

HCVVO Membership Meeting June 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Marla Berkshire.

Sgt. of Arms Gary Carlile led Pledge of Allegiance and prayer was led by Tim Minnick.

Roll call of officers resulted in 13 present, 2 excused and 1 unexcused.

At this point Marla introduced a group of gentlemen from Indy 1 to explain their organization, what they do and their goals. They would like to set up a tent at the Sept. reunion. They just want to become involved with our organization and help out where they can.

Marla spoke briefly about the insurance situation. Once again, she explained that the reason we are being dropped by our present insurance company is because of the big claim to replace the tent that was destroyed instead of taking a buyout. Our deductibles are going to be very high now because we are labeled as in a wind tunnel. They want \$50,000.00 deductible for wind and \$25,000.00 deductible for all other claims. The cost of the insurance will be set at \$36,000.00 per year and the first year payment will have to be set up as a loan so the organization will have to take out a loan to pay this. Also, everyone bringing a golf cart or motor vehicle to the reunion MUST show proof of insurance. Basic liability is probably all they need.

The New/Renewal of memberships were read. Jim Butler questioned one member application stating that the individual had been deceased for quite some time. After Sandi and Mike checked all the paperwork, it was decided to put a hold on this application until it could be investigated. All other memberships were accepted. Tim Minnick made motion to accept and Angela Lovins 2nd and passed.

The minutes of previous meeting was then read. Motion to accept was made by Joey Cavazos and 2nd by Jackie Myers and passed.

A short financial report was read. Motion to accept was made by Angela Lovins and 2nd by Tim Minnick and passed.

Marla then explained we would be reading the proposed By Law suggestions. Faith Gordon argued that the by law reading was illegal because the By Law committee met last year and other accusations were made towards the committee. After a heated discussion she was removed from the meeting by Sgt. of Arms. Because board member Brian Gilbertson was being disruptive during Marla's explanation to Faith, he was removed from the meeting as well. At this point Rebecca Adams stood up and **screamed** at Marla about what she considered to be violations of the by laws. She was then removed herself from the meeting.

A motion to read the suggested by laws at 2 more meetings instead of making a decision today was made by Linda Comerford and 2nd by Joey Cavazos and passed.

Jerry Adams then proceeded to accuse the board of by law violations and hollered at the President as well. After several minutes of him interrupting Marla, Mike Derry stepped in and tried to explain things to Jerry but he wasn't listening. A screaming match started and Jerry showed a complete lack of respect towards Marla and the office of the President. At this point Marla tried to explain **ALL** of the reasons why Jerry was dismissed. She explained everything several times but everyone just wanted to argue and not accept anything that the President said. She then explained how Jerry cost the organization \$8000.00 by refusing grindings for the road work and we then had to purchase more, and how he tried to change the bldg.. plans and almost cost the organization a construction crew. She explained that he ran over the equipment from the fireworks company after the July 4th celebration, destroying it and costing the organization \$1500.00 to replace. She explained how he had to spend \$400.00 right away behind her back because it was an emergency to replace batwing parts, then the work wasn't done. She explained that she approached Terry Hamilton and Jim Mickler about trying to get Jerry under control and they assured her that they would take care of it. They never got the job done. She then explained how Jerry wanted to make major decisions that she should make every time she was off of the grounds. He was under the impression when she wasn't on the grounds that he was acting President. There were **numerous** other reasons that Marla gave explaining why Jerry was dismissed. He stood in the back of the room saying "that's a lie" at everything she brought up. Trian then asked questions that Marla tried to explain to him. Someone insisted that an investigation be done by the membership to which Marla explained that every complaint had already been investigated and decisions were made. She explained that when any board member is struggling with issues the board/trustees are to investigate. That's their job. Our board did their job, investigated, it was legal so the job was done!!

After all of this Angela was finally able to read the proposed by law changes. The proposed changes will be attached to these meeting minutes.

Jenna talked about making print outs of by laws and suggestions for everyone to follow. Marla explained that it wasn't done because of the amount of paper involved but at the next meeting we would put all suggestions on a screen for all to follow.

Mike Derry said 605 sites were paid for so far.

Donna submitted \$340.00 more for vendors.

Chuck said K & L cleaned up their where they cut wood, just needed grass seed now.

Larry said this was flag day and everyone should be flying their flags.

Angela thanked Raechelle for painting the purple heart memorial in the front and pulling weeds.

Tim Minnick was voted in as new Head Trustee after Terry Hamilton quit. He said the batwing was fixed and up and running. He said there are lots of fence posts that need fixed or replaced they will be working on soon.

Ron reported they will be working on installing new water heaters next week. He said they could use help getting Tookolo Hall cleaned out.

Hoos asked if they could get help with back hoe moving campers out since there was so much rain that day.

Alan said we need to keep getting the word out about HCVVO and Lindsey Mickler suggested business cards that everyone could hand out. Rebecca said she has some trifold flyers in the General Store.

Andy thanked BJ for his help at the General Store.

Marla explained that she tries her best to be transparent about everything. Said that for 3 months she has not been able to get on the website to update it. Said that it is fixed now. In the meantime if you have any questions just ask her....call or text and she will answer.

Tim read a dissertation celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the US Army & flag day. This recognized the innovations, readiness & dedication to the US that they show.

Chuck made a motion to help a family in need with a donation of \$300.00 Joey 2nd and motion passed.

Finally....Chuck made a motion to adjourn and 2nd by Alan Kay and passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.