8-21-25 Villages Hiking Club BOARD Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President – Bob Bogdanoff called the meeting to order at 9:25am in the Montgomery Voyager Room with the following Board Members in attendance: VPs Social - Linda Arbaugh; VP Website, Communication & Membership – Marisue Cody; and VP Hiking & Trails – Gordon Carbonetti. Absent were Treasurer – Bert Tang and Cheryl Allmen were on vacation, who both had submitted their reports earlier to the Board Members for review.

Reports

VP Hiking & Trails – Gordon announced the ***weekly club hikes*** have been going well and that Sy has indicated that most of the September weekly hikes are planned and he's awaiting their leader's deals publicity. Gordon is also trying to locate more leaders and plans to thank the last two months of leaders at next Monday's general meeting. Bob suggested preparing some hiking leader training and possibly handing out a leader's checklist of a leader's responsibilities to encourage more to volunteer. Next Gordon reviewed the progress of the ***Fall Trip Adventure trip*** scheduled for October 21-23 in Placerville. Marshall's Gold Strike State Park (has a 3-mile hike nearby), Apple Hill (great food/ciders), several closely restaurants along with and the nearby Indian Casino (possibility for visit or dinner) are being researched along with potential hotels (that have some 2- bed rooms availability) that can accommodate a group. He announced he is close to firming up the details soon and getting some publicity out to the membership.

Treasurer – Bob substituting for Bert shared financial reports which had already been sent out indicating our Hill Land balance remains the same and the General budget after June/July 2025 is $4,659.40.

VP Social – Linda announced the ***End of Summer Picnic,*** Thursday September 11th starting at 4:30pm will be catered by Golden Harvest serving Mexican food (company has received favorable reviews from other Village's clubs) and event is led by Rose Eagon and supported by the social committee members. Ed Knott will provide Latin-type music and Village Dancers will join us and its leader plans to teach some lessons too. An unannounced donation to the social committee was given and a surprise sangria drink will be available. Deadline for RSVP is September 3rd. General meeting refreshment snacks organized.

VP Website, Membership & Communication – Marisue indicated one new member joined the club and another member moved out of the Villages for a current club membership totaling 321 individuals. Marisue mentioned she participates in training and software updates from the Guild, other Villages clubs and self training timeframes to possibly consider utilizing Google Docs, Word Press, and other options to update our website, add photos and provide the best communications to club members. Publishing a membership directory, updating our website calendar, and creating more knowledge of future events along with past events are high priorities.

Secretary – Bob substituted for Cheryl and indicated she 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.***

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. He also gave two examples: when he never had been to a Hiking Club Meeting and then becoming the next elected president as well as Guy who recently created the Taco Tuesday Walk which has expanded to more members. Next, he indicated both the Benches and Signage for the Hill Land Projects have been submitted to the Maintenance department and club is waiting for their approval and next steps. Both Jim Ware and John are actively involved from their side. Thirdly, Bob indicated the 2026 room requests calendar is ready for submission by the 8/29th deadline and asked for any input. Several requests for the value of other rooms with TV and less noise were mentioned. Lastly, he mentioned that he had been contacted by Sarah Clark from the *Evergreen Lifestyle* magazine and there could possibly be a club article and photos of some of our events included in a future edition of the magazine.

Next Meetings- **General Meeting** which are all in Foothill Center at 7pm and include: Mon., Aug. 25, Sally Otton ***– Japan***; Mon, Sept 29, David Shilton - ***National Monuments;*** Mon., Oct. 27,– Gordon filling in for Bob, new member Craige Edgerton, a docent at Mayyan Ooyakma and potential speaker; Mon, Nov. 24, to be scheduled. **Board Meeting**: Thurs, Sept. 25, 9:15-10:45 **Patio Room, Cribari Center.**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35am.
Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Allmen, Secretary (developed through recording from Gordon.)