

**Saturday September 13, 1997**

President Joe Smith opened the meeting at 8:30am.

Elmer Ekern addressed the council on how the unanimous vote affects the council. Elmer recommended we revisit the need for a unanimous vote. Much discussion took place with Joe Novak, Bob Hanson, and Rick Ryan all lending comments.

Motion made by Rick Ryan to have the president appoint a committee to review article five section 2 of the bylaws of the constitution. Willie Warner 2nd, motion carried. The charge of the committee was to investigate and report back to the president prior to the November meeting of the council. Elmer Ekern was pointed chairman of the committee.

A discussion about veterans's preference then ensued. The discussion resulted in a committee being formed which included Joe Novak, Joe Smith, Rick Ryan, Bob Hanson, and Gene Kouba who will investigate the current veterans preference law in North Dakota and compare it with laws from other states where their laws are working. The discussion led to the invitation we had from the Association of Counties to review the law with them. It was decided president Joe Smith and another representative will attend the meeting with their representative.

Motion made by Arnie Maier to have the Commander of each organization appoint a representative from the council to serve on this committee, 2nd by Jerome Krejci, motion carried.

AmVets appointed Elmer Ekern at this time and VVA appointed John Mullen. No others were appointed during the meeting.

A motion was then made by Arnold Maier for the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council express condolences to Mrs. Atol in Rays passing. 2nd by Rick Ryan, motion carried. President Smith said he would take care of it.

The council visited about the license plate bill and how we can keep it in front of the veterans until it is issued.

Report from the Administrative Committee, Chairman Balzer announced that the committee's for the department and the home had been formed.

The Veterans Home subcommittee chair is Paul Aaberg, members include Kent Anderson, Larry Dakken, Tom Moe, Richard Olek, Rhiney Weber and Don Wieble.

The Department subcommittee will be chaired by Ken Evenson. Members include Dean Beyer, Jim Carlascio, Jim Johnson, Joe Litzinger, Tom Rainsberry and Ken Vatne.

The Secretary of the Administrative Committee is Dean Beyer. Chairman Balzer reported on the Home and Department projects and happenings which are being done at this time. The committee plans to purchase three vans with interest funds from the PWTF. There was a motion made by the