

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

All Veterans Club

Steele, ND

Minutes

September 14, 2023

1:00 PM

1:00 pm: we began the meeting with the PLEDGE.

ROLL CALL: Present were Joe Hall, Eldred Knutson, Jim Nelson, Keith Peterson, Corey Moen, Bill Tuff, Scott Kaufman, Kenny Wiederholt, Don Herrly, Clarence Carroll, Dan Stenvold, Larry Young, and Russ Stabler. All 5 organizations were represented.

The Minutes of the last meeting on February 16th, 2023, were reviewed, correction was made to show Keith Peterson was present at that meeting. Jim Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Russ Stabler 2nd the motion and the Motion Carried.

Bill Tuff presented the Treasurer's report and indicated that all bills have been paid and dues have been collected from the American Legion, AMVETS, DAV and VFW. The VVA will be sent this week. The account is \$7,502.78. Dan Stenvold made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented and Kenny Wiederholt 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

Old Business: The contact sheet was reviewed and updated. Joe Hall will update the contact sheet and send it out to everyone.

Jim Nelson then reviewed the 2023 legislative session and how successful it was. He also went through the possible 2025 legislative items which will be gone through with the Commissioner at 2:30 pm. Jim Nelson indicated things went very well and we have got about 98% of what we asked for.

Under Old Business we also just reviewed the dues change to \$150 a year, the Constitution & Bylaws changes to allow virtual meetings with voting, and ensuring the C&B were consistently inclusive.

Under New Business we held elections. According to the C & B it is VFW's turn to lead for this 2-year term 2023-2025.

Corey Moen was elected President.

Scott "Spike" Kaufman was elected Vice President/Secretary

Bill Tuff was elected Treasurer.

Jim Nelson was re-appointed the Legislative Director for this 2023-2025 term.

Lonnie then came in at 2:30 and discussed in more detail the possible 2025 legislative items. He also discussed forming a legislative caucus to attend NDVLC meetings to help with our legislative priorities. He had a meeting with Senator Meyer out of Grand Forks who is sending an invitation to legislators to fill this caucus. At our next meeting, we will discuss this in more detail and move forward.

Nothing was presented under **Good of the Order**.

Dan Stenvold made a motion to adjourn which was 2nd by Scott Kaufman: Meeting Adjourned at 3:15pm.