

## **Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting**

The meeting was called to order on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen, Larry Poltrock and Richard Schuh.

Others Present: John Zenkovich, Mary Lex, Rose Jansen, Dan Kamps, Bob Graupner, Tom Matucheski, and Marie Schuh.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held June 08, 2015.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting held June 08, 2015. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

Motion by Richard Schuh to approve the budget summary report. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 Public Comment.

Marie Schuh commented that she and Richard attended the annual picnic at the park that Karl's Transport puts on for local veterans. The shelter was filled. Many nice gifts, gift cards were handed out and a very nice meal was served.

Bob Graupner stated the White Lake parade was held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. There was a really nice tribute to the veterans. The army band played and did a wonderful job.

Agenda Item #6. Veterans Issues and Office Updates

John stated that the July Fourth parade in Antigo went well. A tractor driven by Ron Korn pulled a very nice wagon with benches designated for veterans and about 4 WWII veterans were on this wagon. John was on the trailer also. Since the Memorial Day parade was rained out the Marine Corps League was hoping to have the WWII veterans riding in the Fourth of July parade. John stated that he and Mary finally received the PIV cards that the VA issued. This allows access to veterans data electronically. With this access, forms for claims and other correspondence can be done online which speeds up the process.

John received an email from Robin Stowe, corporate counsel, stated that due to Fair Labor Act changing the law in 2016 John will have to log in and out for pay purposes after the first of the year. John's pay must be \$50,000 to remain a salaried employee which it is not so he will become an hourly employee at some point in January 2016.

John brought up that the office will be closed on July 17<sup>th</sup> due to a training session in Tomahawk. Our office will be carpooling with the CVSO from Waupaca. We will meet him in Merrill. Plans are to stop at Camp American Legion for a little tour of the facilities.

The laptop and printer we had on order has arrived and is now set up for us to do outreach one day per month. This will allow wireless access and we can do claims and other forms right from our laptop. Plans are underway to secure sights in White Lake and Elcho so veterans who do not care to drive so far can still take advantage of seeing us for questions and benefits.

Marie stated that Elcho town hall has wireless available and the Elcho school library is a large area which also may be available.

John said our office will advertise enough in advance so we are hoping for a good turnout.

John stated that next month agenda will have a line item for approving the budget for 2016.

John commented that our office has a phone for the hearing impaired available for demonstration for veterans to try out. There is a screen on the phone which has closed captioned for ability to read what the person on the other end is saying. Phone must have computer hookup along with a phone line. Veterans with hearing problems can get these phones for free.

John stated there is a veteran that is moving and would like to have some veterans help him move. There will be 27 steps to haul boxes up. This veteran lives in town and if anyone is willing to help just contact us and we will let note to the veteran.

John will be on vacation the first week in August.

John said the office has received the CVSO Grant from the state WDVA in the amount of \$8500.

This year the grant was used for salary but each year the specifications for what line items can be used for the grant will be changing which will make this harder for tracking.

Agenda Item #07. Set Date for July meeting and Tentative Date for August.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for August 10, 2015 at 1:30 pm. September's meeting date was tentatively set for Monday, September 14, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

Agenda Item #09. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Schuh to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Mary Lex