

**PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**April 13, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Scott Griffith, at 1:04 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

**2. ATTENDEES:**

Ken Ness, President	Present, in office
Todd Drazy, Vice President	Zoom(teleconference)
Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer	Present, in office
Derrick Trentin, Secretary	Present, in office
Phillip Rosenberg, President Emeritus	Absent
Peter Carrao	Zoom(teleconference)
Michael Thomas	Absent
Ken Matthews	Zoom
LeToi Adams	Zoom
Troy Kurzcek	Present, in office
Richard Buth	Absent

**3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:**

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Tom Daily, Associate Sports Director
- Grace Malkusak, Administrative Assistant
- Darrin Ferguson, Marketing Intern

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Pete Carrao seconded the motion. All votes accepted, no nays, and the motion was carried.

**5. AGENDA:**

- April agenda presented.

**6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- March minutes presented.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

**10. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

**11. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- No report presented.

**12. GRD'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a. Sports & Recreation:**

- i. Written report presented.

**b. Hospital Liaison:**

- i. Written report presented.

**c. Communications:**

- i. Written report presented.

**d. Strategic Planning:**

- i. No report was presented.

**e. Membership:**

- i. Members: 268                      New –                      Deceased –
- ii. Associate: 128                      New –                      Deceased –

**14. OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to discuss this week.

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

- PVA National Research/Education/Clinical Practice Guideline Pledge/Donation: Last year \$7,500 for all three. Ken Matthews moves to support the program at \$1,000 and seconded by Pete Carrao. Scott Griffith opens to discussion. Scott says that amount is smaller than before. Ken Matthews modifies the motion to \$3,000 or \$1,000 for each program, seconded by Pete Carrao. Ken Matthews asked what was in the budget for it, Scott Griffith said \$2,500 was in the budget for it. All votes passed and the motion was carried.
- Next18 Golf Sponsorship: Todd Drazy moves the motion to be a Hole sponsor at \$400, seconded by Ken Matthews. Scott Griffith opens to discussion, Ken Matthews inquires if this is a fundraising event. Scott Griffith says it is an event for Veterans and first responders. Ken Matthews inquires if this falls within guidelines. Scott Griffith says it falls within community outreach and awareness. Ken Ness says members are able to go and participate in the programs there as well. Ken Ness suggests \$400 to beverage cart sponsor instead of Hole sponsor. Todd Drazy modifies motion to both Hole sponsor and beverage cart for a total of \$800, seconded by Ken Matthews. Derrick Trentin does not think it is worth doing both. Todd Drazy argues that it would be good to have both. Pete Carrao says the beverage cart is a better idea. Todd Drazy still supports both sponsors. Ken Matthews agree with Todd on this matter. Scott Griffith brings it to a vote on the modified motion, all votes pass and the motion was carried.

- Support 28 April VA Nurse Recruiting Fair/PVA Awareness Month Activity: Todd Drazy inquires how the hospital goes about the recruiting process. Scott Griffith says each booth will be set up, PVA will have a booth set up for SCI nurse recruitment. Ken Ness inquires about the money towards the booth, if there's leftover can they go towards the nurses. Scott Griffith says the \$2,500 is for swag items with PVA logo on it. Scott Griffith says this is the first partnering with them, Todd Drazy comments that there is no history showing the booth being effective in recruiting SCI nurses. Ken Matthews inquires who we would be working with at the SCI unit. Scott Griffith says the nurse managers. Ken Ness comments on the low morale of the short staffed SCI nurses and that the recruitment and booth may boost the morale. Scott Griffith says this goes with PVA Awareness Month budget. Ken Matthews moves the motion to support the recruitment fair at \$2,500, seconded by Pete Carrao. Scott Griffith opens up to discussion. Todd Drazy inquired about other items besides swage, something to do with SCI. Scott Griffith lists the various swag items available. Todd Drazy and Ken Matthews want items they would use later on. All votes pass the motion and the motion was carried.

**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- PVA-WI Adaptive Sports Bootcamp: Scott Griffith urges registration and coming at least some of the days.
- Milkmen Games
- Salmon-A-Rama: booked on July 14.
- Eli Fishing trip: Derrick is going and invites others to join.
- VA is softening visitation requirements.
- Second booster shot being done through SCI unit, should be getting a call soon about it.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** Scott Griffith moves to adjourn the meeting. Ken Matthews seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned by Scott Griffith.

**Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 1:00 pm at the office and on zoom.**