

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 9:00 am by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen and Richard Schuh.

Members Absent: Larry Poltrock

Others Present: Dale Oatman, Mary Lex, Randy Adair, Marie Schuh, Dan Kamps, Tom Matucheski, and Steve Bradley

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held October 06, 2014.

Dale stated a correction to the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 06, 2014 to line item 5 to state that Dale did review the applications for the CVSO position for veteran status.

Motion by Richard Schuh to approve the agenda and the corrected minutes as stated, second by Jim Jansen. All ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

The budget summary was reviewed by the Committee. Motion by Richard Schuh to approve the budget summary report. Motion second by Jim Jansen. All ayes. One absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Update on Application Process

Dale stated that 24 of the 30 applicants tested on October 30 and the results were received on November 6. Thirteen applicants received a 70% or higher score which was decided to be the cut off. Letters to the 11 applicants under that score will be going out today. On a date to be determined, the committee will meet with the chosen commanders to go over these applications and decide which of the remaining will receive an interview. Hopefully the date will be Wednesday the 12th or Friday the 14th.

Agenda Item #6. Communications and Public Comment

Steve Bradley stated that the Marine Corp League Dinner scheduled for tonight will be postponed until next week due to the weather. The 40 et 8 dinner will also be postponed until next week. It is not yet been decided when these will be held.

Dale stated that the Marine Corp Birthday flag raising this morning at the post office was cold and snowy but had a good turnout.

Phlox American Legion veterans day dinner was held last Thursday on the 6th and about 50 attended. American Legion Post 3 will hold their dinner this Thursday. Dale will be speaking there.

Dale received a letter from Camp American Legion stating that this year they served 1129 campers. Their special programs which include U.S. Coast Guard, Operation Homefront, Homeless Veterans, Women Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, Vision & Hearing Loss Veterans, Veterans Recovery and a Diabetes Camp all continue to grow in number and they come back year after year. These programs help the camp expand it's healing hand and mission. Camp American Legion is very appreciative of all the donations they received and thankful to all the professionals who help make the Camp a growing success.

Dale attended a meeting at a post in Eagle River which donated \$10,000 to Camp American Legion. Every year their donation increases.

Dale received a list of organizations that people donate to that only a small percentage of the donation actually goes to help the public. America Red Cross the CEO makes \$652,000 per year. March of Dimes one dime of every dollar goes to the needy. United Way CEO makes \$375, 000. Unicef CEO receives 1.2 million per year. Some of the organizations where the majority of money donated is given to veterans or other needy are Salvation Army, St. Judes, Lions Club and all of the veterans organizations. If in doubt on who you should donate to, it is always best to donate locally to a post or organization which will help veterans in our community.

Agenda Item #7. Outreach Update

Dale stated that Korean veterans are eligible for The Ambassador for Peace medal. Forms are available in our office or online.

Marie Schuh stated that some WWII veterans may be eligible for Aleutian Islands citation. Richard stated these veterans had to have been in before August 13, 1943.

Dale stated there is also a medal available for veterans who served in Syria and those that returned to Iraq.

Dale has been going to the posts more frequently to get some publicity before announcing his candidacy for State American Legion Commander. This will be announced in the December issue of the Legionaire. Dale also expressed appreciation for the donations he received for this.

Agenda Item # 8 Set Date for December Meeting and Tentative Date for January.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for Monday, December 8, 2014 at 9:00 in the Health Service Center Boardroom. January's meeting was not scheduled today.

Agenda Item #9 Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Schuh to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Jim Jansen. All ayes one absent. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Lex
Deputy CVSO