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The Ambassador

President's Message

Dave Burns



My last President's Message! My gosh where did the last two years ago; seems like it was just yesterday that I became FFCV President, and "poof" my time is almost up! With that stated, all I can say is "Thank You" to all of the membership for making my time in office a very memorable and enjoyable time in my life. I would also like to recognize a number of you who have been FFCV members for many years and who I heavily relied upon to help turn our club around. You men and women know who you are and my sincere thanks to all of you. During the past two years we have hosted some really excellent exchanges and the one with Santa Barbara last month was no exception, really worked out well and of course we had some great weather which didn't hurt. Paul Hokanson and his team did a great job organizing and running the exchange and the entire club did a fabulous job in home and day hosting, providing logistic support and otherwise helping out. Kudos to all!

Aside from the exchange some other important activities have occurred recently. First and foremost on October 26, 2015 the IRS favorably ruled on the Friendship Force of Central Virginia Incorporated request for approval as a 501 C 3 Corporation, retroactive to June 11, 2015, the date of our incorporation. The ruling benefits include recognition that donations to club and unreimbursed expenses for the club are now deductible against Federal and most state income taxes. Also, the public charity status part of the ruling provides much broader and diversified sources of donors and grant opportunities for the club. To learn more about our new tax status please, contact David Lea, Rob Beck, or me.

I also am proud to report that we have selected a new Board of Directors (BOD) to lead our club starting in January 2016. The new BOD has been expanded to include nine members and will include President Al Colville, 1st Vice President Linda Burns, 2nd Vice President Pam Hokanson,

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Secretary Margaret Dryer, and Treasurer David Lea. In addition, as a result of our effort to become a formal non-profit organization, the current BOD agreed to include four additional personnel to the new Board, and Dale Walden, Walt O'Connell, Rob Beck, and yours truly agreed to fill these positions. The four individuals will not hold formal Board positions but are considered FFCV officers, having full voting privileges, and will assist in guiding our club. I am also happy to announce that your BOD recently approved a new set of bylaws compiled by Rob Beck which will govern how our club operates. The new bylaws will be posted on the FFCV website. Our next task is to identify members who are willing to chair or become members of the various standing committees we have within the club. The committees include: Budget & Finance, Communications, Fundraising, Exchanges, JAG, Member Outreach, Member Relations (formerly Social), and Membership. While some members have stepped forward to chair some of these committees all of them need additional members. So if you have any interest please let us know!

As it has become difficult for many of our members to travel to the far flung international destinations our club has been offered by FFI over the past couple of years and next year, several members have requested we try to participate in one or more domestic exchanges. In mid-October I sent out a Doodle poll listing a number of locations our members nominated for an exchange. To date, only about a third of our membership has responded to the poll and I ask that you please take a look and respond one way or another. If you do not want to go to any of the destinations listed, no problem simple hit the "No option works for me" button at the bottom of the poll. You will notice the first destination listed on the poll is a reciprocal exchange to the Santa Barbara club. At the conclusion of last month's exchange I talked with the individual who schedules their exchanges and we have a verbal okay for a visit in 2017. Right now, according to the poll we only have 11 members who have noted an interest in participating and we will need more than that to go. I will reissue the poll in mid-November, if you cannot find my original email.

Also in October, I sent in our "wish list" for international exchanges in 2017 and based on the responses I received from a Doodle on what our members wanted I requested we receive exchanges in either Mexico, Costa Rica, Canada or England. FFI will not be making decisions regarding the exchanges until early next year so keep your fingers crossed. In the interim, if you are interested in participating in an exchange run by another club or FFI, go here: http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all_list/ Check this site frequently as new exchanges are added regularly.

As for inbound exchanges for next year, we will be hosting a group from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada probably in late spring next year. Once again, Bob and Dee Schwagerl have stepped forward and volunteered to be exchange directors (EDs). Also, next September we will be hosting 20 ambassadors, likely international travelers, for five nights as part of the multi-club Civil War themed exchange we have been working on all year. We will be guiding tours to sites in the Shenandoah Valley, battlefields in and around Fredericksburg (Chatham House, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, and Wilderness), and Appomattox. We have already made trial runs of the these places but next spring would like to get a number of you together to make additional runs to make sure we get things right. FFI recently issued an invitation to clubs operating in English speaking countries to participate in the exchange. The invitation is included later in this Ambassador.

