

EXCOMM MEETING AUGUST 2009

The Executive Committee of The Villages Parrot Head Club met on August 26, 2009 at Hacienda Hills Country Club. In attendance were President Jan Brooks, VP Steve Hopper, Secretary Gini Harris, Treasurer Will Stone, Membership JoAnne Heckman, and Trustees Sue Bross and Charlie Howlett.

Also in attendance were Barb Hopper, Bill Harris, Dave Brooks, Thurman Shurtleff, Doug Mosier, Larry Turner, Bob & Katy Alosi, Gary Blanchard, Glenny & Paul Kinder.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06am.

Entered into the August minutes was the Board approval by email on or about August 15th of a donation to the Wildwood Elementary School of \$1000 for the purchase of school uniforms. This donation was not associated with the Operation Backpack project.

Member Comments & Presentations:

New Year's Eve Party – Thurman Shurtleff, Event Chair. Proposed budget and expenditures were approved. Contracts have been signed for the venue, hotel rooms and band. Assignments have been made for decorations and party favors.

The Board voted NOT to use the point system for the sale of tickets. Ticket price was set at \$15 per person. There will be a limit of 150 tickets sold on a first come basis. A budget of \$1500 was approved for this event to be paid by the Club.

Tailgate Party at Buffett Concert – Gary Blanchard, Event Chair. Offered proposal for bus trip to the pre-concert event in the parking lot at Amway Arena. More information will be forthcoming for this event.

The Meeting continues with the approval of the July Board Meeting Minutes as written.

The July Financials were approved subject to audit.

Will announced that the Club received it's 501 (c7) Tax Status from the IRS. After discussion it was decided that the Club should pursue a 501 (C3) Tax Status which would make the Club State Sales Tax exempt. This will be investigated by Will and our tax attorney.

Christmas Party – Katy Alosi, Event Chair, brought us up to date. Everything is in order. The food, venue, band, are under contract. Tickets will go on sale the beginning of October at \$15 per person. A budget of \$1500 was approved to be paid by the Club.

PH Travel – Larry Turner brought us up to date on the Valentine Cruise he is offering saying 17 couples are currently booked. He requested permission to place his flyers in the MOTM handouts which was granted. He also discussed the possibility of other cruises to be planned in the future.

By-laws – A disk was given to each Board member with the stipulation that the disk will be passed on to the successor when your term ends along with all other relative paperwork pertaining to that office.

Election Chair – Rod Jones resigned his position as Election Chair effective immediately. Paul VanderWiere will replace him. Voting will be online this year. An announcement will be made in September for "Call for Elections" for those who are interested in running for a certain position to announce their intentions.

Operation Backpack – it was suggested that next year the Club place less emphasis on filling backpacks with everything on the list, and let teachers select the items that should go to each student.

C&L Tour – general consensus was that there were too many stops, and miscommunication at some restaurants. The event was not as well attended as in the past.

Golf Scramble – this was scheduled the same day as the C&L Tour causing a great deal of confusion for members. Going forward, event chairs must check the master calendar before scheduling an event. Unfortunately, golf is dictated by The Villages and takes precedent when scheduling. Events should be booked far enough in advance to avoid conflict.

Environmental/Volunteering – lengthy discussion ensued on different ways to get those who initially volunteer to continue to come out and support the efforts. No decisions were made.

CHPHC – the Club will be donating a basket for their charitable efforts to their Labor Day Beach Bash.

Donations – the Board was asked to consider the fact that other Clubs sponsor charitable events for a specific charity where as our Club indicates that benefactor as “Parrot Head Charities”.

PHlockings – 148 attended at El Santiago and 253 attended at Mallory. Space is a problem, and the need to find a larger venue to accommodate members was discussed. It was approved by the Board to research and secure a larger venue to replace El Santiago before the seasonal residents return.

Fall Dance – This idea was discussed to be held on 10/10/09 in conjunction with the Parrot Head Polo scheduled by The Villages Polo Club on 10/11 and also to use the shrimp offered by Margaritaville. Inviting other Parrot Head clubs, entertainment, venue choices, etc. will be investigated by Charlie Howlett and Will Stone. No firm decision was made at this time.

Pool Party – Everything is in order for this event scheduled for Sept. 20th.

Men’s Clothing Drive – Everything is in order for this charitable collection of men’s clothing & accessories at both PHlockings in Sept.

NEW BUSINESS:

Italian Parade – Dave Macdougall is lining up golf carts and walkers for each town square for the parade to be held on October 8th.

Parrot Head Polo - The Parrot Head Club has been invited to participate in this event featuring Caribbean food and drink and music by Jason & the Caribbean Chillers after the 2nd match on October 11.

Super Bowl Party – The Board voted to schedule a party on 2/7/10. This event will be chaired by John Kwiecinski who is currently looking for a venue, TV rental, etc.

Love Inc. – The Club was approached by this group to do another pancake breakfast with all proceeds going to Love Inc. The Board voted to table this request until next year.

5 O’Clock Somewhere – The Board approved the flyer and location for September. It will be a pub crawl stopping at Ruby Tuesday’s, McCalls Tavern, and Cattle Baron in Spanish Springs.

Also approved was the flyer for the October 5 O’Clock Somewhere which will be at Havana Country Club.

PHlocking for November – The first PHlocking is scheduled on Nov. 4 when most of the Board will be at MOTM. The alternate date is Nov. 2 pending approval from the restaurant affected.

Phins Up Shop – Offering a monthly “special” was approved starting in October. This would consist of “slow moving” inventory. A license plate design was selected.

T-Shirts – It was decided to allow volleyball players and work crew volunteers to keep the shirts given to them rather than turn them in when the event is finished. T-shirts paid by the Club will not be provided in the future.

Volunteers – The Board discussed different ways to reward those that volunteer during the course of the year with a party, cruise certificate drawings, gift certificate drawings, etc. Sue Bross will research and report back to the Board.

Chamber of Commerce – Charlie Howlett will investigate the advantages (or disadvantages) of joining the Lake Co. group.

Commission on Aging – Steve Hopper is to investigate what this group is all about.

Regional Leadership Conference – Will Stone will resend the Club information.

In an attempt to bring some kind of order to our Board meeting, it was approved that any member wishing to address the Excomm do so in writing 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting. It was further approved that those speakers be limited to 5 minutes.

The earlier request made by Gary Blanchard to do a bus trip to JJ Fins in Tavares be tabled until next year.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 16 at 9am at Hacienda Hills Country Club.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am

Submitted by:
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Secretary