

TVBP Minutes 6/07/2017

Tierra Verde Business Partnership President Hunter Grose called the lunch meeting at Tony & Nello's to order at 12:10 p.m. on June 7, 2017. He "kiddingly" proclaimed nominations for new prez are in October.

In the going-around-the-room segment, Richard Sanchez of the Egmont Key Alliance announced that the lighthouse island has been named one of the state's 11 most endangered historical sites. Not exactly an honor but Sanchez said this should bring about some "save" recognition and most importantly, action!

Doug Izzo, an Eckerd College grad and Beaches Chamber spokesman, highlighted several events coming up, including the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce monthly mixer at TVBP member Ten Pin Lanes. This bowling fun is 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13.

Grose explained how the next newspaper insert listing all TVBP members should be in Sept., the summer guide cancelled. Island Reporter will probably circulate 12,000 copies. Six spots for advertising will be open starting in July. Cost for ads is \$250-300.

Grose also talked about the importance of future RSVPs for meetings. It's only fair to restaurants. TVBP web site has a place to say "yes" or "no" about attending. 31 attendees at this meeting so Tony & Nello's met the challenge. But Grose reminded it's only reasonable to plan just how many will turn out to set up the food.

No summer pig roast. But TVBP bd. Member Sharon Rastello said, "It will happen!" She vowed this in front of all. Grose acknowledged how much work this was and how disappointing to not have TVBP people respond. But TVBP couldn't be on the hook for a 75 people commitment. So perhaps a holiday pig roast/luau will work...

July 5th mixer at Island grille has been arranged. 5:30 and TVBP provides light food.

TVBP April 15th car show was a huge success as Carol O'Bryon said kudos to the 50/50 raffle women. Grose said the car and truck participants loved it, too. Eckerd College Search and Rescue received a check for \$2,000 from the car show.

Andrea Hawk thanked the sponsors. "It's done for an enjoyable community event when it comes to the cars registering. They pay very little to come. But we rely on sponsors for the trophies, music, etc."

Grose asked about 50/50 raffles at upcoming TVBP social mixers. Little response one way or the other. So he promised to have the TVBP board mull this over. Then perhaps???

Oktoberfest will be Oct. 21. Volunteers are needed. First meeting is June 20. See Grose for details as he runs the event – music, beer, it's fun!

Jordan Kuperberg, EC-SAR staff instructor, and Eckerd student Hunter Blencowe did a wonderful presentation on the college's volunteer water program. Since 1971, EC-SAR has helped thousands of boaters, now in a 600 square mile radius. With 58 student volunteers, boaters can get gas or a tow or be rescued when someone goes overboard. This is a big commitment for students but a rewarding one. TVBP donations are most appreciated.

The meeting ended at 1 p.m.