

## **BELLA VITA MEN'S CLUB MINUTES**

Wednesday January 7, 2009

### **President's Opening Remarks**

President Bill Burdick opened the meeting. Twenty-five members attended; no new members were present.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were read and approved. These will be posted in the 3-Ring Binder in the Clubhouse lobby.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The club started the month with \$2,028.62. The final balance (submitted after this meeting) is \$2,103.62.

### **Community Updates and Past Events**

**Veteran's Organization** – John Kaltenbach reported that Cinco Ranch (West Houston) is interested in their program. They have been invited to attend the January 28 Veteran's meeting. All BVMC members who are Veterans are encouraged to attend this meeting. (A poll indicated nearly all Men's club members were Veterans). The next Flag day is Presidents Day, February 16. Volunteers are needed and should sign up in the Men's club Sign-Up Book.

**Hayride** (Men's & TEC Clubs) – The rain and cold weather suppressed the outdoor activity. A number of people gathered and drank egg nog in the clubhouse.

**Breakfast with Santa** (Men's & Belles Clubs) – Richard Wach reported the event was extremely successful. We received several thank you Emails. Kids loved the red and green pancakes. Thanks to all who prepared them in the kitchen.

**New Year's Eve** – Billy Potter reported there were 174 tickets sold, just short of a sellout. The Disk Jockey was good; Cris Barrera said it was the best dance ever. Tom Green expressed concern that many singles did not come because they would only have the dinner and then leave. He suggested having tickets for dinner only, and that special tables be set up on the dance floor and then removed at dance time. It was noted that the majority of the \$45.00 charge went for food and service.

## **BVMC Minutes (cont.)**

**Unfinished Business – Sign-Up Book.** All need to Sign up in the Sign-Up Book for offering their talents to the community. Also members need to sign in on the signup sheet. (Post Note: Of the 25 heads counted at the meeting, only 22 signed in.)

**Neighborhood News 4-U** – Bill Burdick said he has 130 cards for those who request the Email service. These are for Men's and Women's clubs, Veteran's organization and Homeowners activities such as Bingo, etc.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Executive Council Reports** – Executive council members consist of the current Men's club officers and past officers. A minimum of six members are required. Currently Richard Wach and John Devereaux are past members on the EC. Their duties are given in the BVMC Bylaws. Copies of these Bylaws and our Mission Statement will be distributed at the February Meeting.

**Election of Officers Announcement** – Elections for the club's officers will be held at the March Meeting. To be eligible for an officer's position, one must attend 8 of the last 12 meetings prior to voting. A list of members having a minimum number of the first nine meetings (5) and may meet the minimum requirements(8) are: Paul Ashline, Cris Barrera, \*Bill Burdick, John Devereaux, Frency DuCharme, Tom Green, John Kaltenbach, Hank Kohl, \*Jack Lauber, Lee Molloy, \*Denny Mulcahy, Ortie Ortiz, \*Billy Potter, Gene Reddell, Mike Sanders, Bob Stockinger, Roger Valdez, and Richard Wach.

*\*Current Officer*

## **OPEN FORUM**

Tom Green recommended we provide more shelves for storage of our events props. New shelves in the backdoor storage could be built along the top of the walls. This is being considered.

Also he recommended looking into hiring an efficiency consultant to advise of our best arrangement for storage. A storage building behind the clubhouse is no longer being considered.

James Warner said he and Roger are studying the possibility of installing ceiling fans in the clubhouse.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Super Bowl Party. Feb 1** (Chrmn: Cris B)– Members expressed that problems with our Audio Visual System make it impossible to watch the football game. Ron Gerlach will check on the status of fixing this. It was suggested that if this could not be fixed by then, that a large screen TV be rented for the occasion. Also, it was mentioned that many of the ladies (and Gents) enjoy this event as a fun social for playing games and cards. A new name was suggested that we call this "Super Game Day Party". Tables will be setup. There will be football pools for fund raisers.

### **BVMC Mins. (Continued)**

**Annual Breakfast Get Acquainted Social (Sat Feb 7)** – Bill B. – The annual meeting was changed to February from January. A mailing will go out to the 60 new homes in 2008. Breakfast will start at 9:30 this year. Two guest speakers will make presentations and a square dance exhibition may be given by resident square dancers. Allen Kirchner, Financial Consultant, will make a 15 minute presentation on financial matters; he has donated to sponsor this event and the Chief Executive of Memorial Herman Southeast Hospital will give the special address. Cris B recommended that each club be prepared to give a presentation or set up a table. Club handouts will be available.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Members are encouraged to attend the BVHOA Board Meetings and the Jan 21 steering committee meeting. The Steering committee will disband this spring. The BV residents will elect new board members for the BVHOA this spring.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 and the social was continued. Our next meeting will be February 4, 2009.

The 50-50 Drawing was won by Denny Mulcahy (\$27.00)