

HEART 201 Meeting Minutes



May 4, 2023 | 6:30 PM | Google Meet Video Call

Type of meeting Regular (Quarterly)

Facilitator Brian Moretti

Board Members

Brian Moretti (President), Jay Sampson (Vice President), Carol Prussman (Treasurer), George Wood (Director of AED Maintenance), Sandy Booth (Director of Communications), Mike Mandell (Director of Responders), Peg Betourne (Secretary)

Others Present

Dean Schoenbeck, Phil Buttiglieri, Trish Leaderbrand

AGENDA

Club Business

Secretary's Report

Peg Betourne read minutes from the February 2, 2023 annual meeting, which were then approved by the board. Minutes are posted on the Dunedin AED website ([link](#)).

Treasurer's Report

Carol Prussman reported the checking account balance in February was \$2,296. Two checks were written since then – one to George Wood for reimbursement of the purchase of O-rings (\$40) and one written to the savings account for the annual transfer for depreciation of assets (\$400) leaving a current balance of \$1,856. The savings account balance in February was \$2,285. With interest and transfer from checking, the current balance is \$2,685. The combined balance is \$4,541.

Director of AED Maintenance Report

George Wood reported that new AED pads were ordered (\$103) from AED Brands on 3/31/23 and are backordered. The pads were ordered because they will expire at the end of June. We have only one functioning AED right now (the one near Brian's house on Ivawood) because the pads were missing when the repaired AED was returned to us. According to a contact person at AED Brands, the new pads are expected to be in by the end of June. The remaining AED equipment appears to be in good working order. (Update after the HEART 201 meeting: Brian received the new pads from Cardiac Science on May 12, 2023)

Director of Communications Report

Sandy Booth reported that there are some new residents in unit 201 whose contacted information will be added into the contacts database. He said, however, that some residents did not want to be contacted.

Director of AED Responders Report

Mike Mandell reported on the recently held responder drill. See Agenda Item 1.

Agenda Item 1 Responder Drill

Although the drill was considered a success, Mike said that lessons were learned and will be incorporated into planning for the next drill, which he recommends be done at least annually if not bi-annually. He said there was a good turnout from responders but not a lot of participation. Mike said he focused more on training than on coordinating the activities of the responders, which he will address so that more responders gain from the experience of a drill in the future.

Phill Buttiglieri attended the drill and agreed that having another one in 6 months would be beneficial. He said responders seemed confused as to what was expected of them during the exercise. Phil also commented that other activities of response could be covered in a drill such as those associated with the Vial of Life program.

Agenda Item 2 Fundraiser for New AED Equipment

Brian Moretti noted that the expected cost for two new AEDs is \$3,600, and the expected cost for two AED batteries is \$720. Therefore, if we decide to replace the units, we will need to have a fundraiser in early 2024.

Bob Sjogren of The Villages Public Safety Dept provided feedback regarding new AEDs in an email dated 3/1/23. Bob's opinion is that it is not necessary to replace the units simply because they are 6 years old. He said as long as the equipment continues passing the internal self-tests, the industry recommends replacing them every 10 years. Other AED programs in The Villages have reported their AEDs lasting longer than that. He also believes that selling used AEDs is not a value-added prospect.

Jay Sampson said he recently spoke with Bob Sjogren who said that AED equipment used by all AED programs in The Villages will be required to be uniform, the same make and model, but the particulars have not yet been determined. Jay therefore recommends waiting to replace our units until we have more information.

Mike said he saw new AED units posted south of Rt 44 that were called AED Plus. He wondered how those units compare to our Cardiac Science units.

Brian recommended we still conduct a fundraiser next year to cover eventual replacement costs.

Agenda Item 3 Ready Alert, PulsePoint

Brian reported that the renewal with Ready Alert is due this month. The cost currently covers 13 households for \$702. Brian asked Mike to verify that the coverage is correct. Brian recommended we continue using Ready Alert as our notification service for our responders (as opposed to Pulse Point, the free notification service required for new responder/AED programs south of Rt 44). Mike agreed. Brian authorized Carol Prussman to write the check to Ready Alert.