

# **Aging Unit of Iron County, Inc.**

## **Minutes of May 15, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Wahner at 9:30 AM

Present Walston, Nasi, Hickey, Roberts, Mullard, Wahner, Ellis, Gottwald, Thomas, Gheller and Dir. Welch.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Acknowledge that meeting was properly posted

The Chairperson spoke on the changes to the agenda and the public comment before any business is conducted. She wants the board to be more transparent and accountable. Wants to get By-Laws updated. Hoping we can all work together?

Motion to approve agenda with corrections by Mullard seconded by Roberts, motion carried

Motion to approve minutes of April 23, 2014 with addition to Finance Comm. report to read that Mike Saari was contacted and we were told that we could change the director's medical insurance if we did not have a contract with them. Also to add Roberts to members attending. Motion by Nasi seconded by Mullard, motion carried

Speaker - Barb Peterson from ADRC. Spoke about the managed care in the State of Wisconsin. Provides information and care for aging and disabled persons in Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Price and Sawyer Counties. Call Human Services to get to ADRC.

Old Business:

Appointment of Vice-Chairperson - The Chairperson appointed Paul Gottwald as there was no one willing to serve that had enough time on the board.

Vic Oimette stated that we could appoint a temporary Vice Chairperson at any meeting that the Chairperson was absent.

Letter from Michael Pope - Gottwald stated that he thought that the public should be able to request the board to make a motion per their comment. That we can not eliminate the public.

John Sendra spoke on the letter from Pope concerning the vote taken on new members in our last meeting was incorrect. He stated that the board could not rescind the vote taken and we should have stated we were taking two votes and the two top vote getters should have been the new members. Asked if Mr. Pope could advise the Aging Unit if he was the Counties attorney? Could advice given in close session be used after the closed meeting is over? He thinks no.

Vic Ouimette stated the reason he come to the Aging Unit meetings is to make sure we are doing things legally. He wants to make sure all of Iron County is served. The board elects the new members and elects the officers. He agrees with Pope on this issue. He states that the Aging Unit, according to its by-laws does have an annual meeting with members being able to make motions and vote on them. He states that in elections for new members that the top two vote getters get the position. According to by-laws the board can stipulate how the elections are to be done. Cannot rescind an election.

It was decided to have a special meeting of the board with the by-laws committee to start to work on the by-laws.

Motion to install Paul Gottwald by Nasi seconded by Mullard, motion carried  
Motion to install Jeanne Walston by Mullard seconded by Nasi, motion carried

Amended March 13, 2014 minutes (as enclosed)

Dishwasher supplies - John Sendra checked with the supplier and found that there were some settings that were set to high causing the dishwasher to call for more supplies than necessary. This was corrected so we should be seeing a difference in the cost in the future.

By-laws - Status already discussed

Financial Report - The end of the year profit and loss statement problem with too much in the misc account. The problem was getting used to a new program. The biggest item was the some \$27000.00. This was the amount we pay to Highline of the transportation grant. Other items that did not belong were rugs and Stepping On program also Bob Lynn's insurance. All items have been corrected.

Motion by Gottwald seconded by Mullard to accept financial report, Motion carried.

Motion by Ellis seconded by Nasi to accept Benefit Spec Report, motion carried.

Exec Dir Report:

Nutrition Report - Nasi had a question on the total of meal served for March 2014. The Director will check on it. Gottwald suggested that we look into getting some of the home delivered meal people to come into the nutrition sites to eat and enjoy the socialization.

Motion to accept the nutrition report by Mullard seconded by Nasi, Motion carried

Computer update - After getting information from several places Dir Welch decided to go with the Dell computer. She called five board members and got the go ahead. The new computer will be installed May 15, 2014.

The Stepping On Grant was sent in last week. Asking for \$3200.00.

GWAAR has received the sequestration money and is deciding how to distribute it.

2013 Self- Assessment has been accepted

Doing a survey of the congregate and home delivered meals at all sites. Mandated by the state.

The six week program on Living well with diabetes is back on schedule.

Site updates - None

New Business -

Committee Appts.

Finance Committee    Jeanne Thomas - Chair  
                                  Opal Roberts  
                                  Verna Nasi

Personnel Committee    Opal Roberts - Chair  
                                  Paul Gottwald  
                                  Gene Hickey

Building and Grounds Committee    Paul Mullard - Chair  
  Gary Ellis  
  Jeanne Walston

Public Comment        Ted Erspamer said that the county board should reprimand Mr. Ouimette for stating that he represented the Iron county board at our last meeting and sat at the table like he was a member of the Aging Unit board. He stated Mr. Ouimette should say that Mercer is against Hurley instead it should be Mercer against Iron County.

Paul Gottwald stated that we should get some things prioritized - By-laws, Home delivery, and donations.

Next regular meeting set for June 19, 2014 at 9:00 at the Aging Unit in Hurley

Motion to adjourn by Nasis seconded by Walston, motion carried

Respectively submitted

Jeanne C. Thomas  
Sec Treas Iron County Aging Unit