Another important issue that has arisen is FFI's "I'm in" campaign. In short, while this is detailed later in this Ambassador, there are two parts to this campaign: 1) to raise funds to retool FFI's computer system; and 2) to encourage clubs to set up short theme based exchanges to bring in new ambassadors and hosts. In regards to the fund raising your BOD discussed this and decided that since we had money left over from the Santa Barbara exchange we could afford to send FFI \$300 to

support the campaign. The campaign is asking for both club and personal contributions and if you would like to contribute please do so. As for the second part, we have told FFI that in the coming two years we would be willing to run one or more three or four day exchanges which might include the themes of Revolutionary Presidents (Jefferson, Madison and Monroe), Civil War attractions (those in our portion of the multi-club exchange), and Central Virginia's Wine & Beer Trail. Another suggestion has been Exploring the Blue Ridge but not sure we have enough members who are willing to participate in that one.

Again, it has been great pleasure to have served FFCV as President for the past two years and I look forward to continue to assist President Al Colville and the rest of the new BOD in whatever way I can. Also looking forward to spending time with all of you and participating in inbound and outbound exchanges, and the other times we all get together. You are a great group and I am proud to say I am a member of Friendship Force of Central Virginia.

Santa Barbara Exchange

Paul Hokanson, Exchange Director

Our Friendship Force of Central Virginia Club welcomed 17 ambassadors from the club in Santa Barbara, California from October 7 – 12. Ambassadors and club members were hosted at a Welcome Party in the home of members Peggy and Al Colville including a boat ride on Lake Monticello. Activities included a visit to the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, VA and a scenic drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway to take in some of the beginning fall color. Ambassadors also visited Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello, and had a walking tour of the University of Virginia and historic downtown Charlottesville. We also included a visit to Luray Caverns as well as another scenic drive along Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park. Ambassadors were given a free day to choose from several additional historic sites in the area before attending a Farewell Party at the Cooper Vineyards and Winery where they got to taste some Virginia wine along with a buffet dinner including Southern Fried Chicken and Virginia ham and dance the Virginia Reel. The ambassadors enjoyed their visit, learning many things about our area. They appreciated the fall color; even though the trees had not yet reached peak color, they enjoyed the vast amount of green. Thank you to all club members for your participation in planning and hosting this exchange. I think the ambassadors enjoyed their time with us. It was a lot of fun and a very successful exchange.



Social Committee in Action

Peggy Colville

There will be a General Membership Meeting of the Friendship Force of Central Virginia on November 21st at 2:00 in the North Side Library on 705 Rio Road West.

We will be having one of the JAG students giving a presentation and there will be updates on business matters as well as our upcoming Annual Christmas Party. Please be on the lookout for a doodle poll letting us know if you can-or-cannot attend. If you plan to join us, please bring a snack to share.

Directions to the North Side Library: Going North on Rt. 29, turn left onto Rio Road – Library will be the fifth building on your left – Blue & Yellow Building – Park around back. Meeting room will be at top of stairs on your right – or – you can take the elevator to second floor – meeting room will still be on your right.

JAG School

Linda Burns, Chair

We have two basic course students (3 months) coming here this November. They are arriving on 6 November. The only information I have so far is that they are from Egypt and Japan. Please let me know if you would be interested in hosting either of them. It's a great opportunity and lots of fun learning about their culture and showing them some of our culture.

Al and Peggy Colville shared with me a letter they received from a previous student from Iraq. This student was offered a position at the US Embassy and requested the Colville's to send a reference letter for him. After he was chosen for the position, he wrote back to the Colville's. Here is a portion of the email:

“Dear Friends,
Update news,

I had got the conditional offer letter, And I accepted it, now I am working on Security clearance and later with Medical examination, I pass the English test and Interview meeting.

Thank you very much for your help and support in the past and today, even if I did not get that job, your words for me it is enough to make me feel happy to the rest of my life, at the same time it was a good opportunity to go back again to my lovely memories with you.

Regard with my best wishes to the best friend I have ever.”

This is the kind of relationship that develops from sponsoring these students.

