

**PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 8, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President, Dale Nelson at 1:03 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	
Phillip Rosenberg, Vice President	excused
Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer	
Peter Carrao	excused
Michael Thomas	teleconference
Ken Ness	
Ken Matthews	teleconference
Derrick Trentin	
Todd Drazy	teleconference
Kevin Klandrud, Executive Director	

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS: Susan Gall

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the consent agenda for Jan. Mr. Thomas 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:

- Written report was presented.

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:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- PVA Grant request was submitted by Michelle Lanouette to attend the National Physical Therapy Conference, in the amount of \$1070.00 for travel and tuition. Full funding was denied by the VA. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the grant. Mr. Trentin seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- The chapter received a charitable gift of \$191,622.10 from the William E. Miller Trust. Mr. Griffith stated that the Finance Committee met to discuss the disbursement. It is their recommendation that the monies be deposited into the endowment accounts. With 60% into the Gus Sorenson Adaptive Sports endowment and 20% into Research and 20% into the Adaptive Technology account. Ken Matthews made a motion to accept the plan as presented. Mr. Thomas seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Griffith gave the board an update on the building details on S.108th Street. Blue Water (land lessee) is delinquent on paying a water bill and grass mowing invoice, which has been added to the 2019 tax bill. They have also failed to pay the December & January rental invoice. Also proof of insurance has never been supplied. The chapter has obtained insurance on this property at this time, and will invoice Blue Water for these fees. Mr. Griffith presented the idea of being represented by the attorney, to offer Blue Water the termination of the Land Contract right now. This would make the chapter responsible for taxes and insurance, but we would collect the rent from the Salon going forward. Blue Water would lose all the monies already paid for rent, about \$200,000. Then the chapter could list the property FOR SALE again, and be done with Blue Water Investments. Mr. Matthews made a motion to move forward with this idea. Mr. Drazy seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Griffith proposed the chapter create a Board Member Medical Leave of Absence Policy. This would allow a board member a medical leave of absence for up to six months. This policy would allow the WI Chapter By Laws: "A quorum of a Board of Directors consists of a majority of the Directors in office immediately before a meeting begins." When a board member is on a leave, the required quorum will be less. Should the board member need to extend his absence, the request will be revisited as an exception to policy? Mr. Matthews made a motion to create the policy. Mr. Thomas seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Trentin gave a sports update on the NVWG. The airlines do not cover additional equipment used in a sporting event. The VA Doctors are writing a letter stating the sports equipment is medically necessary and therefore shipped at no charge through the airlines. UPS has agreed to pick up all of the gear from the airport upon arrival and deliver to the hotel. It is the athlete's responsibility to get all gear to the airport and ready for transport. Joyce is looking into renting bags for the hand cycle's to be shipped in. Costs will be higher than normal, hotels over \$200.00 per night and flights are expensive.

Mr. Griffith inquired about the teleconference with PVA National sports department. The events at the NVWG have changed slightly. Increased competition requirements have been altered to eliminate participants that are less competitive. Mr. Trentin & Mr. Griffith will look into bicycle bags and tire bags for transport and adding the PVA WI logo to them and to research how many athletes are attending. Mr. Trentin then spoke about the Golden Age Games. He was concerned how many events were designed for disabled or paralyzed athletes, as this event is for ALL veterans. Registration is March 2nd and limited to 800 athletes total. Joyce and Erinn will be assisting with this registration.

- Mr. Griffith and the finance committee are proposing another new policy for the chapter. This would be a policy for any unexpected windfall donations in excess of \$10,000 be automatically invested into the endowment accounts. This policy would eliminate the funds sitting in the chapter checking account until the next board meeting for a vote. The monies would then be earning interest from the start in the endowment funds. Mr. Matthews made a motion to approve said policy. Mr. Ness seconded the motion. Once the board is advised of the said donation, the monies can be moved if the board is not in agreement. The motion was accepted and carried with one abstention.

Announcements were reviewed.

- The 2018-2019 Annual Report is available on line or by request.

Mr. Trentin inquired of the outcome of the Madison Radio-thon. Mr. Griffith stated no information was available to date.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Next board of directors meeting will be **at 1:00 p.m.** on February 12, 2020 at the War Memorial, Room 411

Respectively submitted, sg Todd Drazy/TD