Recreation Council Committee News 10-16-2015

Veterans Day is coming up on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Ceremony begins at 11 AM. As we’ve done in the past, Veterans Day will be commemorated at New Horizons. Mark your calendar!! All Veterans should be on our Roll Call for serving America. Please contact Ed. Reilly at (310) 326-4710 to be sure you are on the New Horizons Veterans list. Hope to see you there.

Jennifer Haymore, Rec. Council Committee Chairman

Centenarian in Our Midst

Bobbi Schmidt will celebrate her 100th Birthday on October 18! Happy Birthday, Bobbi!!!!

Bobbi moved to New Horizons in 1966, when brand new condos were still for sale. She served as Board Treasurer and handled the books for clubs and the Flower Fund.

Bobbi comes from a family of performers. “My parents belonged to a traveling troupe and I was born during a St. Louis engagement. So, I guess I was naturally drawn to the shows we put on here.

In a New Horizons play, Bobbi was cast as a nurse in a skimpy skirt. The script called for her to bend over for a long view of her ruffled backside. “I got a lot of applause for that scene.”

Well, Bobbi, let us applaud you again and send our best wishes to you!

Nurse Bobbi Schmidt and Bernie Hollander in “The Sunshine Boys”

Submitted by Judy Foster
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015 3:00 pm

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE REVIEW
Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman, Gary Smith, 3:15 pm. No minutes approved.

Attendance: Vice Chairman, Gary Smith; Treasurer, Scott Munro; Secretary, Kathy Lindbergh; Architectural, Tom Kasterko; BIS, Bud Brown; Civic Affairs, Julie Dojiri; Clubhouse, Pat Artman; Grounds Maintenance, Linda Crickmore; Insurance, Joan Jones; Newsletter, Maggie Pagan; Resident & Orientation, Barbara Helm.

Absent: Chairman, Bob Lombardi; Buildings & Pools, Carl Aleccia; Condo Code Enforcement, Linda Falzone; Recreation Council, Jennifer Haymore.

Guest Speaker: Patrick Prendiville, Insurance Agency

Topic of discussion was Employee Insurance with renewal date 12/1/15.

Currently, New Horizons has fifteen full time employees, two part time employees. 2015 Premium: $7,380.69 monthly, $88,568.28 annual.

2016 Premium-used by Budget Committee: $7,671.95 monthly, $92,063.40 annual.
Increase: $291.26 monthly, $3,495.12 annual

Different Employee Insurance options were explained by Patrick Prendiville.

Employee Insurance Benefit plan to be discussed at the Workshop meeting, Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 1:30 pm, Town Hall and also the 2016 Budget plan $92,063.40 to be discussed at the next Workshop meeting.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance with questions and concerns.

Respectively submitted by,
Kathy Lindbergh
Board of Directors Secretary 10/8/2015.

Thursday Women’s Golf Oct. 8, 2015
Started out cool for first day of championship. Ended up hot but a good day for ladies golf.
Submitted by: Janet Weber & Barbara Helm

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Free Play: Barbara Helm
Hole in One: None

TRAVEL NEWS
If you weren’t at our October 1 meeting, you missed a number interesting topics not the least of which was a very nice program. We have been contemplating what trips would be of interest to our members. The following is a partial list of proposed trips discussed:
The Nixon Presidential Library; The Princess Diana exhibit on the Queen Mary; a tour of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; America’s Teaching Zoo and Gardens of the World; a tour of the locales shown on the “I Love Lucy” TV series and a trip entitled “An International Road Trip to San Diego.”

Throughout the remaining weeks of this travel year, we will flush these trips out with their interesting highlights and propose other trips that may be of interest. While we are in our planning stage, perhaps you (members) can suggest other trips we could put into the schedule. We will need to know your thoughts by the first of December, so we can check them out before the year is over. You can let us know at our November 6 meeting, or you can E-Mail them to me at edwardreilly2015@yahoo.com.

For our program this month, we were honored to have with us Ron and Gilda Pelton. You may remember Ron’s mother, Millie Pelton, a lovely lady who used to travel with our club. Ron and Gilda recently traveled to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. An excellent photographer, Ron returned with a terrific program of their travels which they presented to the club. It was so interesting. They also have a program on their travels to South Africa in which I think everybody would be interested. I have invited them to return and show that program after the first of the New Year. Stay Tuned!

