



Minutes for General Membership Meeting 7 /12/2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President- Mike Steffes at 19:00

Pledge Of Allegiance –Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Pres. Mike Steffes, 1st Vice Pres. ~~Jim Hodgson~~, 2nd Vice Pres. Ron King, Treasurer Bob Dew , Secretary Bill Boudreau.

51 MEMBERS, 2 ASSOCIATES, & 5 GUESTS : PRESENT- VVA 528 196 Members- Associates 49

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President – Mike Steffes welcomed everyone and called for guests to be recognized .

Pres. Mike & Tom Brown did a special “ Mounted Fish” Presentation for the winner of the Children’s Wayne County Fishing Derby. Scott Maher Wayne County Pks helped with the ceremony & Dave Reeves the Taxidermist. See “Homefront” for photos and story.

Special presentation to : “Ricco” Ciaramitaro from Brother John Bresnahan for his contribution to “Our Color Guard” see August “Homefront” for photo.

GUEST(s) Walt Weber , Guido Caraldt , Dina Martin , Milton & Mary St.Onge ,

1st Vice President – Jim Hodgson – Abs.

2nd Vice President – Ron King will be attending “VVA Leadership Conference” Aug.10th-15th in Orlando Fl
Donation or Motion must be turned in on Chapter Form ONLY to Secretary or Treasurer- you can get forms from Secretary
As there are some topics of both Donation Requests and Motions that might need extra communication and discussion the DONATION & MOTION has been changed for this meeting Only to the beginning of the Agenda and will utilize the National VVA PROs & CONs format.

Secretary – Bill Boudreau- asked for approval of minutes from the July 12th General Business meeting .

Motion to approve the minutes. Read any correspondence to membership.

M/ Joe Agius /SEC/ Gordy Dorey

***** MOTION CARRIED*****

Secretary then read correspondence

Treasurer – Bob Dew- presented the Financials of the Chapter w/explanations

M/ Al Dorey /SEC/ Gary Kubik

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT.

***** MOTION CARRIED*****

Chaplain - Rich Whipple –Rich reported on several Hospitalized members. See Web page or August “Homefront” for details. Saturday July 24th “Adopt A Highway” will take place.

DONATION-MOTION REQUESTS: -

- 1. Donation of \$3000 dollars to VVA Michigan State Service Officer request from State Council was tabled at the last Board Meeting for further information.**

Motion: Dennis Bielskis 2nd Gary Kubik Dated 5/10/2010

*****PASSED*****

- 2. \$250 to H.E.R.O. for the Hamburg “Moving Wall to help support Town of Hamburg Michigan to defray costs of bringing ‘Wall”**

Motion: Gary Estermyer 2nd Don Dignan Dated 6/14/2010

*****PASSED*****

3. MOTION: To help with expences for Norma Demerly- AVVA REP. To attend the AVVA National Convention in Orlando Florida Aug.10th-15th 2010 all receipts will be submitted to Chapter 528 Treasurer.

Motion: Bill Boudreau 2nd Jim Hodgson Dated 7/12/2010

***** TIME FACTOR- Executive Board Approved*****

*****Membership *PASSED*****

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – Committee brought Questionnaires and suggestion forms to help with finalizing the Chapter By-Laws revisions and we will vote on acceptance of these changes.

Membership - Bob Lamoureux- reported that we have 196 VVA members at this time with several non-renewals pending and 49 AVVA members- if you have not paid your dues, see Bob L.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux –August 8th at FORD World Headquarters . Saluting Veteran’s

Product Sales & “Dog Tags” -Dale Luebke– “Dog Tag fundraiser for Chapter 310 Aug.7th 9am-2pm.

State Product Sales - John Riling – will be going to National Leadership Conference Aug.10th-15th .

Public Affairs- Don Dignan-

Webmaster/Home Front Editor - Tom Brown- reported on status of “Homefront” & our Webpage.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- reported on several MIAs that have be identified and a new website for POW/MIAs.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly – Thanked everyone for the support for AVVA National Convention trip.

And as any other Representative to Conference or Convention will submit a written report to Chapter.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik – Thanked the volunteers that helped at the Bar-B-Q.

Fundraising –Dennis Bielskis “Sportsman’s Raffle “ is doing well but needs sellers to get out there and sell tickets.

CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. “528” Point Man Program- Rich Whipple Doing well and meeting regularly

B. “Chapter Scholarship” status report – Dean Bell

C. Chapter’s 20th Anniversary Celebration October 23rd 7pm-11 pm – see Doug Fox .

D. Kokomo Reunion (September 18-20th 2009) - Dale Luebke –

E. Sportsman’s Raffle drawing Oct. 17th Drawing - Dennis Bielskis

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

A. NEW By-LAW changes- in review to be presented shortly

B. 528 Car Cruises began May 19th and continue every Wednesday- need helpers & workers. See Darrell B.

D. Hamburg “Moving Wall” July 8th – 12th 2010.

E. Tiger “Veteran’s Ball Game” July 20th 7:05p.m. About 53 Members and spouses going
See Bob Dew.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. We will continue to use the PRO & CON signs for all General Membership meetings

CHAPTER EVENTS:

1) Chapter 528 Car Cruise every Wednesday at VFW till September- see Darrell Bazzman- Bob Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) VFW/VVA Picnic is August 21st. noon-4pm. “everyone Welcome” Hamburgers, Hot dogs Beer & Pop supplied please bring a dish to pass.

2) Chapter #528 Anniversary Celebration October 23rd 2010 7pm-11pm. Dinner,& dancing,

3) Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment “STEAK OUT” 5p.m-7pm. VFW Post #4012 Northville Aug. 21st. Sept. 25th, Oct. 23rd see Wally Dixon

4) Chapter Car Cruises- Every Wednesday VFW #6695 Lot “Classic FOOD, CARS, &MUSIC” see Darrell or Bob P.

Next General Membership Business Meeting is: Monday August 9th, 2010 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Celebrating the U.S.Coast Guard’s Birthday -actual Aug.4th 1790

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday July 27th 2010 at 7p.m. VFW

ADJOURNMENT: 20:23