

Volunteers Assisting the Disabled
ZOOM Board Meeting
Minutes
November 17, 2021

VAD Board Members: Present- Todd Nupnau, Linda Johnson, Keith Moss, Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek, Carina Grennan, Sue Harris, Brad Ross; Not Present- Jake Wedlick

VAD Members Present: Mary Barry-Bodine, Carol Calvert, Mark Catanzaro, Kathy D'Angelo, Cindy Danner, Rohit Kapur, Jay Lamky, Jillian LaMothe, Ian McIlhargey, Kelly McIlhargey, Christina Noelle, Jessica Parrish, Zachary Powell, Barb Stein, Rosie Whitcher-Appel

Visitors Present: Brandie Hinson

I. Opening- The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Todd Nupnau.

II. Financial Reports (Keith): Keith presented the October 2021 financials. Once reviewed Carina made a motion to approve. Seconded by Brad. All ayes. Approved.

III. Meeting Minutes (Peach): The October meeting minutes were pulled up on the screen for review. One change was made. Keith made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carina. All ayes. Approved.

IV. Communications (Kathy D'Angelo):

- A. Sunshine Cards (Kathy)- Kathy sent out several "sunshine cards" including one to Carol Calvert, Cindy Yotti, Jessica Kishca, and Ken Haran (Sr.). Carol Calvert sent Kathy a "sunshine card" for her surgery.

V. Old Business:

- A. Special Needs-
 - 1. Committee Members- Carina is on the committee but one more non-board member is needed. Jillian LaMothe volunteered.
 - 2. Requests- There are currently no requests for special needs at this time. There is a certain amount that we can spend each year for special needs. The requirements to put in a request is available on the VAD website.
- B. VAD Cares Store- The store reopened about a week ago and will remain open until at least Thanksgiving weekend for those who are looking for gifts for the holidays. Info on the store is posted on VAD's website and Facebook page.
- C. Golf Outing (Kathy D'Angelo)- Kathy D'Angelo got in touch with Doug Kish who used to put on golf outings benefitting VAD. He uses the Sycamore Golf Club in Macomb and prefers to have the outing in late July (which might not work due to camp). He will need volunteers and people to provide prizes and gift certificates (preferably from places in the area). Doug will get back with Kathy and hopefully we will have more details on this at the January meeting.

D. Gala 2023

1. Deposit- Due to covid the San Marino Club still has our \$2000 deposit which they have allowed us to roll over. Our goal is to have the gala in 2023 which will hopefully not include covid.
2. Date- The club prefers that we pick a non-prime month for our event. Dates proposed are February 18th, March 4th or 11th. March is probably better for us weatherwise. Todd will check on these dates.

- E. Brandie Hinson's Survey- Brandie again asked for campers to please take her "Living with MD After Dark" survey. Out of 40+ MDA and/or VAD campers that were emailed the survey, only 9 participated. Peach to send another reminder by e-mail and Todd will make another request on Facebook. All those in the meeting are encouraged to ask their contacts who have MD to take the survey.

VI. New Business:

A. Database/Contact List/Emails-

1. Updating Your Contact Information- Due to so many different contact lists that we have on record and because we have not had camp for a couple of years we need a way for VAD members, campers and volunteers to easily update their contact information (most importantly their email address). Todd has been working with Chris West to put in a spot in the VAD website for us to update our info. This option should be up and running by our next regular board meeting. Please note that we will still all need to fill out our camp applications in full as usual.
2. Mail Chimp- Todd has also been working with Chris to use Mail Chimp for our emails for news and reminders. It will access the contact list, mentioned above, for the mailings. Mail Chimp is a free platform and emails sent this way are less likely to be marked as spam (and end up in your spam folder). Todd, Chris and Peach to work on this to get it up and running in the next few months.
3. Upcoming Meetings- Todd will make sure that all of the regular board meetings scheduled for the first quarter, starting in January, will be listed and links for the ZOOM meetings will be easy to access on our website or Facebook page. That way it will be easy for anyone to see when our meetings are and can easily join them.

- B. Removable Ramps- Rosie asked if VAD had ramps available to loan out since most houses are not accessible unless a ramp is used. We do not currently have ramps in VAD storage but there are some in Cavell's storage. VAD did had ramps at one time but no one seems to know where they are. Kathy will ask the Kuhfeldt's and Todd will find out if the two at Cavell are VADs. If we cannot find any ramps VAD might want to invest in them for our events and to loan out. We should all please keep an eye out for removeable ramps that are being donated or sold.

VII. Closing: A motion was made at 7:52pm by Peach to close the meeting. Seconded by Carina.

The next ZOOM board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek
VAD Recording/Correspondence Secretary