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Minutes for the POA general meeting of October 20, 2009.

Agenda and notes related to specific topics of discussion

1. *Opening, Pledge of Allegiance.*
2. *Roll Call, Previous Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Vote to Accept.*

Board of Directors members Joe Gorman, Elaine Driedame, Bill Garner, Dean Nicholson, Frank Carr, Ken Copp, Myron Henry, and Ron Husted were present at the September 15 general meeting.

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3. *Business*

- a. *IRS Bond Investigation.* There was brief discussion but nothing more to report than what has been reported in the *POA Bulletin* and through other news outlets.
- b. *Revised Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.* President Joe Gorman gave an extensive description of changes. The revised documents can be found on the POA website. They also will appear in the next issue of the *Bulletin* and will be acted upon at a subsequent meeting of the membership of the POA.
- c. *POA Hall of Fame.* Nominations are encouraged. Forms were available at the back of the room.
- d. *POA Elections.* The election of members of the POA Board of Directors and officers will occur at the membership meeting in November. Nominations are invited from the membership. A slate from the current POA Board of Directors was presented.
- e. *POA Brochure.* This information brochure was available at the rear of the room. Members were encouraged to share it with friends and neighbors so that they might better understand the important purposes and accomplishments of the POA.
- f. *New Members and Renewals.* President Joe Gorman thanked those who have renewed their memberships in the POA and those who have become new members. He also thanked those who have made additional donations to the POA and indicated that the membership list is being updated so that it will contain only dues paying members.
- g. *Income Issues.* President Joe Gorman indicated that the financial squeeze on the POA has abated thanks to more paid advertisements in the *POA Bulletin* and membership payments. He encouraged POA members to patronize businesses that advertise in the *POA Bulletin* and to mention the POA when they do. Bill Garner gave a treasurer's report and indicated that the previous month had been a good one in terms of revenue generation for the POA. Bill attributed much of the improved financial picture to

increased add revenue for the Bulletin and membership dues (renewals and new members).

4. *Fifty-fifty*. With help from winners, Mike Kope conducted the fifty-fifty draw. A number of members were delighted to receive envelopes with cash from the draw.
5. *Open Question and Answer Session*. President Joe Gorman presided over the open question and answer period. Many issues of interest surfaced including some discussion on the status of the Internal Revenue investigation. President Gorman recognized past POA president Eva Hawkins and her husband Leo for the many contributions to the POA.
6. *VCCDD*. President Gorman introduced Ms. Janet Tutt, chief administrator for the Villages Center Community Development District, who answered questions from those in attendance from a booth at the back of the room.
7. *United Southern Bank (USB)*. Jeanne Lazo of USB discussed features of banking and saving with United Southern Bank. She responded to questions on overdrafts and CDs and commented that "when you call United Southern Bank, you will talk to a person."
8. *Harold Barnes from Shine*. Harold discussed health care and insurance matters involving Medicare Part B and drug plan increases.
9. *Law Enforcement*. Representatives of law enforcement and safety included Lt. Nehemiah Wolfe from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Chief Ed Nathenson who has been with the Lady Lake police department for 28 years, and Chief Mike Tucker of The Villages Fire Department. Topics of discussion included safety at the town and market squares, and other topics involving safety in The Villages. Law enforcement representatives emphasized how they cooperate with each other and that it is "better to call and not need services than to not call when you are in need.
10. *Amenities Authority Community*. Rich Lambrecht, Amenities Authority Committee (ACC) Chairperson, gave an extensive and informative report on recent activities of the ACC. He discussed the progress of golf path upgrades north of 466 and guest pass issues. Rich noted that Florida Statute 190 now allows numbered districts to deal directly with deed compliance issues whereas before, only the developer could enforce deed restrictions. He noted that some facilities of the Charter School can now be used by Villagers. Although Villagers now have a solid degree of governance through the ACC north of 466, Rich noted that the move for a similar kind governance south of 466 has slowed due to a slower housing market. Now SLCDD commissioners are selected by the owners of the commercial properties, so Villages south of 466 have virtually no say in who manages their amenities fees or how those monies are spent. In contrast, north of 466, the ACC allocates the amenities fees and then the Village Center Community Development District (guest Ms. Janet Tutt is Chief Administrator for the VCCD) contracts for services using the allocations from the ACC.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at about 8:35 p.m. and POA members congregated at the back for donuts and coffee and a visit to the displays.

Next Month

1. Elections
2. Installer/Seller of lightning protection systems (lightning rods)