

BellaVita Veteran's Organization Rough Draft

Minutes of May 15, 2013 Meeting

Commander Kaltenbach opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Twenty one members were present. The pledge of allegiance was said. Cmdr. Kaltenbach welcomed back Bob Stamy, a World War II Veteran.

Secretary's Report – Dennis Mulcahy

The Minutes of the April 17 meeting were read and approved as read. Copies of this report is available in the BellaVita Veteran's file in the lobby. The report will also be posted on the BellaVita Website.

Financial Status – Fred Vickers

Revenues as of May 15, 2013 – Checking Account Balance is \$8,470.25 Business Savings Account Balance is \$3,130.16. Total Balance is \$11, 600

Cmdr Kaltenbach read a note from Claudette High, thanking the Veteran's for the beautiful Spray at AJ's funeral. Also, at AJ's request, she will continue the support of our meeting activities. She also told us that the Memorial Ledger in the Lobby has not been updated. The Lobby Ledger is for the entire community, but, we will provide the names of our deceased Veterans for posting.

Memorial Garden.

Arlen reported he had been contacted by residents concerned with the muddy ground around the memorial. David Southard said it is possible the sprinkler was providing too much water. Gene Reddell said the timing might be miss-set.

Two more dead or dying trees have been reported. David Winchell will be advised to check them out.

BellaVita Flag Project – Wayne Johnson

The scheduled workday for repair of flags was Saturday May 4. About 100 flags were installed on poles. We have about 20 spares left to cover us for the Memorial Day Flag Raising. Flags are scheduled to go up at 7:30 AM, 25 May, and Down at 7:30, 28 May. Some of our large flags were damaged by roof tile on the Club House. Gardner Martin graciously traded with for us with new poly flags. We need a volunteer to be keepers /caretakers of our stored flags.

Flags in Annex – An American Flag and a Texas Flag were procured and they have been placed in the the Annex.

Proposed Visit to WWII Museum in New Orleans - Burdick/Mulcahy

Travel by Rail has been ruled out and Busses are being considered. A proposal will be drafted for members to consider and vote on.

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Memorial Day Picnic

A flyer has been E-mailed out. Tickets (270) were made up by Burdick and Stockinger. Gene said the 270 number is the July 4th Picnic; something less will be expected for Memorial Day. Also cooking and all volunteers are to report at 0900 Memorial Day. Tables will be set up in the hall and the Arts and Crafts Room. Plan on staying for clean-up by 2:00 PM. Food buyers will pickup supplies by Monday Morning. Menu will include Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Beans, etc. Fred has made a Vets Debit Card for purchases in the future. Women have been asked to contribute desserts.

Open Forum

Gene - Saturday is Armed Forces Day. Ruth Southard proposed we put out the Service Branch flags around the Front Garden of the Clubhouse.

Burdick -The Board Planning Committee is having a day to do their annual 5-year Strategic Planning. The meeting will be held in the R/E Max Facility on Clear Lake Blvd.

Ortiz – The planned walk from the street to the nature trail is once again progressing.

Burdick – John Rodriguez resigned as Clubhouse Committee Chairman. Mike Sanders will take over.

Mail Box Painting – Fred Fargo of Grounds committee is handling

David S – Requested to have our Minutes posted in the BellaVita Web Page, starting back to first of year. (Denny Action Item.)

Minutes at June Meeting – David S has volunteered to take the Minutes in Denny's absence.

Refreshments – Thanks to Arlen, Denny & Bill for tonight's refreshments. Next meeting , with the possibility of having left-overs from Memorial day, Jim Moore suggesting having pizza if needed.

Flag Monitors – Thanks to Cecil and John for the past month. Gene and David will take care of the flags next month. These will include POW/MIA Flag 18 May.

50/50 – Won by Paul (\$20.00) Proceeds go for refreshments.

Adjourned 8:00 PM

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A copy these minutes will be posted in the lobby(Preliminary) prior to next meeting, and the approved final copy will be posted on BV Website after approval.

