

Sep.13,2013
NDVCC MINUTES

OPENING:

President Robert Krause called the meeting of the NDVCC at 1 PM on September 13, 2013 at the Vets Club in Jamestown

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 13 members present with Wayne Paulson sitting in for Emery Fisher and 2 excused, also in attendance were Lonnie Wangen VA Commissioner and Dean Overby Chairman of ACOVA .

The minutes were handed out and approved by a motion from Dale Ronning and seconded by Russ Stabler.

The finance report was given and approved by a motion from Russ Stabler and seconded by Dale Ronning.

Dean Overby thanked the Council for the work that they did at the last Legislative Session.

Old Business:

Chairman Bob Krause reported that we did the best we could considering everyone was asking for money and some of our bills were cut quite a bit.

Commissioner Lonnie Wangen said that things were a lot better than they looked as lot of bills were combined and although we didn't get all we asked for we came out pretty well.

Lonnie also said that there is an intern study on Veterans between sessions.

Dale Ronning asked what we could do better to work on getting money for the NVSO's. We will try and talk to the Governor when we have the opportunity and try and get it on the Governors budget. Lonnie explained how the approbations' worked and that we should try and talk to them before the session so they would have no surprises.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

Mark Wagemann nominated Gary Maddock for Chairman and Dave Rice seconded the nomination. With no other nominations Russ Stabler moved to elect Gary by acclamation and Dave Johnson seconded the motion and it was approved.

Warren Tobin nominated Russ Stabler for Vice Chairman and Dave Johnson seconded the nomination. With no further nominations, Mark Wagemann moved and Richard Krajewski seconded the motion to elect Russ as Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Secretary/ Finance Officer: Warren Tobin nominated Dave Rice and Russ Stabler seconded the nomination. With no other nominations Russ Stable moved and Wayne Paulson seconded the motion to elect Dave Rice as sec/finance officer by acclamation.

NDVCC Goals:

The question was asked about the intern committees and no one could fully answer who is on them or what committees there were.

Lonnie told us that we should get a buzz in with the Governors ear when in public. We were also told to start early and keep them informed on what we wanted and we would have a better chance of getting in on the Governors budget.

Wayne Paulson reminded us to have the figures available on how much our NVSO bring into the state. Gary Maddock said that with the returning Veterans coming home now there would be more need of service for them.

Lonnie Wangen said that they have send open claims to ND to be handled which has left some of the ND Veterans having to wait a little longer to have their claims processed. Dave Johnson asked how available the figures are on Veterans claims. Lonnie said that he could get them out. He also said that we should be talking to our legislatures out of session when we could.

Eugene Kachena said that we should not start too early, but need to get in the Governors budget.

Lonnie Wangen reiterated that we need to talk to those on the approbations committee whenever we could.

Dave Rice said that we needed to keep the NVSO, Upward bound, Agent Orange and the PTSD dogs bills alive.

Warren Tobin talked about the grant and loan program. Lonnie Wangen said that money has to come from the PWTF so we need to keep that funded. Dave Johnson moved to have Lonnie Wangen get a list of issues that we need and the needs of the PWTF. Russ Stabler seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Krause asked when the ACOVA was scheduled to meet again and was told that they would be meeting on Oct. 17 and 18th at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck.

Dave Overby said that the Governing board for the Veterans home and ACOVA would be meeting Oct. 16 at 8 PM for HIPPA training and at 2 o'clock for speakers on the 17th of Oct. followed by committee meetings. The NDVCC will try and meet with the ACOVA Legislative Committee following the speakers.

Dave Rice mentioned developing a brochure on the NDVCC and ACOVA committees to hand out to the State Legislators. Lonnie Wangen said he would look into it and see what he could do.

We also said that we should try and set up an orientation for the freshmen legislators.

We discussed the Dues and said that we would keep them the same at \$300 per organization.

Warren Tobin moved to have Dave Rice on the check book and Dave Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

We were told that the Agent Orange bill boards were set up on I29 at 7th and 12th Ave N and at the Steele exit on I94 and will be up for two years. The balance of the money will be used for education and research. More information can be found on the VVA website and other states are looking into what ND has done.

Next Meeting: Thursday Oct. 17, 2013 at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck at 1 PM.

With no other business we had our closing ceremonies and adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Submitted by
Gary Maddock, Sec.