

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

January 12, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Scott Griffith, at 1:04pm. 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
Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer	Zoom (in office)
Derrick Trentin, Secretary	Zoom
Phillip Rosenberg, President Emeritus	Zoom(teleconference)
Peter Carrao	Absent, in hospital
Michael Thomas	Present, in office
Ken Matthews	Zoom
LeToi Adams	Absent
Troy Kurzcek	Zoom(teleconference)
Richard Buth	Absent

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Tom Daily, Adaptive Sports Director
- Grace Malkusak, Administrative Assistant

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Derrick Trentin seconded. All votes accepted and the motion was carried.

5. AGENDA:

- January agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- December 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:

- No 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. Tom Daily has dates for MATC rifle events. Wednesdays 12-3, at MATC. Dates on written report.

b. Hospital Liaison:

- i. Ken Ness discussed hospital back on lockdown, no visitation. Proposal for lunches for SCI hospital staff. Scott moves the motion, Derrick seconded the motion. Todd inquired about individuals being quarantined in the rooms. OT and PT done in the rooms for the patients. All votes approved, none opposed, the motion is carried.

c. Communications:

- i. Written report presented.

d. Strategic Planning:

- i. No report was presented.

e. Membership:

- i. Two associate membership applications, Jensen and Jacoby. Moved by Derrick, seconded by Ken Matthews. Inquired if these individuals have been involved, answered by Scott and Amera that they have participated in previous events. All votes approve the motion, none opposed, motion carried.

14. OLD BUSINESS: Committee Assignments.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Virtual battle buddy app project. \$22,100 for the budget, asking for permission to move ahead with the contract. Motion moved by Mr. Matthews. Seconded by Mike Thomas. Virtual Battle Buddy app and project further explained by Scott Griffith. All votes approved moving forward, none opposed, motion passed and carried.
- Permission for foyer Lift installed at Marina. Ken Matthews approved motion to not exceed \$8,000, motion seconded by Troy Kurzcek. All votes in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Recommendation by Financial Committee for 4th Endowment Fund, used for healthcare costs, long-term healthcare expenses, and other boundaries TBD. Ken Matthews moves motion for the amount of \$25,000, seconded by Mike Thomas. Todd Drazy inquired about who can apply for the amount, Scott Griffith answered the need for a committee for parameters and requirements for this endowment. Committee will present parameters to BOD. No one can apply for this until 12 months from now, gives

committee 12 months to figure out boundaries and parameters. All votes in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

- ALS member, Garrett Smith, is currently inpatient SCI in VA Hospital. Could not be discharged home due to inadequate homecare. Proposal to allow ALS members in final stages of life, not able to participate in sports, be allowed to receive sports participation reimbursement funds, the same as others who receive this fund for participation. Inquiries about other funding for this care. VA approved 36 hours of home healthcare. Other financial support would go towards this home care as well. This reimbursement would fund the remaining gap of care. Ken Matthews moves the motion, not to exceed \$7,500 a year, seconded by Troy. Todd inquired about separating from the sports. Derrick inquired about the specific ALS qualification. Ken Matthews inquired about required membership or eligibility to membership. Ken Ness and Todd Drazy stated to define timeline, define end of life or progression of the disease. Derrick inquired about the proposal being created in order to quickly address the one individual. If so, can more time be taken to discuss this proposal and the language and just address the one individual's circumstance. Other members agreed with Derrick on this. Ken Matthews changed/modified his motion to take \$7,500 for Mr. Smith from sports funds and long-term proposal of this to be discussed over time. Motion by Ken Matthews seconded by Derrick. All votes in favor of new motion, none opposed, motion carried.
- Proposal to approve \$5,000 grant to support afield Veterans. Ken Matthews moves the motion, Todd seconded. All votes agree to the motion, none opposed, motion carried.
- Ken Ness announces a retired nurse, Janet Bockoff, who passed away and named PVA-WI as the sole beneficiary, which will be at least \$175,000. There is still probating costs, funeral costs, etc. The remainder, if unclaimed by other legal recipients, will go to the Chapter.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Troy announced fishing charter trip, 3 spots open and one for a wheelchair. Taken out of sports fund. Charter trip is for 3 days, \$4,500 in August. More information needed for Scott.
- Derrick Trentin announced that his Christmas gift was a new chair.
- Bootcamp is May 16, 17, 18. Registration for the National Veteran Wheelchair games in February. Virtual medical screening before this event. July 7-12 archery event in Appleton, WI for those not attending the Wheelchair Games in AZ.
- Mike Thomas announces February 5th ice fishing event, no charge, and a raffle. Flyer for this ice fishing jamboree is in the Newsletter.

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

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm at office and zoom.