**Timber Greens Veterans Group**

**October 2, 2020 (September) General Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM in the TG Main Dining Room.

TGVG Officers: Ronnie Guy, President; Paul Stepkoski, Vice President; Bob Kahmer, Treasurer; Gary Weyer, Secretary.

TGVG Members: Don Andriuzzo, Bob Bertram, Paul Cano (new), Tom Clements, Danny Day (new), Linda Donegan, Dennis Donegan, Boyd Duncan, Tony Fontana, Mark Hanlon, Mary Loeffler, Al McClutchy, Bill Murphy, Ray Pranske, Frank Scerbo, Adrian Simmons, Frank Tix, Dane Woytek - a quorum was present.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Secretary's Report** :

Motion to waive reading of last meeting's minutes made by Bob Bertram, seconded by Tom Clements. Passed 22-0

**Treasurer's Report:**

Aug 21, 2020 thru Oct 2, 2020 **-** Balance = $10,288.51

Dues/New Members = 2

Expenditures since last report = $48.91 for supplies

Deposit from Patriots Golf Event = $1416.56

Donation for Veterans Picnic **=** Don Andriuzzo made a donation of $200 in memory of his late wife Peggy "to help defray expenses for Veterans Picnic."

Motion to approve by Adrian Simmons, seconded by Bob Bertram. Passed 22-0

**MIA Report:**

A report of those returned since our last meeting was posted - 5 veterans from WWII; 2 veterans from the Korean War. A Moment of Silence was observed.

**Committee Reports:**

**"Patriots Weekend"** ~ Summary by President Ronnie Guy of all the events.

 "**Thank you"** to Dennis Donegan for coordinating the **Veterans Picnic**.

 "**Thank you"** to the "Colonels" (Boyd Duncan & Dane Woytek) for organizing the **Golf Event**.

 "**Thank you"** to Gary Hunt and Patricia Cassidy (Health & Wellness Committee) for all their planning and efforts in the production of the **POW/MIA Ceremony.**

 **"Well Done" to all!**

**Trivia Night - STILL ON**(Friday, Oct 16 - Irish Themed) - Update by Linda Donegan. Call Bob Kahmer 727-372-0210 to make reservations. 4 to a table (team), capacity will be 72.

**Veterans Weekend Golf Event** (Sat, November 7) - Update by Tom Clements. Guests of residents will be allowed to play. Tom seeking volunteers for registration tables.

**New Members at Meeting**:

Introductions - Danny Day is retired from the Army and Paul Cano is retired Air Force.

**Old Business**:

**Wreaths Across America** - Update by Dane Woytek

**K9 Partners for Patriots** - K9P4P is having a Virtual 5K fundraiser in November. More details as they become available. Liaison Gary Hunt to coordinate.

**New Business**:

Dennis Donegan made a motion, seconded by Frank Scerba that the TGVG donate $250 to the TG Employee Holiday Fund. The suggestion was made based on the fact that since the original plan to donate from the Patriots Golf Event to the Employee Covid Fund and that since that fund is already well supported, the option to donate to the Holiday Fund would be an excellent idea. Motion passed unanimously 22-0.

Linda Donegan made a motion and Dane Woytek seconded a motion that the TGVG donate $300 to pay for ambulance services to transport Korean War Veteran Billy Becraft from his home in NPR to Green Key Beach Park this Saturday, October 3 to view one last sunset. Billy is a Korean War Veteran and a 10 year veteran of the Navy and Air Force and is in hospice care at his home. A pinning ceremony by the TGVG will take place at the park with many members hoping to support by attending. Motion passed unanimously 22-0.

**Information Presentation**:

Adrian Simmons shared information and highlighted the benefits for all veterans of online shopping at ***"EXCHANGE"*** - the Army & Air Force Exchange that provides quality, tax-free merchandise and competitive, military-exclusive pricing on the goods and services military communities need. Details of how to join will be emailed and info posted on TGVG Website.

Gary Weyer shared information about **Florida Real Estate Tax Exemptions** for qualifying veterans and their widows or widowers. Contact the Pasco County Tax Appraiser's Office in the Government Center or view info on line at www.pascopa.com. Links to be posted on TGVG Website.

**Meeting Schedule**:

Next meeting is 10:00 AM, Friday, October 23, 2020.

November Meeting is Friday, November 20, 2020

December Meeting (Elections) is Friday, December 18, 2020

Motion to adjourn made Bob Bertram, second by Frank Scerba. Passed 22-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Weyer, Secretary