**Timber Greens Veterans Group**

**August 28, 2020 General Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM in the TG Main Dining Room.

TGVG Officers: Ronnie Guy, President, Bob Kahmer, Treasurer, Gary Weyer, Secretary. (3) Paul Stepkoski, Vice President could not attend.

TGVG Members: Bill Allen, John Anderson, Bob Bertram, Barb Bryant, Barb Chorba, Nick Chirillo, Tom Clements, Ed Desrochers, Linda Donegan, Dennis Donegan, Boyd Duncan, Tony Fontana, Bob Fling, Gary Hunt, Butch Kaelin, Howard Kahn, Tom Knight, Mary Loeffler, Al McClutchy, Bill Murphy, Jim Murphy, Tom Musson, Frank Scerbo, Adrian Simmons, John Simmons, Ernie Wartenburg, Joe Wolczek, Dane Woytek (28) - a quorum was present.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Secretary's Report** :

 Motion to waive reading of past minutes.

 Motion by: Bob Bertram Second by: Tom Clements Passed 31-0

**Treasurer's Report:** ending August 21, 2020

 Balance = $8980.50

 Dues/New Members = 2

 No expenditures since lass report

 Motion to approve by: Howard Kahn Second by: Tom Knight Passed 31-0

**MIA report:**  A report of those returned since our last meeting was posted by Gary Hunt.

 A Moment of Silence was observed.

**Committee Reports:**

**"Patriots Weekend"** ~ Plans for 3 days of events at TG on Sept 18, 19 & 20 to include:

1. **Veterans Picnic** ~ Friday, 11:30-2:30 pm ~ Update from Dennis Donegan.

 RSVP Sandy. Info posted on websites.

1. **Golf Event** ~ Sunday, 12:30 start ~ Ronnie report. Meeting with Event co-chairs, Boyd and Dane after General Meeting today.
2. **POW/MIA Event** ~ Saturday, 6:30-7:30 PM ~ Update from Gary Hunt. Request going out to TG residents for personal knowledge of POW/MIA.

**Trivia Night** (Friday, October 16 - Irish Themed) - Linda Donegan - Meal planning with Chef Adam week of Sep 1.

**Veterans Weekend Golf Event** (Sat, November 7) - Guest of residents will be allowed to play.

**Old Business**:

 **Florida Sales Tax Exemption** - TGVG not eligible. (See New Business item.)

 **Disbursement Committee** - Adrian Simmons to chair. Members are: Tom Clements, Tom Knight, Barb Bryant, Frank Scerbo.

**American Flags** - Linda reported that the American flags have arrived. Most have been picked up. She ordered a few extra which are available from her. Flag poles are also available to order.

**New Business**:

 **Donation for Veterans Picnic** - Ronnie Guy announced that once again Don Andriuzzo has made a donation of $200 in memory of his late wife Peggy Andriuzzo "to help defray expenses for our Veterans Picnic." Don also wrote, "On behalf of Peg, please thank our T. G. Vet Group Members for their service to our country." Don is a TGVG member and past Treasurer.

 **Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers** - Saturday, January 23, 2021

 **Wheelchair Ramps** - Barb Chorba has 2 portable wheelchair ramps available at no charge to anyone who can use them.

 **Application for 501(c)3** - Adrian Simmons made a motion, seconded by Tom Clements that at a cost of $350, TGVG apply for 501(c)3 status.

 Discussion: Since TGVG is currently not eligible for Florida sales tax exemption, 501(c)3 would qualify it for exemption. One time application and small annual fees would be offset by the savings. Annual federal tax filing is required. Motion passed 31-0. Linda Donegan and Ronnie Guy will start the process.

 **K9 Partners for Patriots** - K9P4P has been nominated for The Veterans Awards (Vetty). "This annual award is to recognize nominated service organizations who've had an exceptional impact to the veteran community." K9P4P is requesting on line votes to help them win the award. Details on TGVG website.

 **K9 Partners for Patriots** - K9P4P is having a Virtual 5K fundraiser in November. More details as they become available. Liaison Gary Hunt to coordinate. Possible involving the TG Health & Wellness Committee.

 **Vietnam Era Veterans** - Tom Clements reported that the guidelines regarding "Pinning" procedures have changed. He is getting clarifications on how to proceed.

Ronnie Guy gave some background on the "Challenge Coin" and its current use.

Next meeting is 10:00 AM, Friday, September 25th

Motion to adjourn made Adrian Simmons, second by Bob Bertram. Passed 31-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Weyer

Secretary