

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

The meeting was called to order on Monday, May 12, 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, Mary Lex, Randy Adair, Dan Kamps, Bill Kennedy, Marie Schuh, and Steve Bradley.

### Agenda Item #2a. Election of Officers

Chairman Jim Jansen nominated Larry Poltrock as vice chairman. Jim Jansen nominated Richard Schuh as secretary. Motion by Larry Poltrock to accept positions as stated, second by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held April 14, 2014.

Motion made by Larry Poltrock to approve amended agenda to include election of officers and approve the minutes of the meeting on April 14, 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 . All ayes. Motion carried.

### Agenda Item #5. Communications and Public Comment .

Steve Bradley stated that with Memorial Day two weeks away the Marine Corp League is in charge of the parade and festivities in Antigo. There will be a service for soldiers, sailors and marines who died at sea at the Hudson Street bridge at 8:00. The parade will start at 9:00 at Eastview Rehab and the flag raising ceremony and then the parade will go south to 5<sup>th</sup> avenue, then west to Clermont St. then north to the courthouse and a brief service will be held at the Vietnam Memorial and then around 10:00 the Memorial day services will be held at the courthouse. Sean Duffy will be the guest speaker. In case of rain the ceremony was to be held at the American Legion but may be changed to the VFW because the VFW Auxiliary offered to serve food after the ceremony. The Marine Corp League needs to work that out. The schedule will be posted in the Antigo Journal. There are also festivities in Elcho, Mattoon, Phlox and White Lake.

Marie Schuh stated that Elcho has two members with 50 years of service so national certificates and watches will be handed out to them at the Memorial Day service. She is going to ask the Poppy Princess to assist with presenting out those awards.

Richard Schuh stated that the Memorial Day Parade in Elcho goes to five cemeteries in the area.

Dale stated that White Lake has a function at the community center that morning and they go also to five cemeteries.

The boy scouts will be putting flags out on the cemeteries in the city of Antigo beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the Saturday before Memorial Day. Those cemeteries include Queen of Peace, City of Antigo, and Elmwood. Help is always needed for this procedure.

Steve Bradley questioned why the Queen of Peace and the city of Antigo have to pay for the flags put out on those cemeteries when the outlying cemeteries do not. Jim Jansen stated this happened a number of years ago with agreements at the time

Dale stated that Milwaukee County is offering free tickets for veterans and their families for the weekend of the Fourth of July. Military/veterans receive free admission to Summerfest on July 4<sup>th</sup> only, July 5<sup>th</sup> free admission to Discovery World, the Milwaukee Public Museum and the Mitchell Park Domes, and on July 6<sup>th</sup> admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum and the Milwaukee County Zoo. Must present their military/veteran identification for entry. Our office will receive zoo tickets in June and veterans are welcome to come in and inquire about this three day pass and pick up tickets.

Dale stated that the Veterans Service Commission had their meeting on Wednesday, April 16 and Dan Kamps was elected as Chairman. The commission is going to revise the commission application and policy. Money in the budget is going faster than anticipated. May reduce the amount so more veterans can be helped. May also reduce the time limit from once a year to every other year.

Dale brought up that the new CVSO for Forest County was now in place and his accreditation training was in Milwaukee which he attended last week.

Steve Bradley asked if Dale should retire would the veterans' organizations be involved in the hiring process. Jim Jansen stated that the organization commanders were involved in the last hiring. The veteran organization commanders were allowed to view the applications after the board had it narrowed down and the commanders were allowed to sit in on the interviews and offer some input but the county board has the final choice.

#### Agenda Item #6. Spring Conference Update.

Dale stated the conference held at Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake the week of April 21st went very well. Dale briefed the committee on some of the training at the conference.

#### Agenda Item #7. Outreach Update.

Dale reported that he attended a meeting in Iron Mountain with the director and staff at the VA Medical Center. Talked about the Phoenix issue and the director assured him that this is not happening here. He has put in an audit to make sure of it.

#### Agenda Item #8. Set date for June meeting and tentative date for July meeting.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for Monday, June 9, 2014 at 9:00 in the Health Service Center Boardroom. July meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2014 at 9:00.

#### Agenda Item #9. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Schuh to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Lex  
Deputy CVSO