4pm. The Veterans have no responsibility for the pool activities during or after the Program Activities. The Clubhouse will be decorated by Marsha and the Ladies. There will not be table decorations. The Quilting Club will hang Quilts behind the choir, and will raffle off a Quilt.

Open Forum

Whatever happened to the Cover over the Second Entrance? Bob Stockinger suggested we activate the project as originally planned. This will keep people from getting rained on coming into and leaving the Clubhouse. Cmdr Paul said we have three or four projects going on now – St. Steel Counters, and the Storage Shed. (Benny Frank said he got a big discount on the portable container. The original quote was \$4,000, but because we are Veterans, we could get it for \$2,200). Thanks for wearing your BellaVita hat, Benny. Bill Burdick reminded that the Storage Project is an HOA Responsibility, although all clubs plan to share in the expenses, if any.

Paul will setup a planning group to establish a budget. Their planned budget will be presented at a meeting for discussion and a Vote.

Paul – A platform for viewing the nature trail creek may be built. This will be tabled now for a future meeting.

Paul - A Trailer Maintenance Team will be set up to assist the maintenance of the trailer and flag repairs. Cecil and Steve Anderson will supervise this. Also, need to have work days separate from the flag days activity. Need a volunteer for this.

Paul – In the future, for safety purpose and efficiency, there will be two lines loading or unloading the trailer. The trailer will sit in the middle of the far lane and no cars will be parked in this lane. Trucks will line up so that two trucks and crews will be working simultaneously, and trucks will line up and take their turn as one is finished. A patrolman will be necessary to help direct the flow of traffic.

Closing – Thanks to Cecil and John for caring for the Clubhouse flags this month. Gene and David will tend the flags next month, beginning tomorrow.

Thanks to Benny and Bill for the fantastic meal tonight. Denny and Olga will provide July's meeting meal. Bill will bring the Beverages.

Cmdr Paul won the 50-50.

The meeting was Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Dennis Mulcahy, Secretary.