

Minutes/Notes
NRV AARP Board

June 3, 2025
Blacksburg Recreation Center

Attendees: Don Creamer, , Pat Ballard, Jerry Niles, John Burton, Pat Hipkins, Joy Herbert, Wilma Dotson, Ben Crawford. (No quorum except as noted).

Co-President Pat Ballard called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

Announcements: Pat Hipkins has agreed to serve as chair of the Charitable Giving Committee.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes: The minutes from the May 2024 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat B. reported for Jamie McReynolds who could not be present that, after expenses, we had some \$14,059 checking and savings accounts. We have also renewed our Virginia State Corporate Commission License (\$25.00).

Leadership Development: Don Creamer raised the issue of what we will do if our efforts to expand the leadership involvement fails. It was generally agreed that governance and systems would have to change, and such changes have probably begun; if we cannot replace our Newsletter editors we may have to do short MailChimp blasts of news items.

Website Development: Don reported that the new website was up and operating. Some minor changes were suggested but it was agreed that the new site was a hit.

Picnic: Pat B. and Jerry Niles reported that the number of paid picnickers was 55. Jerry will begin setting up the venue at 3:00. Pat will pick up the food. Jerry has seen the site and feels it is a good one.

Leadership Development:

Applying for Chapter Awareness Grant: Pat B. and John Burton will apply for a Chapter Awareness Grant focused on the expenses related to our rebranding.

Archiving Files: Don and John have the archived minutes and newsletters. They are currently the only ones that can access them so if someone should need an archived file, they will have to ask for it. In the future we will not keep files beyond two or three years on our active website.

Caregiver Conference. Pat B. reported that a Caregiver Conference will be Aug 8 at the New River Community College from 8:30 to 3:00. We will pay for a table and “man” it with volunteers.

Social Security 90th Birthday: We will wait for Terry Wildman to get off the golf course and maybe plan a social+cake. John will write a note to Brian Jacks to see if there are plans, we can join in on.

Andrus Award: It was suggested that we renominate Judith Jones, but we will announce the award to the membership and see if other nominations are forthcoming.

New Brochure: Don noted that we will need new brochures as the result of our rebranding. He presented a new version and took a suggestion or two for changes. Since we now had a quorum (Ben Crawford and Jerry came late), Ben moved, and Pat H. seconded that we go forward with the new brochures. Don will go to Fed Ex.

Committee Reports:

Community Service. Pat H. updated us on the program plans for fall.

We had lost our quorum by this point, so Pat B. adjourned the meeting at 11:50 without a vote.