

**PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 13, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President, Dale Nelson at 1:10 p.m. via ZOOM online meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans that have passed away. Special prayer for Michael Thomas.

**2. ATTENDEES:**

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

**3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:** Susan Gall

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the consent agenda for April. Mr. Cararo seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.

**5. AGENDA:**

- A correction was made to the agenda that was previously submitted.

**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:**

- No 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:**

**E. Communications:**

- Written report was presented.

**F. Strategic Planning Committee:**

- No report

**14. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Griffith gave the board an update on the properties on 108<sup>th</sup> St. The lease (Blue Water) contacted our office willing to buy out the current contract, at a reduction of \$50,000. The executive committee conferred that this offer be declined. A sign company has removed our signage from the property at our request. Sue inquired if a second notice be sent to them for the May invoice, Scott replied, yes.
- Mr. Griffith spoke about the “contact member list”. All information that has changed or new information is to be reported to Sue, so she can update the data base. Mr. Nelson contacted a member, who had recently died. His wife wanted to donate his van to a PVA member. Mark Makowski was the recipient and will be allowed to leave the VA after several years. Mr. Drazy found a member, Leo Doninger, who wants to be a board member. However, he does not have an email or computer.
- Mr. Klandrud confirmed that Vets Fest, has been cancelled. The chapter had approved a \$1000 donation to promote Vets Fest. Mr. Klandrud proposes that we transfer the monies to promote the World War II 75<sup>th</sup> year celebration which is in fall at the Milwaukee County War Memorial. Mr. Matthews made a motion to move the monies. Mr. Carrao seconded. Mr. Griffith inquired if the PVA will have a presence at this event as we had done at Vets Fest in the past. Mr. Klandrud replied that we will have a presence. The motion was accepted and carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Griffith reminded the board that PVA committed \$5000 to Veterans Afield for 2020. The 1<sup>st</sup> installment has been made for May. The question is in light of the COVID-19 situation do we want to continue this sponsorship, when our members need to “stay at home”? Veterans Afield has cancelled the May shoots and has proposed that they may begin June 15<sup>th</sup>. The board discussed many thoughts about the situation. Derrick Trentin read the email he received from Pat Horvath, which gave clarification. The sponsorship will remain as is.
- Sue provided an update on the SCI Unit meal/snacks support. Last week was nurse’s week. PVA had Prime Minister provide individually wrapped hot meals for 2 shifts and delivered them to the unit on Thursday. We also paid for nurse’s bags and lanyards that were distributed. Julie Kronenburg has been purchasing snacks and fruit each week. Mr. Nelson inquired how much has been spent to date. Sue stated that she has not received the invoice from Prime Minister. Sue felt that we have not spent over \$1000 over the last 3 months. Mr. Griffith explained how the monies have been distributed.
- Mr. Ness suggested that Liz Deakins at National be called to give them input about how we are supporting the VA during this time. PVA National would add to their site, about how we are serving our members.

- Mr. Griffith spoke on the Image Mgmt. proposal. In the past we have been paying money to promote PVA through Facebook, without favorable results. This proposal is to increase visibility of our website, through google advertising. The proposal can be cancelled at anytime if results are not favorable. Weekly reports will be provided through google analytics. This would replace the advertising on Facebook. Mr. Matthews made a motion to proceed with this proposal. Mr. Rosenberg seconded. The motion was approved and passed.
- Mr. Griffith defined the Voice Voters proposal. This program is designed for the Government Relations department. This is a web link on our website to support legislation on a state level. PVA National is doing the same on a national level. This proposal is for an annual program, that is renewable annually. An assessment will be made after the 1<sup>st</sup> year to see if this link was utilized, to support the monies spent. Mr. Drazy made a motion to proceed for one year. Mr. Carrao seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Klandrud spoke on the Washington Post article. He encouraged the board to please read the article. As the board is making phone calls to the membership, that they keep in mind that our members are susceptible to depression during these times.
- Mr. Nelson reviewed the request from Howard Scott Cleland for financial assistance for a repair needed on a skylight, that was leaking. The Hardship grant was submitted to help cover these costs of \$550.00. Mr. Griffith made a motion to grant \$400.00 through the Hardship grant. Received no second. The motion was accepted and carried. The check is to be made out to the contractor.
- Mr. Drazy had questions about the PVA National Scholarship Fund. Lindsay Pearlman or Christi Hillman at National may be of assistance with the logistics.
- Mr. Trentin announced that Dr. Lee received a \$50,000 grant from PVA National for his research for concussions and our athletes.
- Zoom meeting with SCI Rec Therapy on Thursday at 2:00. Mr. Trentin encouraged others to participate in these zoom meetings on Tuesday's and Thursdays at 11:00.
- Mr. Ness announced that Joe Fox, from PVA National, was diagnosed with stomach cancer.
- Mr. Griffith announced that we, have a digital billboard off the highway on the way to Green Bay. This was donated to the chapter.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Next board of directors meeting will be **at 1:00 p.m.** on June 10, 2020 via teleconference or Zoom meeting.

Respectively submitted, sg Todd Drazy/TD