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Annual meeting Minutes
April 19, 2010 Comfort Inn Bismarck ND
4:50 pm

The annual meeting of the ndacvso was called to order by pres Jim Hilzendeger, 37 counties of the 45 member counties signed in as attending the meeting. Guests in attendance were Lonnie Wangen ND commissioner of veterans affairs and his staff members.

Dennis Kubischta read the minutes of the previous meeting that was held sept 28, 2009 at the comfort Inn, Francis Hoynes made motion to approve minutes as read, second was by Pete Keaveny all in favor, motion to approve passed as read.

At this time past president Jerry Samuelson was called forward and was thanked by the members of this association for his two years of service as president, president Hilzendeger awarded a plaque to Jerry as a tribute to the fine job he did.

Treas report: \$4847.95 in checking account, a income and expense report is available anyone interested can pick one up from the sec/treas at any time.

old business: none

committie reports: by laws nothing to report, legislative nothing to report. training committie report given by pres Hilzendeger the committie met at the commissioners office in Fargo twice this past year to plan this training conference as well as work on the long term goals of a high quality training regime for the members of our association. At the first meeting we asked commissioner to come up with his ideas that matched the goals we had laid out, at the second training meeting the commissioner had a presentation on his long term goals , training committie really liked what he presented and asked commissioner to share this with the entire assoc at the annual meeting.

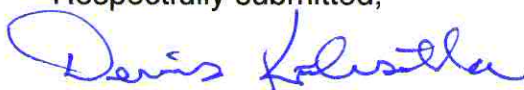
New business: It was noted that a week long conf such as this is hard on everyone. Much discussion was held about possible benefits of accreditation from navsco. The most likely dates for the fall training conf are sept 20-22 in Fargo, site not yet determined, Cathy from commissioners office will check into this. Jerry Samuelson

brought up that he feels a set stipend should be in place to cover expenses of the members who need to attend sessions in regard to legislative proceedings and hearings that are held in regard to veterans affairs, after brief discussion it was agreed that this topic will be placed on the agenda for the fall meeting. Discussion was brought up about how our association should handle memorials to our past state cvso who pass away, After different ideas were discussed a motion was made by Leon Hiltner and 2nd by Roman Fettig that a card is to be sent to the family by the sec of the ndacvso and he was to contact the present cvso in that county and ask them to contact family and see what they would like the memorial to go to , this will be \$100 from the cvsoa. It is intended that the memorial is to be used in some way to further vets causes in that county in memory of the deceased cvso. All in attendance voted yes, there was no one voting no.

Commissioner of veterans affairs Lonnie Wangen now addressed the meeting, he spoke about his long range goals of quality training, he would think that one annual training conference would be enough in conjunction with the 2 to 3 year planned training matrix that he is laying out where we would have round table mini conferences at the commissioners office in Fargo, it would cover on a continuing and rotating basis the different modules of tripp training. There are 16 continued education units needed to maintain accreditation by navsco each year, the cvso could pick the different modules he wants or needs and sign up and attend these sessions in Fargo in a small group setting that will fill this requirements for ceu and there would be ceu for the annual training conference also and together the cvso could easily maintain his accreditation requirements. The training will be conducted by his staff as well as staff from the va in Fargo, the national service officers in Fargo and other trainers the commissioners office felt would be helpful, he also mentioned that a open book accreditation test would be part of this process. This was enthusiastically embraced by the members attending this meeting and asked the commissioner to move forward on this plan but a formal vote was not taken at this time because not all the pieces of the 2-3 year training matrix plan were presented . Commissioner Wangen said that he is in contact with his counterparts in several states in regard to there training procedures and he will use these ideas in his final plan as well, he mentioned that Tom Summers is working on this future training a lot and his cooperation has helped him a lot. He said for the most successful 2-3 training matrix to be completed he needs the cooperation of the cvso and the national service officers as well. Jim Verwey made the comment that he has attended these small round table training matrix conferences in Fargo and they have been very good.

Being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Bill Peschell 2nd by Steve Frojen motion carried at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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