

**Property Owners Association of The Villages
General Membership Meeting
September 20, 2022**

Called to order: by Cliff Wiener, President at 7:00 pm.

- Board members present: All, except Steve Lapp, excused.
- Members present: Approximately 85, with about 300 watching via live-streaming.
- Organizations present: Hospital Auxiliary, Florida Blue and Realty Executives.
- July membership meeting minutes read by Reb Benson and unanimously approved.
- Treasurer Report by Donna Kempa: August, Income: \$6,048; Expenses: \$14,508; Net Loss: \$8,460; Operating Funds: \$140,191. She mentioned that the Bulletin is the largest POA expense; so, along with ad revenue, membership dues help towards the Bulletin printing cost that are rising.
- Raffle: Three winners of \$30 each announced, one donating their funds to Support Our Soldiers.

Announcements:

- Cliff introduced the Sumter County Commissioners (Craig Estep and Don Wyle) and District Supervisors (Gary Kadow, Sal Torname, Jerry Ferlisi, Mark Hayes and himself) that were present.
- Cliff mentioned there will be a POA special membership meeting on September 29th regarding The Villages Independent Fire Control & Rescue District. He said that Chief Cain, Villages Public Safety Department (VPSD), will provide a presentation followed by questions (developed before the meeting) and the ability before or after the presentation/Q&A session for members to obtain an estimated annual cost increase (for their address) for this potential district. Cliff added that folks can go to Districtgov.org and the link on the Independent Fire District for all the current information on this proposal.
- Cliff discussed that for the first time since the POA started in 1975 we are forced to raise membership dues from \$10 per year to \$15 per year effective January 1, 2023. This is a result of Bulletin printing costs having jumped 40%, with only a one week notice of this increase. We cannot absorb this increase past this year. He noted that it might be a good time now to renew dues for one to ten years before the increase goes into effect.
- Cliff talked about the Vials for Life Program, going over the process and stating its importance.
- Cliff mentioned the live-stream viewing of the meetings at the POA website continues to be strong.
- Cliff mentioned the POA's assistance with the 911 presentation that Gary Kadow accomplished at the First Responders Recreation Center on September 10 and 11. Gary mentioned he was hoping for 80 people to attend and had 1,600 overall. He will accomplish the presentation next year.
- Cliff said there will be meeting on October 28th at 7pm, at Laurel Manor, for anyone interested in being on the POA Board to attend and obtain more information; he stated that our May meeting resulted in five new members so far.
- Cliff mentioned there will be more next month on the next member only shredding event, which will most likely be in April 2023 at the same location as the last couple years.
- Cliff mentioned that Patrick Walsh, Covanta Energy, will be the speaker in October.

Questions:

- A resident mentioned that EMT's would not enter their house recently when they had called 911; with another resident adding a neighbor who was experiencing a potential heart attack was told to take an aspirin and wait outside for EMT. **Ans:** Craig Estep mentioned folks can work thru VPSD to get a lock box installed. Cliff said he will reach out to Chief Cain and see what is going on and put the information/facts regarding EMT entry into homes in the Bulletin.

Speaker: Dr. Norman Anderson, Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (RBOI), provided a presentation on proper treatment for cancer and issues with insurance plans.

- Dr. Anderson discussed three cases of cancer (two skin (malignant melanoma and squamous cell) and one breast) and how his procedure of radiation twice per day cleared up their cancer when

each patient had been given not a long to live based on results from what their insurance carriers would allow regarding procedures for their cancers.

- In all three incidents, Dr. Anderson did what was best and used his procedure and wrote off the difference in what the insurance allowed based on their treatment plan which was basically one (more damaging) radiation treatment per day and maybe some immunotherapy treatment.
- Dr. Anderson said the issue is mainly with the Peer Review Organizations (PRO's). They advise the insurance companies on what they should and should not accept regarding a patient's care. There are some good ones and some bad ones (just like there are good and bad physicians).
 - Most patients do not know how the PRO is interacting with the insurance provider and determining the level of care they are allowed to obtain.
 - In reality, it should be the physician's recommendation and treatment that takes precedent over what a PRO might say; but that is not the case, especially with some Medicare Advantage plans.
- Dr. Anderson added that when comparing the two basic models...clinical and business...in many cases the clinical (physician care) model - which takes a holistic approach - is less expensive for the best treatment. For example, in the malignant melanoma case the patient had 11 operations in a two-year period (definitely over \$500,000) plus immunotherapy (over \$120,000) with no success while his procedure at roughly \$25,000 cleared up the patient's cancer over time.
- Dr. Anderson said everyone should get the best treatment plan possible, especially as it relates to certain types of cancer, and that he recommends a Medicare plan with a good supplement, but also knows insurance coverage is a case-by-case basis for each individual.
- Dr. Anderson recommended folks read the book "The Cancer Couple" by Mike & Barb Hutmacher, his patients. It is available at Barnes & Noble's starting September 23rd.
- Pertinent questions:
 - How do we know if our plan allows for a different radiation treatment or other critical medical procedures? **Ans:** Dr. Anderson said it's more about which PRO's are involved with the particular insurance carrier and hence what they will recommend. He said he would provide a list of the PRO's they deal with ranking them from easy to difficult to work with.
 - Could RBOI help a family member in Michigan? **Ans:** Dr. Anderson said he wasn't sure if there was an institute in Michigan that did the twice per day radiation treatment nor who the main insurance carriers are in that area and whether any approve a twice a day treatment.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm that was seconded and unanimously approved.
Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary