

April 18, 2013
NDVCC MINUTES

OPENING:

President Robert Krause called the meeting of the NDVCC at 1 PM on April 18, 2013 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 with 9 members present 3 excused and 3 absent.

John Jacobson gave a detailed report of the legislative progress on the bills that concerned Veterans. On SB2007 the VA budget, he reported that \$100,000 had been cut out of the budget, but there was still a chance some could be returned. There was no money for the Vans. Lyle Schuchard spoke on HB1308 and said that the Legislature had to approve any project that came up concerning the Melvin Norgaard money.

Warren reported that we would need Vans for the 13-15 biennium.

At this time we broke to meet jointly with ACOVA.

In the joint meeting Bob Krause urged us to start earlier on legislation that we want for the Veterans and to also go to their campaigns to see how they feel on Veteran issues.

Ron Otto talked about HB 1405 the Agent Orange bill. On the Vans Warren Tobin talked about updating the funding on HB 1439.

We reconvened and Warren Tobin approved the minutes and Russ Stabler seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

In new business the committee discussed compensation for the Leg. Committee. Warren moved to give John \$500 and to give Brenda \$10 per hour for her time working on legislative matters. Russ Stabler seconded the motion and in discussion it was moved to amend the motion by Emery Fisher and seconded by Russ Stabler to give \$1000 to John Jacobson. The motion was then approved.

We discussed having an orientation with freshmen legislators to educate them on what the NDVCC and ACOVA do. Warren Tobin suggested we make up a brochure on the NDVCC activities. Dale Ronning suggested having priorities on our legislative bills and getting them to the elected legislators.

Dave Johnson suggested that we send e-mails thanking the legislators for those who helped pass bills favorable to Veterans.

Warren Tobin suggested that we next meet on Friday September 13 in Jamestown.

Motion to adjourn until the reorganization meeting in September.