

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

August 14th, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President Todd Drazy at 1:02 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 Office
Peter Carrao	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Michael Thomas	Board Member	Medical Leave of Absence
Troy Kurzcek	Board Member	Present, Phone
Richard Buth	Board Member	Present, Phone
Ken Matthews	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Angela Walker	Board Member	Present, Zoom
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 (NSO)

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Ken Matthews 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:

- August agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- July 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. Written report presented.

○ **Membership:**

- i. Members: 313

- New: Michael R. Freund, John J. Green, Jason M. Koch, Russel Toeller

- ii. Associate: 177

- New: Sharon Bayless

- iii. Transferred:

- N/A

- iv. Deceased:

- Marvin H. Hewuse, Robert J. Richard

14. OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Veterans Afield Grant Request - \$6,000
 - Scott Griffith provided a history of PVA-WI's Veterans Afield support and the accomplishments of Veterans Afield. Pat Horvath's documents share the addition of a turkey hunt and other activities
 - Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the grant request of \$6,000 to support Veterans Afield for the 2024-2025 season. Troy Kurczek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- Hardship Grant Increase - \$1,000

- Scott Griffith shared the request to increase the hardship grant from \$500.00 to \$1,000 due to inflation and current economic circumstances.
- Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the hardship grant increase to \$1,000.00. Angela Walker seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- Associate Membership Applications
 - Todd Drazy reviewed the six Associate Membership Applications with the board: Tracy S. Revels, Doug Nelson, Scott Nelson, Patrick P. Caranlia, Eddie J. Hall, Ron J. Koepsell
 - Ken Matthews made a motion to approve all new associate member applications as presented. Gary Stott seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- Awards:
 - Scott Griffith presented nominations for awards to the PVA-WI and welcomed discussion for additional nominations. If additional nominations are presented, the standard voting procedure would ensue.
 - Ron Falkner Award: for dedication and contribution to PVA-WI
 - Mark Rose (MS Point of Contact)
 - Ken Matthews made a motion to approve Mark Rose as the Ron Falkner Award recipient. Angela Walker seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
 - Donald G. “Don” Schmidt Sportsman Award: for superior service and dedication in PVA-WI Sports and Recreation
 - Jerry Costabile – Salmon-A-Rama boat captain
 - Ken Matthews made a motion to approve Jerry Constabile as the Donald G. “Don” Schmidt Sportsman Award recipient. Todd Drazy seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried
 - Patricia A. “Patty” Wiseman Volunteer Award: for your time and efforts to assist PVA-WI and its members
 - Dan Kunda
 - Ken Matthews made a motion to approve Dan Kunda as the Patricia A. “Patty” Wiseman Volunteer Award recipient. Gary Stott seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried
 - President’s Award
 - To be determined, the President will choose this award and share with the Board of Directors for discussion.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Membership Banquet – September 15
- Greater Nonprofit Review
- Brenda Stencil announced that a second automobile allowance is now available. Eligible participants can now utilize their \$25,603.00 allowance once every 10 years, rather than just once in a lifetime. Outreach efforts to dealerships for this program are ongoing, with several dealerships, including Kunes, proactively reaching out to us. Additionally, Brenda Stencil announced that free dental assistance will be available at two Wisconsin locations in October. Efforts to reach out to additional dental offices are ongoing to expand this initiative to more locations.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Ken Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pete Carrao seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 1: 21 PM Todd Drazy.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in office.