



Minutes for General Membership Meeting 1/12/2009

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

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

55 MEMBERS PRESENT

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President – President: Bill Boudreau welcomes guests/new members, Agenda for January 12th GM Meeting

A. Guests: Introduction and or Concerns
John Craven, Paul Postila, Rick Sander, Sharon Noble, Mike Zubal, Curt Tooley, Sam Rodriguez and Harry Bryant's daughter's Jennifer Rious and Carrie Lewis.

GUEST: John Craven made a presentation to the membership on behalf of D.O.V.E. Organization.

1st Vice President - Darrell Bazman – No Report

2nd Vice President – Bill Juchartz – No Report

Secretary – Mike Schlott - minutes from the previous meeting have been published.

Motion to approved the minutes as published.

M/ Mike Schlott /SEC/ Mike Steffes

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

Treasurer – Bob Dew

M/ Mike Steffes /SEC/ Joe Agius

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

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

Chaplain - Rick Popa – Chapter received a thank you card from the Snell family. Ouch is still in a lot pain. Cheryl & Gerry Martin were in a car accident.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership - Bob Lamoureux- Membership stands @ 180 members and the AVVA stands at 40 members.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – Color Guard stood a casket watch for Harry Bryant.

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – No Report

Public Relations – Don Dignan – There will a Poker Shoot Out February 11th at the VFW.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher – No Report

State Product Sales - John Riling – John has some new items for sale.

Webmaster/Home front Editor - Tom Brown- Tom has made more changes to the main web page to simplify it. All of the 55 topics are still there just listed on the lower part of the main page. There's a new page called yearly chapter events.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- No Report

A.V.V.A – Norma Demerly - No Report

VFW Liaison - Mike Schlott/Gary Kubik – Mike reported that he would have a signup sheets for the VFW kitchen cleanup and fish fry next membership meeting.

A.O.- Health Care

Coordinator - Vaughn Hull - No Report

V.A. Hospital Rep - Vaughn Hull - No Report

VA Service Rep – Aggie Little - No Report

VVA State Council - Gary Estermyer - No Report

Fundraising - Bob Dew- Committee will hold a meeting in about 2 weeks at the VFW.

CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. “528” *Point Man Program*- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro

B. Chapter's Travel site update- Bob Dew Use the site, have friends and relatives use the site, for every booking that is placed through our website the Chapter gets a return and benefits from the agency.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

John Fleming reported that the Salvation Bell Ringing collected \$1000.35. Four vehicles full of clothes were delivered to the Michigan Veterans Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Read correspondence for membership

Al Kerbyson thank all who came out and helped with the removal of his awning, which collapsed due the weight of the snow.

DONATION-MOTION REQUESTS: -

Chapter Policy: To request for Donations, a Member in good standings must submit a filled out request form (obtained from Chapter Secretary) on or before a Board Meeting, to be reviewed by Board and the Board will endorse or not (but all requests go before General Membership, with Board endorsement or not) The Request will be read at the Next General Business Meeting with Board recommendation or not and the Author (s) should be present to answer questions or comments from the Membership before they are asked to vote on Request. There is a procedure for trying to obtain a money request bypassing Board approval, however this should only be used in time sensitive Requests and not commonplace last minute request where time is not an issue. **INFO:** (The Board can Approve at a Board Meeting, up to \$200 issue check and than inform membership it was paid out.)

Next Board Meeting - January 27, 2009 at 7p.m. VFW

Next General Membership Business Meeting is: Monday, February 9, 2009 7:00 p.m. at VFW

ADJOURNMENT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

BILL BOUDREAU

MIKE SCHLOTT