I would like to form a committee for the JAG School. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact me @: toeheadva@yahoo.com or 434-589-8724.

CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING



Please join us along with any guest you might want to bring to the:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Saturday – December 12, 2015

Location: Paul & Pam Hokinson's House
6 Lakeview Circle at Lake Monticello

Time: Noon ---- Till

Lunch will be catered and served by our own – DEB WINSLOW
FFCV will cover the cost of this meal. Members may bring their own liquid refreshments.

Entertainment: A Christmas Gift Swap

Each person should bring a wrapped present worth about \$10 to exchange with another member. Details to follow.

Be on the lookout for a Doodle poll coming out closer to the event with further details. Please indicate if you will be coming or not. Deb will need that information in order to make this event a success.

A Nation Divided – America’s Civil War

Dave Burns

As announced earlier this year FFCV agreed to participate in a multi-club Civil War themed exchange which will take place in September/October 2016. For the last several months a number of your club’s members have been involved in planning and working with the other clubs involved to come up with a program which should generate a lot of interest. The exchange is planned to include 20 ambassadors and be 19 days long with FFCV having hosting responsibilities for five nights with three guided tours and a “free” day to relax or see local attractions. In late October FFI sent out the announcement of the exchange to a limited list of clubs, primarily those in the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, and Canada as English comprehension is a prerequisite for participation. Here is the announcement:

A Nation Divided - America’s Civil War 9/20/16 – 10/9/16

Participating Clubs are:

FF Greater Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, FF Charleston, West Virginia, FF Central Virginia, FF Richmond, Virginia, FF National Capital Area (Washington DC)

Highlights: This war has been called ‘The War Between the States’, ‘The War of Northern Aggression’, ‘The War of the Rebellion’, and ‘The War against Yankee Aggression’. This historical and cultural experience will provide Union and Confederate perspectives from local historians and will provide ambassadors with a wealth of information pertaining to events that took place in America’s history from 1859-1865 including John Brown’s raid at Harpers Ferry and opinions over the expansion of slavery as new states were formed. We will tour many well-known battlefield campaigns in the North and the South and learn of military strategies based on information known at that time. We will visit the pre-Civil War home and final resting place of Robert E. Lee, learn about the division of one of the original 13 colonies because of the Civil War that resulted in the formation of a new state, tour several state capital buildings, experience delicious cuisine and see many other interesting sites along the 19-day journey, ending the exchange with a tour of Lincoln’s cottage and Ford’s Theater in Washington DC where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

Ambassadors and their arrival – This exchange will accommodate 20 ambassadors. Some program days are very intense so it is very important that ambassadors are capable of walking for several hours. English proficiency is also a requirement as all tours will be provided in English. Program events are varied and will offer something for the experienced Civil War enthusiast who is interested in seeing where battles took place to the novice who has a general knowledge of the Civil War but is interested in learning more about this period in American History. For foreign ambassadors, we suggest arrival in Philadelphia or NYC and spend a couple days independently exploring sites and then travel to Harrisburg by Amtrak train or plane w/arrival at Harrisburg International Airport (MDT). Ambassadors will be picked up at the airport or train station by their home hosts. Some transportation during the exchange will be on charter bus and train where space will be limited. For this reason, luggage is limited to one (1) Medium sized bag per person. Laundry opportunities will be offered by home hosts during the exchange.

*Details: This 19-day exchange is hosted by five Friendship Force Clubs. Transportation is included from arrival in Harrisburg, PA to departure in Washington, DC (Dulles- IAD or Regan International Airport). All overnight accommodations are included at FF home hosts and 3 nights at hotels. Most meals are also included. There will be many opportunities for friendship at open-club events and time to experience local flavors and interesting sites within local communities and along the journey from place to place. Recommended preparation for this exchange is to read the book, *The Killer Angels* and these 3 movies; *Gettysburg*, *Lincoln* and *12 Years a Slave*. This exchange will also introduce ambassadors to Medal of Honor winner, James Madison Cutts, Jr. (1838–1903), US Army of the Potomac from the Battle at Antietam to his burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Upon arrival in Pennsylvania, participants will receive, *Hero of the Republic* and live historical facts by the book's author, Bing Spitler. NOTE: Due to the pace of this exchange, there is no expectation of taking home hosts out for a meal.*

