



Minutes for General Membership Meeting 7/14/2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BILL BOUDREAU AT 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Bill Boudreau (excused), Darrell Bazman, Bill Juchartz, Bob Dew and Mike Schlott

48 MEMBERS PRESENT

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Vice President – Darrell Bazman welcomed guests/new members. Chapter said good bye to Loren Roberts who will be relocating to Tennessee. Darrell thanked Loren for all of his volunteer work on the chapter raffles.

GUEST: Lynn Dery, Cornelius McGowan USN, Kim Shelton

Lynn Dery spoke to the membership about recycling old cell phone collection to be turned into phone cards for the military personnel.

Kim Shelton thanked the chapter for all of our help with her care packages to the troops. Also she will be moving to California.

1st Vice President - Darrell Bazman – Darrell thanked all of the volunteers who have been helping out with Cruzin 528. Also there will a goodie box for donation at the car show with the money donated for the military personnel overseas.

2nd Vice President – Bill Juchartz – No Report

Secretary – Mike Schlott - minutes from the previous meeting will stand as published.

Treasurer – Bob Dew

M/ Rich Whipple /SEC/ Jim Dorey

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

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

Chaplain - Rick Popa – Rick talk about deceased chapter member Tom Snell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – Joe will be heading up the By-Laws committee and is in need of Committee members.

Membership - Bob Lamoureux- Bob reported that the membership stands at 173 and AVVA membership is 37. Another chapter raffle was held for a life membership and the winner was AVVA member Pat Klopschinsky.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – Color Guard attended a memorial ceremony for WWII veteran at Fox Hills golf course. They also marched in the July 2nd Westland parade; July 4th Plymouth parade and remembrance ride to the National Cemetery at Holley for Mike Ramsey. They have received \$325.00 in donations. Color Guard gets a break for the next 2 months with no events scheduled.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher – Gary has a few items for sale tonight.

State Product Sales - John Riling – No Report

Public Affairs - Don Dignan- We received two United Way checks for 22.10 and \$127.50. Don also reported that due the economic times there will be no car wash at the Lighthouse carwash this year.

Webmaster/Home front Editor - Tom Brown- 2 New web pages have been added to the chapter web site. One-product sales and the other is chapter history. Tom would like photos taken from the Mike Ramsey remembrance run. Flyer for the POW/MIA spaghetti dinner August 9th at the VFW.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- Rick Ciaramitaro gave the report for Al. POW/MIA has reported that the remains for 4 service personnel were found and identified. Lt. Commander Mike Spicker (Florida) from Desert Storm, Sgt. Alex Jamonez (Mass.) Iraq, Spl. Bryon Fouty (Mich.) Iraq and Spl. Amed Al-ti-ee (Mich.) Iraq. Rick reminded all about the upcoming POW/MIA spaghetti dinner on August 9th at the VFW.

VFW Liaison - Mike Schlott/Gary Kubik – Gary Kubik thanked all who helped with the VFW's July 4th Chicken Barbeque.

A.O.- Health Care

Coordinator - Vaughn Hull – No Report

V.A. Hospital Rep - Vaughn Hull –Hospital has made a request for magazine subscriptions instead of the old magazines they receive now.

VA Service Rep – Aggie Little, Cheryl Vatcher-Martin and Gerry Martin – No Report

VVA State Council - Gary Estermyer – Gary gave an over view of his State Council report that will be in the newsletter.

Fundraising - Bob Dew- Bob Dew has taken over the Fundraising committee since Joe will be the By-Laws chair. Bob ask for help to come with new ideas for fundraisers.

CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. "Sportsman's Raffle"- Dennis Bielskis- Dennis asked for more help selling raffle tickets.
- B. "Chapter Picnic" – Cornell Osier – Cornell ask for a head count from the membership who would be attending the Chapter picnic Sunday August 3rd at the VFW. Rick Mazurkiewz will be doing the cooking this year. The committee will meet after the chapter meeting tonight and they will need help with setting up and clean up for the picnic.
- C. Fall Festival- John Fleming- No Report
- D. Kokomo Reunion- Dale Luebke September 18-20th 2008 Dale has a list of members who would like to attend Kokomo and if you haven't signed and want to go see Dale. Dale and a few chapter members attended the Military Mom's picnic and they sold dog tag's, patches etc.
- E. "528" Point Man Program- Rich Whipple, Rick Ciaramitaro & Ron Wrobelwski

Rich welcome any of the members, who would like to attend the Point man program, They meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at Denny's on Ann Arbor road.

F. Adopt-A-Road will be out this Saturday July 19th see Rich Whipple if you're interested. They meet at 8:00 at the Union hall on Joy road and Canton Center.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

A. "American Flag Exchange Day" program – Bob Dew report that the flag exchange received 25 to be exchanged and the remaining flags would be exchanged the Cruzin 529 Car Show.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION REQUESTS: -

Modify chapter by-laws allowing up to three donations per year for (1) Military Organizations and (2) Non-Military organizations benefiting veterans or active duty personnel.

*******Board Approved*******

*******Motion was Defeated*******

Second match 25% of the earnings turned in from Kokomo Dog Tag Sales and apply total amount towards chapter representation at the following year's event.

Note: This is a long-term plan to submit a motion request each year for next four years increasing the percentage each year. Building up funds over the next four years that would allow an on-going account that would fund Kokomo trips beyond that time without doing Dog-Tag Sales.

*******Board Approved*******

*******Motion Carried*******

DONATION REQUESTS:

Donate \$500.00 to Armed Forces Veteran's Home Foundation whose mission is the enhance the quality of life for elderly and infirm veterans at state veterans homes.

*******Board Approved*******

*******Motion was Defeated*******

Donate \$500.00 to Operation Home Front – Michigan Chapter. Whose mission is to Support troops and their family at home while deployed.

*******Board Approved*******

*******Motion Carried*******

Donate \$500.00 to Operation Never Forgotten – whose mission is to support troops and place billboards up around the country reminding the public our troops continue to require our support. This is an item that VVA Chapter 310's John Kinzinger is helping to support and actually started in Michigan by two military moms.

*******Board Approved*******

*******Motion Carried*******

(Request tabled till Board does more investigating)

Donation of \$1700.00 to the AMVETS for a new computer, which Aggie Little would be using. The request is due to budget and money issues that the AMVETS has.

*******Board Approved*******

Donate \$100.00 to the United States Navy Memorial Foundation. The money will help maintain the memorial.

*******Board Approved*******

*******Motion Carried*******

CHAPTER EVENTS:

“Cruzin 528 Car Show ’08” started May 21st every Wed. till Sept. *see Darrel Bazman*

“Chapter Picnic” VFW invited at VFW August D.T.B. A. *see Cornel Osier/ Darrel Bazman*

“Chapter Scholarship” has begun. *see Tom Brown, or Dean Bell*

“ Plymouth Fall Festival” Sept. 12th-14th *see John Fleming*

“ Kokomo Vietnam Reunion” Sept. 17^h –21st *see Dale Luebke*

“Sportsman’s Raffle” drawing Sun.Oct.19th 1-5p.m. at VFW *see Loren Roberts*

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday July 22 2008 at 7p.m. VFW

Next General Meeting – Monday August 11th. 2008 at 7p.m. VFW

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Next Board Meeting - 2008 at 7p.m. VFW

Next General Membership Business Meeting is: Monday, 2008 7:00 p.m. at VFW

ADJOURNMENT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

BILL BOUDREAU

MIKE SCHLOTT