

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

NDVCC Minutes

**OPENING:**

President James Hapala called the reorganization meeting of the NDVCC to order at 9 AM at the Comfort Suites in Bismarck, ND.

There was a moment of silence for our POW/MIA'S

President Hapala led us in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLLCALL:**

Gary Maddock took roll call of the organizations. All were present except Mike Nitschke, AMVETS, Dan Stenvold excused VVA and Tom Rainsberry VVA.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Dale Ronning moved to accept the minutes as published in the handout. Joe Schmaltz seconded the motion and it was approved.

**FINACIAL REPORT:**

As we did not have the finance books, there was no finance report. It was asked that a dues notice be sent out to each of the organizations. Warren Tobin brought up that the C & BL states that annual dues, payable in advance shall be required from, and paid by, each voting member organization on an equal basis in an amount established by resolution at the meeting prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Joe Schmaltz spoke against the remembrance Flag, saying this comes up just about every year and that we fought for the American Flag and do not need this proposal every year. Joe then moved to deny backing the proposed remembrance Flag and Larry Vetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers:

President: Larry Vetter nominated Robert Krause of the American Legion and Dave Johnson seconded the nomination. No other nominations and Robert Krause was unanimously elected President of the Council

Vice President: Warren Tobin nominated Joe Schmaltz and Dale Ronning seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Joe Schmaltz representing the AMVETS was unanimously elected as Vice President.

Secretary/Treasure Officer: Robert Bird nominated John Hanson for Sec./Tres. John Hanson was not in attendance and someone said he was only interested in Secretary. The motion died for a lack of a second. Jim Hapala nominated Gary Maddock of the AMVETS and Joe Schmaltz seconded the nomination: There were no other nominations and Gary Maddock was unanimously elected Secretary/Treasure of the Council

Warren Tobin brought up the request of the Professional Veterans Advocates of North Dakota to join the Council as an honorary member. Warren Tobin moved to bring the Professional Veterans Advocates of North Dakota in as honorary members, Dale Ronning seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 8 to 4 with one abstaining. There was much discussion pro and con.

Dave Johnson asked for an opinion on non-voting members as to what their status was on the council. It was explained that they were there to give their professional knowledge when asked for.

There was discussion on the Legislative Liaison position of the Council. There was also discussion on the size of the legislative committee. Gary Maddock moved to have the incoming President Bob Krause contact those who would be interested in the position of legislative chairman and to interview them. Dale Ronning seconded the motion and it was approved. Bob is to contact interested candidates and interview them.

**Good of the Order:**

Dale Ronning asked who presents the bills to the Council

Robert Krause asked about meetings, time and when.

It was asked that we go through the C & BL and come up with what changes we should work on.

Warren asked that we share resolutions for our upcoming conventions in preparation for the next legislative session.

Dale Ronning asked that we stay united.

All adjutants were asked to send their meeting dates through their National Convention to President Robert Krause for him to select the next meeting date.

Joe Schmaltz mentioned that there is more clothing allowance from the VA and also talked about the needs of the VA hospital in Fargo.

Mention of that the travel will be paid the same day for patients driving to the VA for travel allowance rather than waiting till the end of the month.

With no further business, Dale Ronning moved to adjourn and Warren Tobin seconded the motion. Outgoing President James Hapala led the salute to the Flag and we were adjourned until the call of the incoming President Robert Krause for our next meeting in the spring.

Respectively submitted,

Gary Maddock  
Council Sec/Treas.