

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 9:00 am by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others Present: Dale Oatman, Bob Graupner, Al Werwie, Dan Kamps, Marie Schuh, Tom Matucheski and Liane Blahnik

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held June 9, 2014.

Motion made by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and the minutes of the meeting on June 9, 2014, second by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

The 2014 budget summary was reviewed by the Committee. Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the budget summary report. Motion second by Richard Schuh. Discussion: Larry asked Dale about retirement plans at the end of 2014 and if they needed to start the process for approvals to refill position. Dale reported that hiring a replacement before his final employment day for training purposes may cause the department to go over budget. The committee asked that this be an agenda item to discuss at next month's meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Communications and Public Comment and Agenda Item #6. Outreach Update.

Dale introduced Bob Graupner, the new commander at the American Legion in White Lake who was sworn-in in May.

Marie Schuh reported the July 6th Veteran's service at the Four Corners Church was very impressive. Each branch of the service was represented, and each service person introduced themselves and when they served. Marie stated this is a day of recognition for all veterans.

Al Werwie reported the White Lake Fourth of July celebration started out at 7:30 am and lasted until 11:00 pm. The day included the Possum Run, the biggest "Little" parade, music, food and ended with fireworks.

Dale reported he marched in the Fourth of July parade at White Lake.

Dale attended the Camp American Legion dedication for the new water fountain, the new chapel and a new cabin.

Dale attended the Badger Boy State.

Dale reported he will be out of the office starting Wednesday, July 16 to attend the American Legion in Appleton where he will be voted in as State Vice Commander. Dale is looking for delegate votes which will put him in a higher chair position. The first or second chair positions step in for the State Commander position if he needs to step out, and places those persons in a better position to run for the State Commander position in the future. Dale will return to the office on Monday, July 21st.

Dale reported that with his American Legion position he will be attending the week long National Convention and Dale will also be out-of- the office two or three days to attend training for State Commanders in Indianapolis. Some of these days will be taken as non-pay days due to not having Paid Time Off time available.

Dale reported he has been busy installing officers in the county. Officers were recently installed at White Lake, Phlox and Antigo.

Dale is working to schedule a parking spot for the Mobile Vet Center, a 30-foot van, in Antigo on August 4th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They just started advertising this Mobile Vet Center which does counseling for veterans or their family members for PTSD, TBI, and they have been committed to be present in every county in Wisconsin within a year's time period. This vehicle is equipped with a secure communication system, so they can talk to Washington DC or any doctors who have secure communication. They will be providing tours on August 4th, so no doctor will be on-board this day, but anyone who has an issue to discuss, they will be able to contact various VA hospitals or VA clinics.

Dale reported on Tuesday, July 15, the 40 et 8 organization who sponsored the "little league" baseball team, will celebrate their tournament win with pizza for coaches and the team at 5:00 pm at Post 3.

Dale reported the Commission meeting scheduled for July 23, has been rescheduled to August 5, as Dale needed to be out-of-town on July 23. Jim questioned the Commission funds. Dale reported he has an updated draft policy about reducing the fund amount down from \$400 to \$300 to help stretch this budget and the new policy includes a life-time ceiling on amount of funds a person can receive. Dale explained the Commission fund helps veterans, their families or widows who are in need. The Commission fund is mainly tax levy but includes donations from Veteran organizations and individuals, so the Commission will only use to help Langlade County residents. The Commission consists of Dan Kamps, Randy Addair and Tommie Stuckert; and by State Statute, Dale serves as Secretary/Treasurer. Unused Commission funds available at the end of the year, are carried forward into the next year.

Dale reported the Elks Club asked if he could read part of their Flag Day Service at the City Park this past month.

Agenda Item #7. Set date for August meeting and tentative date for September meeting.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for Monday, August 11, 2014 at 9:00 in the Health Service Center Boardroom. September's meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014 at 9:00.

Agenda Item #8. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Schuh to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Liane Blahnik
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