The cost of the exchange is \$2,075. To apply for the exchange, please fill out the online application. You will notice the application requests 2 references, preferably the last Exchange Director(s) you traveled with or your club president. Your reference should be able to attest to your representation as a FF ambassador and also to your mobility. Your references may be contacted by the Exchange Committee. Please send the following link to your references and ask them to fill out this online form: [Ambassador Recommendation for Civil War Exchange # 12759](#). With consideration of foreign airfare, selected ambassadors will be notified quickly and a deposit of \$1,000 will be requested in January 2016. If you have a need to cancel, funds will be returned to you (less the \$25 administration fee) if your request is made before final deposit and if we are able to fill your vacancy with another ambassador. After final deposit - Due 6/1/ 16 funds will be nonrefundable. Therefore it is wise to purchase trip insurance should something unforeseen arise after your commitment to this exchange.

Outreach

Linda Burns, Chair

I'm glad to say that Mary Ann Doucette is recovering from a staph infection in her right hand and doing well. Thank you all for your prayers.

Our member who had surgery in September is also recovering and doing well.

If you know of any other member who needs an "outreached hand" please let me know. You can contact me @ toeheadva@yahoo.com or 434-589-8724.

Fund Raising

Dale Walden, Chair

We don't have any fund raising events scheduled for the rest of this year. Thanks to all who volunteered in 2015 to make this year successful.

News from FFI

"I'm In" Campaign: Progress Report

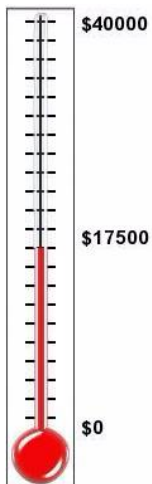
At our World Conference in Vancouver, we presented a two goal challenge to our conference delegates that we then passed along to our worldwide membership in a Communique on September 24. These goals are designed to help Friendship Force build its bright future based on the '2015-2018 Strategic Plan'.



GOAL 1: To raise with your club or personally donate \$50 for a new database and website development by December 31, 2015.

GOAL 2: To create and lead a fun, global 'special' exchange in 2016-2017 and be open to new ambassadors and hosts. The exchange can be themed, NextGen, humanitarian, multi-club, tandem, part home-hosted/part non-home hosted, or whatever model works best for the target group.

We asked the membership to commit to one or both of these goals by saying "I'm In" and join us in reaching them. Since that time, individuals and clubs have stepped up to raise \$17,500 in donation - almost halfway to our target of raising \$40,000 by the end of 2015. We want to extend a big "Thank You!" to those who have donated thus far.



A few of the things we are hoping to achieve with these funds are:

- a more efficient and productive technology system for our head FFI office in order to better serve our members
- a more secure and modern database and website that is in line with current technology guidelines
- modernize and streamline the exchange and programmatic workflow between FFI, clubs, leaders and members around the world, making our work more effective and easier to conduct
- improve the overall design of the website to ensure access across mobile and desktop platforms and to offer a more contemporary `face` to the public in order to market our organization and exchanges with more appeal and ease for those seeking to join us in our mission

Along with donations from our clubs and members, we will also be seeking matching grants from other organizations to further the funds that you raise. Here is a link for you to donate now, or you can send a check to the Friendship Force office in Atlanta with "I'm In" written in the memo section.



Another way to maximize your donation is to give through **Georgia Gives Day**. On November 12, 2015 from midnight to midnight Eastern Standard Time, nonprofits across the state of Georgia are teaming up for a 24-hour day of giving to raise millions for good causes in our local communities and to celebrate and show support for the work and worth of nonprofits - and we are a part of it! Have you been wanting to join our "I'm In!" campaign for our new website and database? Then November 12 is your day to give! Visit <https://www.gagivesday.org/c/GGD/a/friendshipforce> and click (or share) if you care! Already given to the campaign? Then increase your gift by sharing our upcoming Georgia Gives Day social media posts and emails with your personal network.

It's because of you that we have achieved such an important legacy in our 38 years of existence. Won't you help us reach our future?

