

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 9, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President, Dale Nelson at 1:05 p.m. at the War Memorial Office. 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

Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer

Peter Carrao

Michael Thomas

absent

Ken Ness

Ken Matthews

teleconference

Derrick Trentin

Todd Drazy

Kevin Klandrud, Executive Director

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS: Susan Gall

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the consent agenda for Sept. Mr. Carrao 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: 268
- Associate members: 221

D. Finance & Fundraising:

- Written report was presented.

E. Communications:

- Written report was presented.

F. Strategic Planning Committee:

- No report

14. OLD BUSINESS:

- Scott Griffith spoke about the Land Contract purchase issues. The lawyer is addressing the non-payment of rent, all delinquent taxes, property maintenance under the terms of the agreement, and proof of insurance and penalties and interest owed.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Nelson swore in all of the Board members that were present.
- Mr. Rosenberg nominated Dale Nelson as Board President. Mr. Nelson accepted the nomination. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Rosenberg nominated himself as Vice President. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Ness nominated Scott Griffith as Treasurer. Scott accepted the nomination. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Todd Drazy volunteered to be the Secretary. Mr. Rosenberg nominated him as well. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Scott Griffith shared information about the Annual Membership Banquet. Overall the outcome was very positive. The raffle system was much more efficient this year. The event paid for itself, with a profit of \$164.83. We would like to make it a bigger venue next year. We will be seeking members to be on the planning committee for 2020. The amount of wheelchairs was considerably improved from previous years, and this is why we may need to host the event elsewhere, as we filled the room here at the War Memorial.
- Mr. Klandrud talked about the TEXT to PVA-WI 88793 program.
- Mr. Ness spoke about the duties of a National Director. Scott Griffith is temporarily filling in this position until the board votes in a permanent Director. Derrick Trentin & Peter Carrao volunteered for this 3-year term. The board will vote on the candidates next month.
- The Associate Membership application for Steven Johnson was submitted by Derrick Trentin. Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to accept. Mr. Trentin seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- The By-Laws were submitted for approval. The changes were the chapter's current address and grammatical and typo errors. Scott Griffith made a motion to approve the revised By-Laws. Derrick Trentin seconded. The motion was accepted and carried. Mr. Ness volunteered to reach out to National to accept the By-Laws with corrections.
- Mr. Nelson reviewed the VA Site Visit Report from the August review. Mr. Matthews requested that a copy be forwarded to him. Mr. Matthews will address the transportation issues and will draft a letter for Dale Nelson to sign.
- Mr. Nelson spoke about the request for \$100.00 for T-shirt sponsorship through the UW Whitewater basketball team. Mr. Griffith made a motion to support the request. Mr. Ness seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Griffith explained the \$5000 sponsorship of the UW Whitewater Basketball team. This is a premier program, leading the way in wheelchair basketball. Our member, LeToi Adams is a participant and Harold Hack, member trained the coaching department of the basketball

- program. This program is integrated with WASA & Milwaukee Bucks Junior Team. This relationship would be highly beneficial to the Chapter in fund raising and in the community. Mr. Trentin made a motion to approve the \$5000 sponsorship. Peter Carrao seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Griffith presented the changes to the Endowment Fund. The change will be to make 4 equal payments of \$250.00 per month to each account for a total of \$1000.00 per month. Previously the deposits totaled \$500.00. Mr. Trentin made a motion to proceed with the changes presented. Mr. Ness seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
 - Mr. Trentin presented the Sports Committee's recommendations from today's meeting.
 - Super G here at the War Memorial was suggested. Ideas on how to proceed and to receive permissions to hold this event are being investigated.
 - MN/Iowa Fishing Trip – The committee has decided that this year the chapter will not participate as an active sponsor. Mr. Trentin will notify MN/Iowa chapters and inquire if space is available if our members could attend has individuals. The committee felt that WI has many fishing opportunities to offer at a much lower cost to the chapter.
 - The youth program will not be provided this year, as funding has not been secured. The pistol and rifle program will only be held if 12 participants are pre-registered. The idea of a fishing trip to follow the GB shoot it being looked into.
 - Mr. Klandrud will be updating the chapter policies. Watch your email for these policies so that they can be voted on at the next board meeting.
 - Mr. Ness commented on the issues of transporting equipment to the NVWG. Dr. Lee, Scott, and Kevin will be meeting next week to talk about the NVWG. Derrick Trentin was invited to attend. The discussion will include the rules of attending – how many events needed to be participated in, what are behavior issues, and how is practice accounted for? How to create policy that does not deter involvement?
 - Mr. Ness also mentioned that our involvement in the Golden Age Games is a huge opportunity for the chapter.

Announcements were reviewed.

- The Christmas lunch and board meeting are planned for December 10th at 11:00 a.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Next board of directors meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019 **at 1:00 p.m.** at the War Memorial.

Respectively submitted, sg Todd Drazy /TD