

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

April 9th, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President Todd Drazy at 1:06 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Todd Drazy	President	Present, Zoom
Scott Griffith	Vice President, Ntl. Dir., GRD	Present, In Person
Peter Carrao	Board Member	Medical Leave of Absence
Michael Thomas	Board Member	Medical Leave of Absence
Troy Kurzcek	Board Member	Present, Phone
Richard Buth	Board Member	Medical Leave of Absence
Angela Walker	Board Member	Present, Phone Late Arrival
Gary Stott	Secretary, Board Member	Present, Zoom

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Brenna Frey, Advancement and Engagement Coordinator
- Brenda Stencil, National Service Officer
- Louie Mullins, National Vice President

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

5. AGENDA:

- April agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- March minutes presented.

7. FINANCE 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:

- Written report presented.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

○ **Sports & Recreation:**

- i. No report presented.

○ **Communications & Advocacy:**

- i. Written report presented.

○ **Finance:**

- i. Written report presented.

○ **Membership/Peer Mentorship:**

- i. No report presented.

○ **Membership:**

- i. Members: 318

- New: Douglas F. Reed, Eric O. Kennedy, James M. Krusing, Conley J. Brown

- ii. Associate: 185

- New: N/A

- iii. Transferred:

- N/A

- iv. Deceased:

- John E. Knutson, Gilbert R. Fournier, Anthony Smilko

14. OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Associate Membership Applications

○ Rodney Johnson

- Scott Griffith made a motion to approve the associate membership application. Gary Stott seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, one abstention, and the motion was carried.

- Disabled Veteran Fishing Outing in Port Washington - \$1,000

- President Todd Drazy asked for an introduction to this new business item. Amera Schaefer shared that PVA-WI normally sponsors the Disabled

Veteran Fishing Outing in Port Washington, and a hooyer lift was installed last year for this outing.

- Troy Kurczek made a motion to approve the \$1,000 Disabled Veteran Fishing Outing in Port Washington sponsorship. Angela Walker seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, one abstention, and the motion was carried.
- Adaptive Outdoorsmen Sponsorship - \$500
 - President Todd Drazy asked for an introduction to this new business item. Amera Schaefer explained that PVA-WI sponsored the Adaptive Outdoorsmen event last year. This event, previously a weekend-long, has now been extended to a week-long event featuring activities such as hiking and fishing.
 - Scott Griffith made a motion to approve the \$500 Adaptive Outdoorsmen sponsorship. Troy Kurczek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, one abstention, and the motion was carried.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Air Rifle Tournament – March 21 & 22 Summary
- Hoan Bridge Lighting for PVA Awareness Month – April 9
- Culvers in Racine on Douglas Ave, Dine & Donate – April 22
- Texas Roadhouse New Berlin, Dine & Donate – May 19
- Adaptive Sports Bootcamp – June 3 & 4
- Advocacy Participation
 - Scott Griffith highlighted numerous opportunities at both the national and state levels for individuals to petition and share their stories with state legislators. These opportunities are available through the PVA-WI and the PVA National Call to Action Center.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Scott Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Troy Kurczek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 PM by Todd Drazy.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in the office.