Welcoming our new CEO



It gives me great pleasure as Chairperson of the Friendship Force International board to announce the appointment of Jeremi Snook as FFI's sixth President and CEO, effective November 9, 2015. Jeremi has a Master's degree in Business Administration and brings with him both the experience of working as a senior executive in the non-profit sector as well as the experience of starting a small business that quickly earned him and his partner the Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies' award. He worked successively with United Way, with the Uptown Emergency Shelter and most recently as Chief Operating Officer with Spaulding Youth Center in Northfield, New Hampshire, a leading community-based provider of educational services for children with neurological or behavioral challenges. Jeremi's desire to relocate to Georgia played in FFI's favor and those on the Search Committee

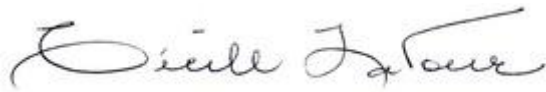
who have met him believe that he has the vision and management skills to lead FFI to the stability and sustainability we want for the organization. Most importantly, he has the values to embrace the mission that matters enormously to all of us.

Executives who have worked with Jeremi Snook have all described him as a caring, can-do person who connects well with people from all walks of life, someone who values diversity and works collaboratively to achieve consensus. "Friendship Force is much in alignment with who Jeremi is as a person", commented a former boss and CEO. Jeremi concurs: "I have loved all my previous jobs but the mission of this one resonates with my soul. I tell my friends and family that I will work for peace by bringing people from around the world together."

I know that you will join me in welcoming Jeremi Snook to Friendship Force and give him the support he will need to grow our mission and our membership. You will have the pleasure of meeting Jeremi soon after his startup date of November 9, 2015 as he plans to introduce himself to club members around the world in a short message and video that you can watch on your screen.

Before I close, allow me to acknowledge the considerable work carried out by the CEO Search Committee led by the Board Vice-Chair, Bob Duncan, who reviewed 180 applications and worked tirelessly over the last three months to bring us to this day where I am able to make this happy announcement.

Again, I welcome Jeremi to the FFI family and I know you welcome him too!



Cécile Latour, Chairperson of the FFI Board of Directors



2016 FFI World Conference: Marrakesh, Morocco

September 16 to 19, 2016

(arrival and registration on Sep 15)



Join us for our very first FFI World Conference in Africa!



- We've extended the conference allowing more time with friends and more opportunities to explore beautiful Marrakesh
- Centrally-located accommodations at the Kenzi Farah hotel with its cooling pools and traditional hammam, nestled in 3 hectares of lush palm groves
- Meet FFI's new President and CEO, Jeremi Snook, at his inaugural conference
- Learn what other clubs are doing with Friendship Force global club updates
- Expand your Friendship Force knowledge in a variety of workshops, interactive presentations and leadership training
- Exchange ideas with friends from around the world to build a bright future
- Enjoy delightful music and dance performances, representing the different regions and traditions of Morocco
- Learn to cook a traditional tagine or how to make argan oil
- Try a morning belly-dancing class
- Some workshops, breaks and meals outside under the palm trees (weather permitting)
- A sumptuous Moroccan feast in the 11th century Medina on our optional evening out
- Travel the world all in one night at our World Bazaar, under the stars in the hotel gardens
- Optional half day tours include navigating the maze of souks and the lively Medina, horse drawn carriage rides through Marrakesh's impressive gardens, watching the sunrise from a hot-air balloon, a historical journey through the old city and her monuments, 18 holes for the golf enthusiast, riding a mule up to a stunning perched lunch spot in the Atlas mountains, and - for the adventurous - a chance to zipline across a 700 foot gorge!
- FFI's traditional "World of Friends" gala banquet
- High-profile keynote speaker: "Muslim Women in a Changing



and Emerging Morocco”

- Join an exciting pre- and/or post-conference tour around Morocco
 - Participate in a post-conference homestay tour program courtesy of The Friendship Force in Morocco
- *Further details and registration in December***

For questions, contact **Debbie Powell**, World Conference Director, dpowell@thefriendshipforce.org



Member News

Do you need a name tag or business cards?

Drop an email to Walt (walt.oconnell@gmail.com) and let him know what you need.

