



## Minutes for General Membership Meeting 8/11/2008

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

52 MEMBERS PRESENT

### OFFICERS REPORTS:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Darrell Bazman- Welcomed guests/new members.

Guest: Kathy Gardner and John McGowan from Plymouth Park Apartments spoke to the membership about accepting veterans who have monetary problems and they will work with the veterans. Right now they 20 units available.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Darrell Bazman – Darrell gave a Car Show report and \$1850.00 has been turned in after expenses.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Bill Juchartz – No Report

Secretary – Mike Schlott - minutes from the previous meeting have been published and will stand as printed. Read any correspondence to membership

Treasurer – Bob Dew

M/ Mike Steffes /SEC/ John Lindsay

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

\*\*\*\*\* *MOTION CARRIED* \*\*\*\*\*

Chaplain - Rick Popa – Rick had a card he was passing around to send to Loren Roberts.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – No Report

Membership - Bob Lamoureux- We have quite a few of lapsed members. Membership stands at 172 and 36 AVVA.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – Bob reported the Color Guard had 2 events one at Mike Steffes church for a salute to service program along with a dinner. Then funeral for a WWII veteran.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher – Gary has two new key chains on for Michigan State and the other for U of M.

State Product Sales - John Riling – No Report

Public Affairs - Don Dignan- No Report

Webmaster/Home Front Editor - Tom Brown- Tom has added 2 new web pages one for Adopt-a-road and the other the North wall ceremony in Canada.

SCHLORSHIP – Dean Bell – Dean reported that the scholarship contest will start August 1<sup>st</sup> and run till September 12<sup>th</sup> and then in September the entries will be judged. The winners will be announced at the October 13<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- POW/MIA committee will meet this coming Saturday. As far as the POW/MIA spaghetti diner it had a sparse turn out. Rick Ciaramitaro will give a report at the September general membership meeting.

VFW Liaison - Mike Schlott/Gary Kubik – Gary reminded all dual VVA/VFW members that there is a VFW meeting tomorrow at 7:00 P.M. Plus Friday it will be Coney day in the lounge.

A.O.- Health Care

Coordinator - Vaughn Hull – No Report

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

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

VVA State Council - Gary Estermyer – No Report

Fundraising - Bob Dew- Bob reported that the committee has received some new ideas for fund raising that they will be looking into.

#### **CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. “Sportsman’s Raffle”- Dennis Bielskis- Dennis reported we have 1800 tickets sold and 20 workers are need for the day of the raffle. Dennis would like all tickets turned in by 9/8/08.
- B. “Chapter Picnic” – Cornell Osier – Bob Dew reported that there was good entertainment and all that attended had a good time.
- C. Fall Festival- John Fleming- Bob Lamoureux passed a sign up sheet around for volunteers for the fall fest.
- D. Kokomo Reunion- Dale Luebke September 18-20<sup>th</sup> 2008 – 35 days and a wake up.
- E. “528” *Point Man Program*- Rich Whipple, Rick Ciaramitaro & Ron Wrobelwski – Rich reported that Ron Wrobelwski will be moving to Florida. Rich also reminded the membership that Pointman meets the first & third Mondays of each month at Denny’s.

#### **OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:**

- A. Flag Exchange program – Bob Dew – Bob reported that the flag exchange was going so good that he ordered 100 more flags for the program. We have given away 106 flags.

Travel site has been going quite well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Spelling Bee - Ron King – Ron is the program coordinator for the Plymouth/Canton Literacy Council and he spoke about the up and coming spelling bee and asked the chapter To be a sponsor or maybe form a team.

#### **DONATION-MOTION REQUESTS:**

Donate \$3000.00 to each Military Branch family funds. Total of \$15000.00 covering U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corp and Coast Guard.

M/Bob Dew

/SEC/ Mike Schlott

\*\*\*\*\*Board Approved\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION

CARRIED\*\*\*\*\*

**DONATION-MOTION REQUESTS:**

*The two donation requests listed below will be combined for the Michigan Veterans Foundation. And total Donation will be \$1500.00.*

Donate \$500 to the Michigan Veterans Foundation to purchase toiletries currently needed at the Detroit Veterans Center for homeless veterans.

M/John Fleming /SEC/ Bob Dew

\*\*\*\*\*Board Approved\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION

CARRIED\*\*\*\*\*

*Board decided to have the requests listed below will be combined for the Michigan Veterans Foundation. And total Donation will be \$1500.00.*

Donate \$1000.00 to Michigan Veterans Foundation to help with the cost of food for the summer months.

M/Jim Hodgson /SEC/ Rick Mazurkiewz

\*\*\*\*\*Board Approved\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION

CARRIED\*\*\*\*\*

Donate \$100 to the VA Medical Healthcare Ann Arbor the money will be used for magazine subscriptions for our veterans at the medical center.

M/Vaughan Hull /SEC/ Mike Schlott

\*\*\*\*\*Board Approved/\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION

CARRIED\*\*\*\*\*

Donate \$300.00 to sponsor a hole for the Dearborn Detachment of the Marine Corp League Annual Golf Outing at Dearborn Hills Golf course. The money raised will be used to support our troops overseas and other veteran charities. Plus one member will be allowed to play for free.

M/ Dave Codd /SEC/ Don Dignan

\*\*\*\*\*Board Approved/\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION

CARRIED\*\*\*\*\*

Donate \$100.00 to the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan chapter to sponsor a trophy for 69-70 Mustangs.

M/ Bob Paul /SEC/ Darrell Bazman

\*\*\*\*\*Board Approved/\*\*\*\*\*

Donate \$1000.00 to Blum's Landing recreational/vacation area for veterans on a short-term basis.

M/ Darrell Bazman /SEC/ Don Dignan

\*\*\*\*\*Board Approved/\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION

CARRIED\*\*\*\*\*

Donation of \$1700.00 to the AMVETS for a new computer, which will be used by Aggie Little. The Request is due to budget and money issues that the AMVETS has.

M/Aggie Little /SEC/ Rick Ciaramitaro

\*\*\*\*\*Board Approved\*\*\*\*\*

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**CHAPTER EVENTS:**

“Sportsman’s Raffle”

Cruzin 528 '08  
Fall Festival Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Board Meeting - August 26, 2008 at 7p.m. VFW

Next General Membership Business Meeting is: September 8, 2008 7:00 p.m. at VFW

**ADJOURNMENT:**

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

BILL BOUDREAU

MIKE SCHLOTT