



The Property Owners Association, Inc.  
The Villages, FL

**POA MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2015 Draft**

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Dreidame at 7:00 PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

1. **Roll call. Members Present:** Ken Copp, Barbara DeCoste, Elaine Dreidame, Jerry Ferlisi, Myron Henry, Donna Kempa, Sal Torname, and Jerry Vicenti. *Excused:* Ron Husted, Carol Reichel, and Cliff Wiener.
2. **Approval of the December 17, 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes.** The minutes were approved as read by substitute secretary Myron Henry.
3. **Treasurer's report.** The report was presented by Treasurer Donna Kempa. Receipts for year ending 2014 were \$217,207 compared to 2013 receipts of \$188,397. This 15% increase was primarily due to increase in ad revenues from the *POA Bulletin* (Approximately 51,000 copies of the Bulletin are now distributed monthly). Dues were up 6% for 2014, donations were up 8%, ad revenue was up 24%, 50/50 was down 32% and miscellaneous receipts (e.g., interest income) were down 20%. Bulletin expense was down 8%; distribution costs were up 20%; commissions were up 19%; layout expenses were up 7%; and miscellaneous expenses increased by 8%. Total expenses increased by 5% for the year. Net cash flow was up by \$22,434 for an increase of 44% for 2014 over 2013. The cash balance at the end of 2014 increased by 31% over the cash balance at the conclusion of 2013.
4. **Membership Report.** Membership Chairperson Jerry Vicenti reported that dues paying members are down at this point in 2015 compared to 2014, but he expects paid memberships eventually to be up. Nearly 5,000 requests for dues renewals for 2015 were mailed in January. Jerry V. thanked those present for being so supportive of the POA and for renewing their memberships.
5. **Back Table.** President Elaine Dreidame noted that representatives from SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Elders), Seniors Versus Crime, and the District Government were at the back table with relevant information and to respond to questions. Betty Cunningham from SHINE wished members of the audience a Happy New Year and then discussed Medicare changes and enrollment deadlines. She encouraged those who have questions to see SHINE representatives (who will be visiting several recreation centers to answer questions). The enrollment period for 2015 is from January 1 to March 31, and the effective date of coverage would then be July 1. Also at the back were members of the firm Realty Executives and representatives who could be responsive to lightning issues.
6. **Cash Raffle.** There were three lucky winners who pocketed \$30 each.
7. **Open Forum.** Elaine Dreidame and others (including POA members in the audience) offered comments and responded to the questions that follow. Responses to these questions appeared in the February 2015 edition of the *POA Bulletin*.
  - How do you know if a golf cart is street legal?



What is our "no soliciting" policy Is it true

- Under Treasurer's Report we heard the percentage increases and decreases but we never heard what the dollar value was that we have in the treasury.
- In the past 2 months I have had strangers knocking on my door wanting to do work on the house, clean the house or whatever. I say "no" and they leave, they aren't bothering me, but it makes me a little nervous to think they are banging on the door and should I report it?
- Lately there has been advertising in the papers and announcements in the squares that the entertainment is being partially paid for by a Sumter County grant. That's generating questions about what will happen when that grant expires. Is it possible that perhaps the entertainment is not going to be a steady perk for the residents of the Villages?
- I live right outside of Sumter Landing. I'm wondering why all the offices and district workers have been brought into Sumter Landing which, for me, has created quite a problem with parking. At 7:00AM there are trucks parked in back of Too Jays and in the parking lot. It looks like there's a big affair going on and it's just really all the workers that have been brought in there recently and I'm just wondering why?
- Is there a cap on amenities fees?
- The gate at Southern Trace is always being knocked down but so often when you come out, the sun is in your eyes, I wondered if those closing gates could be painted with a brighter color because they sometimes sort of blend in with the background.

Most residents like to strip

**8. Recreation Trail Stripping.** Elaine presented an update on the matter of recreation trail stripping. A show of hands from the 275 attendees showed that about 3/4s of them drive their golf cart at night and all of them indicated they wanted striping on the trails for ease in night driving.

**9. Guest speaker was Sgt. Robert Siemer from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.** Sargent Siemer provided a comprehensive update on law enforcement issues in The Villages. Among the topics he discussed were the differences between robbery and burglary; deterring criminal activity in retail areas; ways residents can help prevent crime; and golf cart crashes, injuries, and citations. Numerous questions followed Sgt. Siemer's formal presentation. Extensive coverage of Sgt. Siemer's comments including audience questions and his responses will appear in the March 2015 POA Bulletin.

**10. February POA Membership Meeting Speaker.** Mr. John Rohan, Director of Villages Recreation, will be next month's featured speaker.

**11. Adjournment.** President Elaine Dredidame thanked POA members for attending and participating in the meeting, and then called for adjournment in favor of coffee and donuts at the back of the room.

Minutes submitted by POA Board Member Myron Henry substituting for Secretary Carolyn Reichel.