The minutes of the BOD meetings and copies of the Ambassador Newsletter are available on our Web site, www.ffc.avenue.org

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

David Lea	11/2
Dale Walden	11/15
Mark Dryer	11/24
Julia Anne Guill	12/13
Robert Schwagerl	12/15
Robert Beck	12/29

Membership Renewal

It's that time again... time to renew your membership in Friendship Force of Central Virginia. Good news... dues haven't increased! Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter. This helps us insure that our information on your is correct and helps us keep track of who has paid their dues. Submit the form with your dues (see bottom of the form). 2016 promises to be a great year and you won't want to miss any of it.

2015 Calendar Meetings and Events

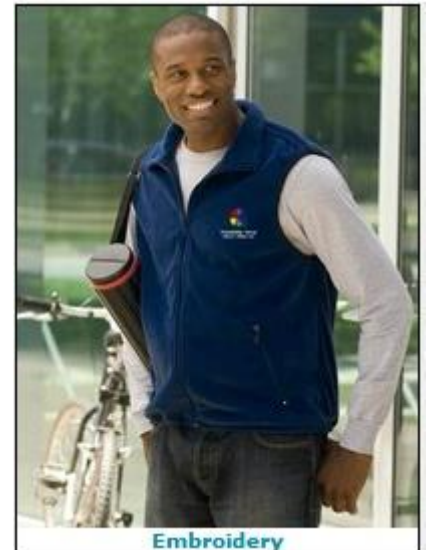
Month	Date	Event
November	10	BOD Meeting
	21	Annual Membership Meeting
December	8	BOD Meeting
	12	Christmas Party TBD

Show Your Club Logo with Custom Merchandise



You now have the ability to purchase quality merchandise with our club logo *embroidered* on it from Queensboro. Some of us have purchased this merchandise in the past and have found it to be very good quality.

We have our own “store front” that uses our approved logo and ordering products through it is quite easy. Go to <http://ffc.v.qbstores.com> and to see the selection of products. To make a purchase, set up an account and then select from the products available, specifying your size and color preference.



A flat fee of \$6.50 per order applies regardless of the order size so team up with a friend and consolidate your orders.

Queensboro offers many more products than we have placed in our store front. If you are looking for something in particular you can view their entire site at <http://www.queensboro.com>. You can order directly from that site but you won't have access to our logo. If you see an item you would like with the logo, let Walt know (walt.oconnell@gmail.com, 434-591-0532) and he will add it to the store front.

Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Colville Residence – 25 Whippoorwill Lane, Palmyra, VA 22963

Board Members Present:

President Dave Burns, First Vice President Al Colville, Second Vice President Dale Walden and Secretary Margaret Dryer.

Board Members Absent:

Treasurer David Lea

Guests:

Rob Beck

Linda Burns

Peggy Colville

Pam Hokanson

Paul Hokanson

Dee Schwagerl

Bob Schwinger

Call to Order: A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by President David Burns. All actions taken by the BOD were done upon motion duly made, seconded and followed by discussion, and carried by a majority vote of the Directors unless otherwise noted.

President Burns thanked the Colvilles for hosting the JAG Picnic. There were 36 persons in attendance.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the FFCV Special Board of Directors Meeting of July 15, 2015 and the minutes of the FFCV, Inc. Special Board of Directors Meeting of July 15, 2015 were adopted. A copy of the approved minutes will appear in the Ambassador.

Treasurer Report: The report was postponed to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Non-Profit Status (501C3): Committee Chair Rob Beck reported that we should have a PO Box with an address in place to make it simpler for the Club to receive mail. It is also recommended by FFI that a gmail account be created for the president that can be used for future presidents to communicate with FFI, FFCV and anyone interested in the Club.

A. **Conflict of Interest Policy:** He addressed the draft of the FFCV Inc. Conflict of Interest Policy as required the Federal Government, the State of Virginia and FFI. Upon motion duly made, seconded and after discussion it was resolved that: **“The Friendship force of Central Virginia, Inc. Conflict of Interest Policy presented to the meeting is hereby approved and adopted by the Club, including any future changes to that Policy, and a copy of said Policy is hereby ordered attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof.”**

History: Policy Approved September 8, 2015.