Submitted by: Ed Reilly Travel Club Chair, 310- 326-4710

Water Aerobics Instructor Needed
Jodi Davies will be moving some time this year. She has led Aerobics Class for 16 years. She would like to find a replacement before she leaves. We meet 6 days per week at 10:00 am until the end of October. After the clocks change, we meet at 12:00 until April. We thank Jodi for her dedication. She has shown up and led the group no matter how small a group! Thank you Jodi for caring so much! We are going to miss you! Won’t you come and join the group!

Submitted by Maggie Pagan
Board of Directors Special Meeting
September 23, 2015 Minutes

Chairman Bob Lombardi called the Special Meeting to order at 1:30PM on September 23, 2015. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed members present were Bob Lombardi, Gary Smith, Scott Munro, Bud Brown, Carl Aleccia, Julie Dojiri, Pat Artman, Linda Falzone, Linda Crickmore, Joan Jones, Jennifer Haymore, Barbara Helm and Maggie Pagan. Absent: Kathy Lindbergh, Tom Kasterko.

No minutes were read or approved.

Chairman Lombardi introduced, guest presenter, Bonnie Sharp, CEO, Sharp HOA Management, Inc. Ms. Sharp was invited to discuss consulting services in general, and to provide information about her company and services. Time was allowed for questions and answers at the end of her presentation. Her invitation to present came from an Ad Hoc Committee and followed their investigations of management and consulting services. The Committee had reviewed the services provided by and fees charged by various firms.

Bonnie reviewed her credentials, her experience in property management and consulting and her affiliation with professional organizations. She stated the expertise of Sharp HOA lie in decreasing expenses and increasing revenues. She proposed consulting to New Horizons on an arrangement that included 27 hours of time monthly, at a fee of $90 per hour. Following her remarks, she answered questions from the Board and then from residents in the audience.

Bob thanked Bonnie for coming and summarized that the goal of using services such as her firm would be to learn better ways of doing things, improve performance, avoid mistakes and get information that might increase harmony in the Association.

Bonnie left at 2:47 p.m. and Bob called on Ad Hoc Committee members to report what they had learned during their tenure on the Committee and to provide their views. They were in favor of asking Sharp Management of have New Horizons as a consulting client. Next, the remaining Board Members were asked to provide their views and reaction to the action proposed by the Committee. Residents present were then asked about their thoughts and questions.

Various Board members, not on the Ad Hoc Committee, asked that additional data be provided, which would lay out specific information, side-by-side, of additional consulting companies. They requested that this information be displayed in a way that made direct comparisons and allowed for evaluations across potential suppliers. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet in a couple of weeks to gather this data.

Meeting adjourned 3:20 pm.
Submitted by: Judy Foster, Assistant to, Kathy Lindbergh Board of Directors Secretary

New Horizons Golf News
Men’s Golf Club Results 10-7-15

Kaboom! Craig Conant shot a 45 today. He leads the 1st round of the Club Championship by 5 strokes over Ray Tominaga. The rest of the field is still in a daze. Our only chance for catching Craig is for him to eat some bad tofu. His 45 is one stroke off the course record.

Submitted by: Gene Aurand - Golf Committee

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Highest score - 63
Hole in One: Ralph Dilibero - hole 11

IN MY OPINION BY JOYCE HARRINGTON

On Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, at the special meeting regarding outside management, Bonnie Sharp made her presentation. Ms. Sharp operates an independent Project Management Company which includes a Consulting Division. After the Ad Hoc Committee’s extensive interviews with different companies, our New Horizon Board of Directors invited Ms. Sharp to speak to the residents so they could learn how a consultant would benefit our community.

Her fee for consulting would be $90.00/an hour. Her contract, would be only a 90 day Contract. It would be up to the Board to decide how many hours they would need her help. Bonnie, gave very clear examples of the types of help she could provide.

The Board stated they were only interested in hiring Bonnie as a Consultant. The Board is absolutely not interested in hiring her Company for Project Management. I want to be certain that all N.H. Residents whom did not attend the meeting understand this fact. Especially, since there have been some rumors going around saying that the Board wants Project Management for New Horizons. As I understand it, they do not want.
Fundraiser For The Torrance, Fire Station #1 Saturday, October 17th 4:00pm, at the TWC Clubhouse
Social Hour - 4pm, Appetizers - wine - bet on silent auction items
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