

Black Diamond Foundation  
Monday, November 1, 2021  
Meeting via Zoom  
Lecanto, FL

Present: Mary Jane Bower, Foster Lamm, Jon Radabaugh, , Roger Obenauf, Susan Savard, , Shaunda Burdette, Pat Monea, Dick Ragatz, Kent Rinker, Karen Evans, ,

Absent: Judge Mark Yerman, Lisa Honnold, Joan Plunkett,

Guests: Anthony Kopka and Greg Pelletier, Bridge 4 Veterans

Meeting was called to order by Roger Obenauf at 4:00pm, November 1, 2021 via Zoom.

**Presentations:**

Anthony Kopka and Greg Pelletier presented. Bridge 4 Veterans is a new non-profit organization set up June 1, 2021 to take over the operation of a transitional shelter for veterans. The building that is currently being used for this purpose is in need of significant upgrades and reconfiguring. This building is owned by CASA. They are slowly getting finances more stable for current expenses. The board is beginning the process to find a contractor and to get bids on needed improvements. They do not know what this would cost but are requesting a grant of \$50,000 to renovate a bedroom office, HVAC, and 4 bathrooms and add security. Vets stay in this housing facility 2-3 months while finding permanent housing and getting support and counseling for next steps. They currently have 9 clients (average 50-55 years old) with capacity of 16.

**Minutes**

Acceptance of minutes of May 3, 2021 was moved by Foster Lamm and seconded by Dick Ragatz. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report**

Susan Savard reviewed the April 2021 Financial Report and stated we have an unrestricted fund balance of \$217,362.04.

**Formal confirmation of email votes made this summer for following items:**

Susan Savard moved to ratify a grant of \$4100 to the Citrus County Resource Center. Seconded by Karen Evans. Approved unanimously.

Susan Savard moved to ratify a grant of \$10,000 to Citrus Family Resource Center as directed by Sharron Rosenberg of her gift to pay off their mortgage. Seconded by Dick Ragatz. Approved unanimously.

Susan Savard moved to ratify a grant of \$1000 to the YMCA of the Suncoast as directed by Jay Joines. Seconded by Jon Radabaugh. Approved Unanimously.

Mary Jane Bower moved to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Seconded by Pat Monea. Approved unanimously.

**Grant Requests**

**Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance**

Moved by Foster Lamm to grant \$2000 to the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance for food. Seconded by Karen Evans. Approved unanimously.

**Bridge 4 Veterans**

Moved by Foster Lamm to grant \$10,000 to Bridge 4 Veterans as unrestricted funds for operations and renovations of the building. Seconded by Susan. Approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Els Foundation for Autism Legends Pro Am**

Martin Courtois and Gary Levin contacted Roger regarding collaborating on this event again in 2022 and they have secured a date of February 15. They are expecting \$20,000 of proceeds will go to the Black Diamond Foundation.

**New Business**

**Casino Party 2022 Fundraiser Gala:** Roger has secured a date with Bruce for of February 4, 2022 for a Black Diamond Foundation Gala fundraiser. Roger has found a Casino Party company and will secure this date with them and with Black Diamond Event staff/calendar. It will cost \$30 per person for the vendor to run the tables. Roger suggested \$150 as a charge for attendance. This will be worked out by the committee which will also plan food, music, décor, communications etc. The committee is Mary Jane Bower, Joan Plunkett, Jon Radabaugh, Susan Savard and Roger Obenauf.

**Susan Savard** announced that she will be stepping down from the BDF Board as of December 31, 2021 after many years of service as a member and as Treasurer. The board expressed our gratitude for Susan's dedication and service to our community. Roger will take over the duties of Treasurer until a new person is identified.

Next scheduled meeting will be December 6, 2021 at 4 pm **in person** at the Black Diamond Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Bower  
Secretary  
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.  
November 13, 2021