B. **FFI Club & Exchange Policies:** Upon motion duly made, seconded, and after discussion it was resolved that: **“The 2015 Friendship Force International (FFI) Club and Exchange Policies**

presented to the meeting are hereby approved and adopted by FFCV, including any future changes to those Policies from FFI, and a copy of said Policies are hereby attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof.”

History: Policy: Approved September 8, 2015

C. Bylaws: The draft section on Purposes was reviewed and suggestions made. The draft was then approved. The draft section on Members was reviewed and suggestions made. The draft and its corrections were approved.

Santa Barbara, CA Inbound Exchange: Exchange Director Paul Hokanson reported the exchange was well underway. He reviewed some of the materials with the BOD. He said that there would be a committee planning meeting on September 15 at his home.

2016 Inbound Exchange: The Medicine Hat Club from Alberta Canada would like to come sometime in April / May. An Exchange director is needed.

2016 Outbound Exchange Request: The Club has chosen the places that they would like to travel to as presented by FFI. The result of the survey is: Latin America, Europe and Canada. It was suggested that we send in our suggestions as early as possible.

New Business:

Overview of the 2015 FFI world Conference: The conference was held in Vancouver, Canada in August. First Vice President Al Colville reported. He said that it was suggested that all clubs have a standard email for their president that can be passed on to the next president. He focused on the need for the Club to advertise our outbound exchanges earlier in order to fill an exchange. It was suggested that we conduct a training session for our host, so they are comfortable with being a host. It was pointed out that we interview the people that are going on exchanges.

Nomination Committee: There needs to be a committee in place by the next meeting.

2016 Budget/Funding Issues: A Budget Committee needs will be appointed at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Social/Programs Committee: The Committee Chair Peggy Colville reported that the September Bi-Monthly Meeting will be on September 19th; however a location is to be announced. In October a cider tasting is being planned. The Annual Meeting will be on November 21. The December Christmas Party is in the planning stages.

Membership Committee: Committee Chair Dee Schwagerl reported that there are four new members.

Outreach Committee: Committee Chair Linda Burns reported that there are three of our members that have health issues one of whom will be needing some assistance.

Communications Committee: Committee Chair Walt O'Connell has the Ambassador ready to send out in the next day or so.

Fund Raising Committee: Committee Chair Dale Walden reported that there is a change in the Friday's After Five program and how we are to us it.

JAG School: Committee Chair Linda Burns reported that the Labor Day Picnic for the JAG students was a success.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be held at the Schwagerl Home on October 20, 2015 at 10:00am

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary

Attachments:

Approved FFCV Conflict of Interest Policy

Approved FFI Club & Exchange Policies

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Schwagerl Residence – 695 Starfield Drive, Keswick, VA 22947**

Board Members Present:

President Dave Burns, First Vice President Al Colville, and Secretary Margaret Dryer.

Board Members Absent:

Treasurer David Lea and Second Vice President Dale Walden.

Guests:

Rob Beck
Linda Burns
Pam Hokanson
Paul Hokanson
Dee Schwagerl
Bob Schwagerl

Call to Order: A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 10:15am by President David Burns. All actions taken by the BOD were done upon motion duly made, seconded and followed by discussion, and carried by a majority vote of the Directors unless otherwise noted.

President Burns welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the FFCV, Inc. Regular Board of Directors Meeting of September 8, 2015 were adopted.

Treasurer Report: The report was postponed to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Non-Profit Status (501C3): Committee Chair Rob Beck reviewed the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

A. **Articles of Incorporation:** Chair Rob Beck presented the Articles of Incorporation and focused on article 8 Dissolution of the Club. **The Articles of Incorporation were adopted.**

B. **Bylaws:** He presented the Bylaws for approval. **The Bylaws were adopted.**

Santa Barbara, CA Inbound Exchange: Exchange Director Paul Hokanson thanked all those that made this exchange a success. There was a positive feedback from the ambassadors and the weather was perfect. He suggested that we should be aware of the UVA schedule in planning. There was a surplus of \$378.33 that will be kept in the inbound account.

Nominations of New Board of Directors: Nominations Chair Al Colville presented the nominees for the new Board of Directors and Officers:

Al Colville - President
Linda Burns - First vice President
Pam Hokanson - Second Vice President
David Lea - Treasurer
Margaret Dryer - Secretary

Rob Beck
Dave Burns
Walt O'Connell
Dale Walden

The nominees were elected as presented.

