Villages Hiking Club BOARD Meeting Minutes
9/25/25

Call to Order: President – Bob Bogdanoff called the meeting to order at 9:20am with the following Board Members in attendance: VP Website, Communication & Membership – Marisue Cody; VP Hiking & Trails – Gordon Carbonetti; VPs Social - Linda Arbaugh; and Treasurer – Bert Tang. Absent- Secretary, Cheryl Allmen, next minutes completed via Gordon's recording.

· **Reports**

VP Hiking & Trails – Gordon announced plans for the ***Fall Trip Adventure trip*** at Placerville on October 21-23, 2025, are progressing well. Fourteen rooms have been reserved, leaving 6 left. Future marketing will include the dinner and emphasis on Apple Hill activities before and after. Concerning our weekly hikes, Rambler lite hikes are scheduled throughout October by Katy Perritti. Sy and Guy are still organizing the rest of the scheduling for next month. He also shared a new hike to the Pinnacles that will be scheduled for the last week of October.

· **Treasurer – Bert** shared the Hill Land's balance remains the same, $3,279.72. The General budget account ends at $4,899.40 with the addition of an anonymous donation of $200 dedicated to the hiking club's socials and a few payments, one of which was $125 for Ed Knott's music at end of the summer picnic. A motion was given by Bob and seconded by Gordon to approve the fiscal reports. **Motion approved.**
After reviewing the year's fiscal records, he recommended maintaining the year's annual membership fee at $15/yr. If new members are added during the 4th quarter, they will only be billed for the next new year. Discussion occurred about new members who joined in third and fourth quarters since the Villages Accounting department had changed its billing policies. Bert then proposed maintaining the membership fee at $15/year for 2026 and any new members added during the 4th quarter will be billed for the next year (January 1, 2026). Gordon seconded. **Motion was approved**.
Lastly, Bert indicated he would continue in 2026 as the club's treasurer.

· **VP Social – Linda** announced that the social committee was pleased with utilizing the caterer for the ***End of Summer Picnic,*** Thursday September 11th. $20 dollars cost per attendee was very reasonable for the enjoyable evening which included music and dancing. Discussion occurred related to errors of omission that the committee should be aware of. It was mentioned about a guest who came to the picnic thinking the member had registered via on-line rsvp. Later it was discovered the guest had forgotten to press the send button. In the future, a solution to such issues can be taken into account for total attendance planning. Lastly Linda and the treasurer Bert discussed budgets and a follow up is planned to decide to add $500 to be available for the 2025 Holiday Party.

· **VP Website, Membership & Communication – Marisue** indicated the current club membership totals 325 individuals and she continue with the club's database updates. Marisue mentioned she had been dealing with a few individuals who had been dropped

and after those individuals came to the summer picnic they were reentered into the database. Secondly, since renters are more challenging, she now works with the Villages Accounting group to ensure that renters wishing to be members will be added. Four new members joining the club in the last quarter will be billed in 2026. A discussion regarding 3rd quarter new members occurred. Bob moved that both 3rd and 4th quarter new members will be billed next year. Gordon seconded. Vote was counted. **Motion passed, Bert abstained.** Publishing a membership directory, updating our website calendar, and creating more knowledge of future events along with past events are high priorities.

Next, Bert inquired whether any decision has been made about the club's potential directory and whether emails/addresses will be included. Bob shared that the Board is waiting on Marisue's fact finding to determine what the webmaster's guild recommends so there is a standardization for all clubs to follow. It is possible that a few members will decide to opt out on sharing their personal information not being made public. Bob shared that possibly an on-line system could work effectively after giving members to decide if they don't want their information shared in a public manner after reaching out to all members. Marisue added that it could be included in the notification of billing information which provides such information to all club members if they prefer this not to be available so they can opt out. If this is not to be disclosed, then let us know to be removed.

· **Secretary – Bob substituted for Cheryl** and indicated **s**he had distributed the minutes earlier to the board members. Hearing no changes were needed, *he moved to approve both the Budget Report and Minutes, seconded by Gordon,* ***approved by the Board.***

· **New Business - President Bob** urged the Board to continue marketing all the next year's officers' positions becoming vacant for 2026 to others who enjoy organizing and have interest and time to invest. Next, Bert mentioned the caterer worked well for the end of summer picnic. He also mentioned about a "work around" can be built into the system in the event the club has a caterer that does not have insurance since the Villages (via Tulip) can provide the minimum coverage which runs between $100-150 which equates to 30 cents for attendees plus $55 per vendor.

· **Next Meetings**- **General Meeting** which are all in Foothill Center at 7pm and include: David Shilton-National Monuments at our September meeting; Mon., Oct. 27, – Gordon filling in for Bob, new member Craige Edgerton, a docent at Mayyan Ooyakma as potential speaker; Mon, Nov. 24, Teresa –Cows in the Hills.
Board Meeting: **Gordon's home.**

· **Meeting Adjourned** at 10:55am.
Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Allmen, Secretary