

Volunteers Assisting the Disabled
Board Meeting Minutes (virtual only)
December 6, 2023

VAD Board Members: Todd Nuppnau, Brad Ross, Keith Moss, Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek, Carina Grennan, Barb Stein, Mary Barry-Bodine, Rohit Kapur
Not on camera: Sue Harris

VAD Members (first name order): Brandy Hinson, Christina Noelle, Eileen Ross, Erica McGow, Jay Lamky, Linda Johnson, Matt Greiner, Megan Whitcher, Michael Avalos, Rosie Whitcher-Appel
Not on camera: Carol Calvert, Kathy D'Angelo

I. Opening- The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Todd Nuppnau.

II. Financial Report (Treasurer)

- A. Financials for October and November will be reported at the next board meeting.
- B. Todd reminded us that, as with everything, costs are going up for VAD. Our costs are going up but our funds aren't, meaning that we have more money going out than we do coming in. This year we purposely downscaled the chili cookoff to make it more affordable with the plan to hit up donors and sponsors harder for the gala. It is very important for the future of VAD that we continue to raise funds in order to pay for all that we do and the gala is our biggest fundraiser.

III. Meeting Minutes (Secretary): The October 25, 2023 meeting minutes were distributed and displayed for review. After reviewing Carina made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Keith. All ayes. Approved.

IV. Communications: Kathy D. shared who she sent sunshine cards to since the last meeting.

V. New Business:

- A. Upcoming Fundraiser: Superbowl Football Squares- The squares will be available on-line in late January.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Euchre Tournament- Ro recently hosted another euchre tournament (ugly Christmas sweater party) and raised \$500 for VAD. There were approximately 20 players and several other attendees at the event.
- B. Reaching Out/VAD Longevity- Rosie brought up the need for VAD to get new members so that we can survive as an organization. There was some discussion as to how to get people involved. It was decided to use old VAD rosters to get in touch with former volunteers. A survey can be send to them asking why they were involved to try to find out how to attract volunteers for VAD. Rosie, Carina, Barb and Sue will work on this and present a survey to the board. Peach has many contacts from former member lists and camp rosters that can be used for this endeavor.
- C. Spring Gala Fundraiser-

1. Donation Letters- Todd will be sending out an email with VAD's donation request letter ("beg letter") for soliciting.
 2. Tickets- Sue and Todd will be getting details to Melissa this week so that she can get the tickets available for sale. We will be using printed tickets this year. Keith said that he is OK with mailing out tickets. Virtual ticket sales are still too tricky to use at this time. Hopefully we can go on-line next year.
 3. Helping- Everyone was asked to try to sell tickets to family, friends, employers, businesses, etc. and get donations to help make this fundraiser a success for VAD.
- D. Board Meetings
1. Camera for Virtual Meetings- Last year after much deliberation over several meetings the board put in place a procedure change requiring those who attend virtual board meetings be visible on camera for their attendance to count. This change went into effect following the 2022 annual meeting (Sept 2022). This update was made to ensure that those who attend meetings aren't just logging in but are actually being present and participating during the meetings. Brad suggested that we make an exception for people who speak or comment during meetings but Todd asserted that it would not be fair to make exceptions to this rule. Christina said that there is no reason for camera visibility and Mary B. said that the board probably should re-evaluate this in the future. Todd, Carina and Peach all spoke for keeping the procedure, explaining that there were reasons why the rule was added and those reasons still exist.
 2. Dates for Meetings- Mary asked that meetings go back to being the fourth Wednesday of the month. Todd explained that this has to do with the venue not always being available as well as his schedule not accommodating that particular week. The date for the next meeting is almost always available on VAD's Facebook and website and included on an email sent to the membership. Going forward we will do our best to have the meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

VII. Closing: A motion was made to close the meeting by Mary, seconded by Keith. Meeting closed at 7:48 pm.

The next board meeting will be virtual only and is planned for January 24th, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronita "Peach" Ptaszek
VAD Secretary