

**PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 12, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President, Dale Nelson at 1:02 p.m. at the Milwaukee County War Memorial. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans that have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Dale Nelson, President	teleconference
Phillip Rosenberg, Vice President	absent
Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer	
Peter Carrao	
Michael Thomas	teleconference
Ken Ness	
Ken Matthews	
Derrick Trentin	teleconference
Todd Drazy	teleconference
Kevin Klandrud, Executive Director	

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS: Susan Gall & Joseph Naylor of National Veteran Golden Age Games

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Mr. Matthews made a motion to approve the consent agenda for Feb. Mr. Ness seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.

5. AGENDA:

6. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

10. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

11. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:

12. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Sports and Recreation:

B. Hospital Liaison:

- Written report was presented

C. Membership:

- Membership count: 267
- Associate members: 127

D. Finance & Fundraising:

- Written report was presented.

E. Communications:

- Written report was presented.

F. Strategic Planning Committee:

- No report

14. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Griffith provided an update on the S. 108th Street properties. The board and attorney was prepared to foreclose on the properties as of last month. The lessee has since paid the past due invoice. Our attorney is speaking with their attorney regarding all issues, and trying to resolve them, to avoid proceeding with the foreclosure. The grass cutting invoice and water bill are still outstanding. These items were added to the current tax bill and are due at this time. The biggest issue is whether the buildings are adequately insured. The lessee has told their insurance carrier the building is under remodeling, which we know is not true. We have added the properties to the chapter insurance policy as a vacant property. The attorneys are discussing the logistics of this issue and who will be responsible for the insurance payment. Mr. Griffith also stated that ASAP the signage will be removed from the building.
- Mr. Matthews motioned that the normal order of business be suspended for the guest, Joseph Naylor to give his presentation.
 - Joseph Naylor is the VA Madison representative for the National Veteran Golden Age Games. 18 Sporting events make up the games. The cap for Madison is 50 athletes, and hopefully another 50 from throughout the state. The chapter will have a table at the expo and another table for during the week at the Alliant Energy Center. Mr. Ness inquired if we could have a tent at outdoor sporting areas where athletes are, and this was confirmed. Marriott West has been reserved for all the athletes. Mr. Naylor will send copies of some press releases. The proposed limit of athletes is 800, but this may flex up to 1300. Everyone interested is encouraged to register. The volunteer portal will open registration in mid-March. Sun Prairie star has some press releases that the chapter can share. Following this information, a photo was taken with the \$10,000 check the chapter sponsored the Games in the Silver Sponsor category.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Sue asked the board if the chapter was going to hold an annual raffle this year. If so, what items would be on the ticket and how will these items be obtained. The ticket sales were reviewed from the last 2 years. Mr. Drazy stated that last year tickets were hard to sell because people didn't want guns. Also, many people had requested the Christmas Calendar Raffle. Mr. Griffith also mentioned that the same people sell and buy tickets, and the turnover isn't great. He encouraged the restaurant fundraising may be a better option. Sue recommended the Christmas Calendar Raffle be kicked off at the Membership banquet. The daily winners are posted on the FB page and this creates more people viewing the page. Mr. Griffith made a motion to skip the annual raffle this year and to start the Christmas Calendar raffle in Sept. Mr. Carrao seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.

- Mr. Nelson talked about Rickey Riley, Associate member. Rickey was denied by PVA National to approve him for PVA membership. Rickey's paralysis is caused by Guillain-Barres' syndrome which damages the peripheral nervous system, but not the spinal cord. Mr. Griffith was informed by National that no exception to policy is allowed. He must present as a resolution to amend the By-Laws and National policy by March 31st. The medical terminology must be correctly stated. Such as; persons with paralysis that have mobility issues equivalent to that of an Asia A or Asia B paralyzed member. Mr. Griffith recommends getting medical advice on creating the wording for this resolution. Mr. Trentin also felt that speaking with Dr. Lee on this issue would be helpful. Mr. Matthews made a motion to form a committee to investigate the possibility of expanding the definition of paralyzed to include Guillain-Barres and other debilitating diseases that cause permanent paralysis. Mr. Carrao seconded. Mr. Ness recommended that the chapter Executive Committee create this verbiage and submit to the National Executive Committee in mid-March and then create the resolution to be submitted by March 31, 2020. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Griffith presented a motion of a onetime exception to policy to cover Rickey Riley for the NVWG in 2020 at 75% level of membership to include caregiver coverage. Mr. Matthews seconded. Mr. Griffith stated that we have a grant from the WDVA of \$15,800. and monies in the Sports Endowment Fund to help support the NVWG. The vote was taken 4 yes's, 2 nay's, and 2 abstentions. The motion was accepted and carried. Mr. Griffith will proceed cautiously and advise Mr. Riley on the vote.
- Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the SCI Funding request for \$336.00 to host a SCI Cord Injury Skin/Wound care conference. Mr. Matthews seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Griffith requested permission to purchase 4 more additional mini portal devices for the members who participate in the peer support forum and expand our reach to participate in membership meetings, and not to exceed \$400.00. Mr. Matthews made a motion to accept this request. Mr. Ness seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Nelson spoke on the proposed estimates for website design. Mr. Griffith explained each estimate, pros and cons. Mr. Griffith made a motion to proceed with the proposal from Image Management for \$7300.00, this company will set up the initial design, but we will be able to make changes in the office. Mr. Matthews seconded. Mr. Griffith suggested that individual photos be taken of each board member to post on the website. The motion was accepted and carried.
- PVA National has requested chapter advertising for the National Convention. Previously in 2018 the chapter provided an ad for 1/3 page at \$200.00. Mr. Matthews made a motion to run the same ad. Mr. Griffith seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Ness presented 2 funding requests for the Air Rifle program. The first request is for an additional \$1200 for the air rifle tournament in March. Mr. Matthews made a motion to approve the \$1200 request. Mr. Griffith seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- The second request was for the ongoing Air Rifle program a total of \$2730.00 to cover purchasing of some new items and repairs and cleaning of equipment. Mr. Matthews made a motion. Mr. Carrao seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Sue asked the board for suggestions on how to recognize the following: March is MS Awareness month, April is PVA Awareness month, May is ALS Awareness month. This information is printed in the newsletter and on FB. Mr. Matthews recommended we discuss again at the March board meeting.

Announcements were reviewed.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Next board of directors meeting will be **at 1:00 p.m.** on March 11, 2020 at the War Memorial, Room 411

Respectively submitted, sg Todd Drazy/TD