

November 29, 2012
NDVCC MINUTES

OPENING:

President Robert Krause called the meeting of the NDVCC at 4 PM on November 29, 2012 at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck, ND

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all followed by a moment of silence for our troops in harm's way.

Roll call was taken and all members were in attendance except Jerry Bigalke and Pat Wagemann.

Dan Stenvold moved to approve the minutes as sent out and Dale Ronning seconded the motion and it was approved.

We then went into discussion of the bills and with Bill #1, the changes to the bill were explained. It was noted that the governing board approves all bequests and Dean Overby noted that includes any type of gift.

There were also some verbiage changes to the bill.

(The following wasn't discussed entirely at the meeting, but it is the best way that I can explain, what was discussed on this bill.)

37-15-21

Explanation of change

1. Preserve the administrator's authority to accept donations, gifts and bequests.
2. Require the administrator to establish a local fund (instead of letting this be discretionary).
3. Require the administrator to deposit all donations, gifts and bequests into the local fund.
4. Eliminate the requirement that any donations, gifts or bequests received under this section be deposited in the NDVH operating fund.
5. Preserve the administrator's authority to expend local funds solely for the benefit of the NDVH.
6. Require that the governing board pre-approve all expenditures of local funds amounting to \$2500 or more.
7. Preserve the requirement that gifts given for a specific purpose must be expended only for those specified purposes.

37-15-23

Explanation of change

1. Allow all funds(including the bequest itself and all income, royalties, sale proceeds and investment income derived from the bequest) to be appropriated and expended.
2. Preserve the idea that these funds can only be appropriated for projects and programs that benefit and serve the residents of the NDVH
3. Preserve the legislative assemblies the sole authority to appropriate these funds ___ but restrict that authority so that the legislature can only appropriate these funds on projects or programs that are recommended to the legislature by the NDVH
4. Governing Board.

Bill #2: Remember our Veterans Plate was discussed and it was mentioned that this would be a first time funding, regulated by the DOT and changed to Patriotic Plates.

Bill # 7: There was discussion on B. ii. Referring to organizations would provide attorney for ACOVA. We were not able to understand what the attorneys for appeals and how it would affect the different organizations. We were going to ask the ACOVA tomorrow for clarification. It was mentioned that the request for VSO support may be in the Governor's budget.

Bill #12:

It was mentioned that there are very few if any 100% disabled Veterans with college age children and it was countered that right now there maybe, but with the disabled Veterans who are now coming home that in the future there could be.

Bill #17:

It was questioned what is the impact on the Game and Fish if this is passed and if something should be written in the bill concerning this. With the 50% disabled Veterans and at a cost of \$32 per license it could be a total figure of \$117,000 if all 50% disabled Veterans applied for a fishing and hunting license.

Bill #19:

It was asked if there was a dollar figure attached to this bill and it was thought that it is doubtful that this will be dealt with this year, but we should keep our eye on it.

With no other questions on the bills we went into Lobbyist registration. President Krause asked how it had been handled in the past. Warren Tobin said that Bob had done all the work and had everyone registered. Gary Maddock said that he had talked to Bob and that he had all the paper work here and needed everyone to fill out the registration forms before they left here today. He also said that it costs \$25 which is paid out of the dues each organization pays each year. Gary mentioned if you are also registered through another entity the cost for each entity after the first is \$15 per entity.

President Krause said that we had a candidate for the legislative committee chairman who had volunteered for the position. Dan moved to accept Brenda Bergsrud for the position of legislative committee chairman and it was seconded by Dale Ronning. Discussion followed concerning the eligibility of Brenda Bergsrud, since she is a state employee. Gary said he would check with the AG's office as far as eligibility.

There was a motion to table by Warren until we find out about compensation and eligibility, but died for a lack of a second.

Gary said that we don't have a lot of time and we should get as much done as possible now. The call for the question found all in favor and is considered hired unless we get a unsatisfactory opinion from the AG's office.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with the ACOVA at 9 AM on Nov. 11, 2012.

President Krause said that unless something came up we would meet the next time the ACOVA meets.

Respectively submitted,

Gary Maddock, Sec. NDVCC

If there are obvious mistakes let me know and I will correct them.

Thanks,

Gary

Nov 30, 2012

Joint meeting with ACOVA, we went over any questions that we had on different bills and were told on Bill #7 that we would not be responsible for attorneys for appeals as that would be provided by the National Organizations. (Lost my notes so may not have this completely accurate)

ACOVA had much discussion on Bill #9 and after Lonnie explained what it was for ACOVA had a roll call vote and all there approved it unanimously. Warren asked for the written explanation of the bill and after it was furnished the NDVCC had a roll call vote and they also passed it unanimously with those present.

The council will be supporting bill #9.

The NDVCC will be meeting Jan 10, 2013 at the Comfort Inn from 1 to 5 and jointly with the ACOVA on Jan. 11, 2013 at the Comfort Inn with the time to be determined, as of now it is 8 AM.

There is a block of rooms reserved for the council at the Comfort Inn. There are 8 rooms and **MUST BE RESERVED BY DECEMBER 28, 2012.** The number is 701-223-1911.

Respectively Submitted

Gary Maddock, Sec. NDVCC