

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS COORDINATING COUNCIL

GAMP GRAFTON NORTH DAKOTA

November 17, 2017

Meeting opened by President Russ Stabler

Pledge of allegiance followed by moment of silence for pow/mia's

Roll call of members

Dav: Steve Benson , Larry Holwegen missing Joe Hall

VFW: Bill Tuff, Jim Markey missing Shaun Shank

VVA: Russ Stabler missing Larry Young and Dan Stenvold

American Legion: Karen Meirer, Bruce Sailer missing Ron Mathews

AmVets: Wayne Kruger, Gary Himmrich missing Keith Peterson

Legislative committee from ACOVA: Dave Rice, Trish Hodney, Dean Overby

Treasurers report given by Tuff

	\$ 4362.03 on hand
Ck # 1019 outstanding	\$ 500.00
Balance	\$3862.03

Ist by Gary Himmrich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Markey to accept motion passed

READING OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 3 meeting from Veterans Home

1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Kruger 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Sailer motion passed

Discussion on reworking the bylaws for the VCC motion made to have Gary Himmrich and Jim Markey work on the bylaws and bring them up to date motion passed

Lonnie Wangen the Commissioner spoke about

Discussion was held on creating a strategic plan for the NDVCC, this will take place and more work will be done on it prior to the next meeting.

The new National Veterans Cemetery name we have to have our ideas in by 30 November

The Accreditation report was given on how and who gives proper accreditation of our VSO and NSO .

We discussed the way that formal recognition was formed and what we would have to do legislatively to clear up the mess.

DAV VANS- no need for new van in 2018 mileage doesn't justify a replacement in 2018 Lonnie has paper justification from the VA

CVSO: letters from organizations to show that we work together for veterans – not those 2 or 3 individuals who expose their own beliefs. We need to show a united Front to show that we are unified in our support of Veterans Issues. DO NOT AIR DIRTY LAUNDRY IN PUBLIC DO IT IN PRIVATE.

Bruce Sailer asked if Governor Burgam understands what the NDVCC and the ACOVA stand for and what they do. The Governor's Veterans Coordinator met with Lonnie and was shown what we do.

Utilization of Funeral coins Cost & Charges logistics and distributions

Trish Hodney brought up idea about a new idea for the CVSO hire as a state employee Dept of Veteran Affairs, take out of the hand of the county commissioners keep all current CVSO until they retire and then run them through the state.

County Commissioners don't fully understand all of the requirements of the cvso , ask for a study and plant the seed ; push for 2020.

Also have an attorney on staff to do appeals- difficult procedure must have broad education for appeals claims. Second opinion on appeals bad advice of some cvso's. Possible attorney from the attorney generals office a part of the state Veterans process.

There have been models built from different organizations how to use and distribute the cvso's for the state ie: who championed the child enforcement model and pushed it forward.

Can we do this in the 2019 legislative session

Specialization of claims do away with competition VFW/Legion/DAV all would work on different segments of the process

Dave Rice: Change of the Century Code NAVSCO do away with the Law or change it TRISH change it to any fully accredited VSO/NSO system ie VFW/LEGION/Amvets/DAV Standardization and uniformity.

Bruce Sailer:

1. Against Legislative reception Cost to benefit ration spend all of the money only get a handful of the members to come and listen to our agenda

2. Have people in all committee and hearings face time with legislators

3. the NDVCC need to spend more time on the legislative duties that is our duty.

Motion was made by Bill Tuff 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Himmrich to make our dues \$300 a year or more per organization Motion passed

Cemetery name after much discussion the overall consensus was RED RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL VETERANS CEMETARY this was submitted by the organization and everyone was asked to VOTE FOR THIS name . motion by Himmrich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markey motion passed

Election of Officers for the 2017-2018 sessions The American Legion has the duty for this

President: Karen Meier Commander American Legion

Vice President Jim Markey Qm/Adj VFW ND

Secretary/treasurer: Ron Matthews Adj American Legion

Close Nominations: 1<sup>st</sup> by Steve Benson to cast a unanimous ballot 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Himmrich

Unanimous vote yes

We looked at the Veterans Funeral Coin front ok but back was directed to Soldiers Cross and North Dakota and ????????

Bruce Sailer at next meeting which will be February 15/16 at Camp Grafton the NDVCC meets at 1pm to work on NDVCC obligations then we meet with ACOVA and whatever else needs to be done . This was agreed upon.

Russ Stabler closed the meeting with a salute to the colors.