Committee Chairs: The Board of Directors agreed to work on filling these positions by the end of 2015.

2016 Inbound Exchange: The Medicine Hat Club from Alberta Canada would like to come sometime in April / May. Bob and Dee Schwagerl have consented to be the Exchange Directors.

2017 Outbound Exchange Request: The Club has requested international outbounds to Mexico, Costa Rica, Canada and the United Kingdom. There are requests from Clubs within the United States as well. Santa Barbara, CA; Huntsville, AL; Baton Rouge, LA; Chicago, IL; Lansing, MI; Naples & Tampa, FL; Austin & San Antonio, TX; Albuquerque, NM; Oregon and Washington States. A doodle poll will be sent to the member for their choices.

New Business:

"I'm In": President Burns explained this request from FFI to help update the website and other items. A motion was made: **"To send FFI \$300.00 for the "I'm In" program."** **The motion was adopted.**

Committee Reports:

Social/Programs Committee: Al Colville reported that the November 21st Annual Membership Meeting will have a JAG student address the Club, however a location is to be announced.

Membership Committee: Committee Chair Dee Schwagerl said that there was no report.

Outreach Committee: Committee Chair Linda Burns reported that get well cards were sent to Molly Anthony, Mary Ann Doucette, Pete Almonte, Rob Beck and Bob Schwagerl. A Thank You Card was sent to the Colvilles hosting the JAG picnic.

Communications Committee: Committee Chair Walt O'Connell's deadline for the next Ambassador is November 8, 2015.

Fund Raising Committee: There was no report.

JAG School: Committee Chair Linda Burns reported that a JAG student will speak at the November Bi Monthly Meeting.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be held at the Dryer Home on November 10, 2015 at 1:00pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary



2016 Friendship Force Central Virginia
Membership/Renewal Application

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County*: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone (land line): _____

**Note: in city = C'ville; else Albemarle, Fluvanna, etc.*

Cell: _____ Preferred Badge Name: _____ New Member Sponsor _____

For Family Application: Partner's Name: _____ Email: _____

Partner's Cell: _____ Preferred Badge Name: _____ Children Under 21 _____

We like to recognize our members on their special days if you choose (month and day only, we overlook the year).

Your birthday: ___/___/___ Partner's birthday: ___/___/___ Anniversary: ___/___

It is important that you have a good understanding of The Friendship Force, what we do, and what to expect. The Web site for Friendship Force International is a good source of information about the history and mission of our organization. Please review the information at www.friendshipforce.org, paying particular attention to the tabs "Who We Are /History and /Mission" and "FAQs" and our club at www.ffc.avenue.org. If you don't have access to the Web, please contact a member for information about our FFI and our club.

To make our club successful, all members contribute as they are able to our various activities. Please check the activities in which you would like to participate or learn more about in 2015. (Partners do separately when your interests diverge). **Do you want to:**

	Exchange Activities		Other Club Work and Activities
	Go on an Outbound Exchange		Serve on Communications/Publicity (newsletter or press)?
	Outbound Exchange Planning Committee		Serve on Fund Raising including Fridays After Five?
	Inbound Exchange Planning Committee		Be on Social Program Planning and Organizing?
	Inbound Exchange Planning		Help Plan Bi-monthly Club Meeting Programs?
	Inbound Exchange Home Host		Serve on Membership Committee?
	Inbound Exchange Day Host		Be nominated for Exchange Director
	Inbound Exchange Small Dinner Party Host		
	Community Activities and Service		
	Invite an International Student to Dinner		
	Sponsor a JAG student		
	Work on a Community Project (e.g., International Refugee Committee, World Friendship Day, or outreach to community?)		

What areas of the world are of particular interest for an Exchange?

Asia___ Canada___ Europe___ Eurasia___ Latin America___ Middle East___ Africa___ South Pacific___ USA___

Annual Dues: \$32 for single, \$60 for a household. Please include a check made out to **FFC with your application**. Please submit application/renewal and dues to our treasurer, David Lea, 139 Stribling Ave., Charlottesville, VA 22903 or at a meeting.

