

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

May 10th, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Scott Griffith at 1:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Ken Ness, President	Excused absence
Todd Drazy, Vice President	Present, Zoom
Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer	Present, In person
Derrick Trentin, Secretary	Present, Phone
Peter Carrao	Present, In Person
Michael Thomas	Absent
Ken Matthews	Present, Zoom
Le'Toi Adams	Present, Zoom - Joined after attendance was taken.
Troy Kurzcek	Present, Phone
Gary Stott	Present, Zoom
Richard Buth	Absent

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Kayla Bessette, Administrative Manager
- Brenna Frey, Intern

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Scott Griffith made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Gary Stott seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, and the motion was carried.

5. AGENDA:

- May agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- April 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:

- Written report presented.

11. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- No report presented.

12. GRD'S REPORT:

- No report presented.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sports & Recreation:**
 - i. No report presented.
- **Hospital Liaison:**
 - i. No report presented.
- **Communications:**
 - i. No report presented.
- **Strategic Planning:**
 - i. No report was presented.
- **Membership:**
 - i. Members: 283 New: John A. Manka, Jeffery J. Olen, Nicholas W. Slaggie Deceased:
 - ii. Associate: 147 New: Pluskota, Cilettie, Bailey, Wellsfry, Carrao Deceased:

14. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Milwaukee Eagles Support**
- Scott Griffith shared that PVA-WI needs to solidify an MOU with the WASA Board President and PVA-WI. There is confusion as to the ownership of the Lacrosse team. PVA-WI sponsors the Milwaukee Eagles Lacrosse team; it is not a partnership. The MOU will outline future funding support and representation of the team to avoid future issues with future funding.
- Derrick Trentin shared that he was under the impression that PVA-WI was a partner between PVA-WI and WASA. He also shared that it is a loss for PVA-WI to not support the team. Scott Griffith shared that PVA-WI requested information to resubmit for funding, and the WASA Board President did not resubmit for funding.
- A discussion occurred as to if this program was a line item in the budget. Scott Griffith shared that this program is not a specific budget item for PVA-WI. The initial funding came up about seven years ago through a grant from the Craig Nielsen Foundation. It was the previous ED and Dr. Lee who developed the program, with events run and managed by WASA, who account for this program in their budget. For example. The Big Cheese Wheelchair Lacrosse Tournament is a WASA Tournament. Derrick Trentin shared the uniforms have both WASA and PVA-WI on them.

- Derrick Trentin requested a copy of the letter sent to WASA staff and board. I think it is a big loss for PVA-WI to not support the team. Derrick Trentin stated that WASA would like to continue the relationship. Based on the interactions between the board presidents and staff, WASA decided not to continue the funding relationship this year.
- The intent is to draft an MOU to provide a framework for future collaboration.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Associate Membership Applications – Wendy Zvara. Ken Matthews made a motion to approve. Troy Kurzcek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, and the motion was carried.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MS Walk on May 7th
- Adaptive Sports Bootcamp, May 15th – May 16th
- Brown County Trap shoot, May 19th – 21st
- Coin for Cause Fundraiser at Up Down Bar in Milwaukee- May 17, 3 – 10 PM, representatives requested from 5 – 6 PM
- Golf Outing, June 6th
- NVWG, July 4 - 9
- Salmon-A-Rama – July 17th

17. ADJOURNMENT: Ken Matthews moves to adjourn the meeting. Troy Kurzcek seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm by Scott Griffith.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, at 1:00pm on Zoom and in office.