

July 15, 1994

Meeting called to order by Vice President Glenn Maurer.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.  
Silent moment for POW/MIA's.

**Kathi Gilmore - St. Treasurer's Report on VPWTF**

- Fund is well and growing
- Review was given on Handout #1
- Concerns expressed on vets home - Western Vets home? What will be requested at legislation time?

Roll call taken of organizations. Introduction of NCVCC, NDACVA, and presentors.

**John Mullen**

- Greetings from past VCC members

**Lt. Col. Thilmony - National Guard Vets Cemetery Report**

- Greetings from General Bjerke
- Thank you to everyone who has promoted the cemetery
- Bonus application has slowed down. There has been 416 applications, 341 have been paid for up to date.
- \$6200.00 left in fund
- About \$50-70,000 thus short fall
- Discussion was held on bonus

**Gary Hoffmann - VETS-ND Job Service**

- Review was given on Handout #2
- Review was also given on Handout #3

**Gerald Balzer - Executive Director ND Job Service**

- Job Corp Center in Minot to be opened as of September 1994 - very good to look into
- Thanks to vets organizations for passing resolutions dealing with job service
  - \*DAV Outreach Program
  - \*Administrative Pre-Employment Act
  - \*Briefs given on each resolution
- Ask for motion to send each resolution onto Secretary of Labor and Assistant Sec. Department of Veterans Affairs to let them know what kind of support is behind each resolution

## Leo Swenson - Legislative Committee Reports

- Vets Preference
  - \*Review given on Handout #4
  - \*Review given on Survey Handout #5
  - \*Discussed and reviewed draft of Vets Preference Law Handout #6
  - \*If anyone has any changes they feel are needed please discuss with Leo
- Extension of Persian Gulf Bonus
  - \*Still working on it
  - \*Letter was written to Col. Hildebrad: No Response
  - \*2nd letter written to Brigedeal Gen. Bjerke: Response given
  - \*Legislative Comm. needs to write a bill which will extend it and ask for more money
- Veterans License Plate
  - \*Resolution was approved by council last year
  - \*Legislative Comm. needs to write a short bill and send it on
- Leo announced that this will be his last meeting - he is turning all of his stuff over to Glen Maurer
- Discussion of Legislative Liaison Director - put on hold till tomorrow morning

### Resolution -

- Amend Bylaws to Article III, Article IV
- Please refer to Handout #7

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Dave Schmidt motioned to adopt amendments Article III, IV Sec.1, IV Sec 2. Gerald Johnson seconded the motion, passed.

Ray Stalmacheck motioned to set dues at \$300.00 annual. Elmer Eckren seconded the motion, passed.

### John Mullen - NDACVA

- Veterans Home: Western ND
  - \*Toured different sites in western ND
  - \*Basic Care Facilities are basically hopeless
  - \*Skilled Care Facilities would also be hard
  - \*Results: Vets more interested in Basic Care
  - \*Discussion was held on the issue - how it will be paid for, different needs, qualifications, etc.
  - \*Proposal for Lisbon will be dropped at this time
  - \*ACVA should select site of care facility

### Legislative Comm. Liaison Replacement

#### Nominees:

Gene Kuba  
Rick Ryan  
Moody Dalhke  
Joe Novak

#### Committees:

Dave Schmidt  
Bob Evans  
Elmer Ekren

### **Service Officers**

- CVSO training session in October
- No state and national reports

Dave Schmidt

- Board of Veterans Appeals has revealed that some of the vets records have been tampered with, just so that everyone is aware

### **New Business:**

- Election of new officers
  - \*1994-1995
  - \*President - Rick Olik: AmVets
  - \*Vice President - Kasimier Schmaltz: VFW
  - \*Sec/Treasurer - Bob Evans: DAV
  - \*Nominations were accepted

Ray Stalmacheck moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Kasy seconded, motion passed.

Discussion was held on some of the figures from the financial report.

Ray S. moved to accept Treasurer's Report, Dave S. seconded, motion passed.

### **Joint Session:**

- John Mullen: Chair NDACVA
- Al Huber: Sub Chair Vets Affairs
  - \*New sub chair - Joe Brand
  - \*New chair - Mike Vandervick
  - \*Asks coordinating council to watch OMB in using interest in PWTF money for budget of department
  - \*transportation is working but not as well as wanted - will be some changes in schedules and routes
  - \*Grant Program is working well
- Ken Evenson: Chair Sub Com Veterans Home
  - \*Talk on Washington DC visit
  - \*Discussed making sure the VA is included in sessions, and also the VA budget: ND needs to know own needs and express them right away
  - \*Discussed issues on the National Health Care Reform
- Sub comm. passed a motion to support 60 bed Basic Care Facility in Western/Grafton. Also needs support of the full council.
- John Mullen
  - \*Ideas for PWTF interest
  - \*Bonus Money
  - \*Construction of Western Vets Home
  - \*Transportation
  - \*Emergency Grant Program
  - \*Discussion was held on each idea

- Discussion was held on Vets Cemetery
- Discussion was held on how to start Vets Home Addition after is has been approved as far as construction and publicity

**PWTF Interest Money:**

- Dave Schmidt motioned that when PWTF is being budgeted with OMB, they know that the NCVCC will not allow interest money to be used in the funding of general operations. Rick Olek seconded, motion passed.

Joe Novak asked about resolutions for WWII vets recognition for Silver Haired Legislative Assembly. Nothing has been heard on what is happening with this resolution.

Ray motioned to support resolution, Johnson seconded, motion passed.

**Time & Place:**

- November 4 & 5, 1994
- Bismarck ND
- Comfort Inn
- Legislative Committee will be present

Dave Schmidt make a motion to recognize Leo Swenson for his years of service to vets legislation by presenting a plaque in November. Glenn Maurer seconded, motion passed.