

NDCVSO association

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fall meeting minutes  
Sept 19, 2011, Comfort Inn Bismarck ND

The fall meeting of the ndcvso assoc was called to order at 5:14 pm by pres Jim Hilzendeger . There were 32 counties in attendance. Guests were Nd dept of veterans affairs staff and commissioner Wangen.

Secretary Dennis Kubischta read the minutes of the previous meeting which was the fall meeting in Bismarck sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the comfort Inn. Pres Hilzendeger asked for additions or corrections to the minutes from last meeting being none he called for a motion to accept minutes as read, a motion to accept minutes was made by Jim Verwey second by Francis Hoynes , vote call all in favor motion passed.

At this time Jim read a thank you from the family of Gene Kouba the ndacvso gave a \$100.00 donation to the family in memory of our colleague at the ND dept of veterans affairs.

President called for committee reports:

#### EDUCATION

The commissioner was asked to give his thoughts about future training conferences, He wants to have ND dept of veterans affairs and ndcvsoa host a veterans summit. He envisions the nd dept of veterans affairs, cvso and their staffs and basically anyone who has anything to do with helping veterans or providing and organizations who have programs to help veterans, The ND dept of veterans affairs will have this information available on their web site and this will be the mechanism to make info for this summit available to all interested parties. There was a lot of enthusiastic responses from all the cvso in attendance ideas were added from many. Pres Jim Hilzendeger asked when this should be held, next spring in Fargo was the first thought. Launette Figliuzzi of Cass county offered her opinion that because of the spring floodings that occur perhaps we should not plan on this summit in the spring since so many of the people that would be needed to make this a success would be tied up all over the state. Some discussion on this, all agreed that this would be wise action. Skip Wing made a motion that spring conference be held in Bismarck fall conference in Fargo the summit to be in Fargo at fall conference and that the training committee would determine the dates and places for both conferences. This motion was second by Bill Peschell all voted in favor motion passed.

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President Jim Hilzendeger gave a overview of the work that needs to be done when the legislature is in session. We work for the good of the veterans and the legislative committee needs to meet more often, there was a lot of discussion about the good and bad that came out of the last legislative session. That one is in the past, the general discussion was that not all groups in the state seem to have the best interest of all our states veterans at the heart of there actions at the legislature. Skip Wing said he would be chairman of the ndcvsoa legislative committee. Bill Peschell gave a lesson(so to speak) on how the acova is to work and veterans coordinating council and how these people are appointed to these position.iHe then went on to explain their duties in regard to bills that are to the best interest of the states veterans. It was a very knowlegable talk that he gave to us and we all learned a lot from his experience.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE;

Pete Keaveny reported that he and Jeff Ohlhauser looked thru the associations receipts and expenses and all expenses and incomes, all appeared to be fine and books look good. Pres asked for a motion to accept this report motion by Steve frogen to accept audit committee report second by Jim Verwey all voted in favor motion carried.

#### BY LAWS;

Roman Fettig said there was nothing to report. Jim Verwey made motion to accept this report, second by Pete Keaveny all voted in favor motion carried.

President Hilzendeger asker for treas report, Sec/treas Kubischta reported that there is \$5145,32 in the checking account. Dennis noted that the expenses for this conference are not in and they usually run around \$500.00, he also noted that since there was only one conf. this year that yearly expenses for meetings will be lower also. Motion to accept this report was made by Ron Berg second by Jeff Olhauser all voted in favor, motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Pres Hilzendeger called for old business. Awards that we used to give to va employees who were exceptionally helpful to veterans was discussed, it has been several years since we did this, the general feeling was that we not make a mandatory list that we will give out each year, but when members of the ndcvsoa feel there is a justified person they should submit that name to the executive committee and they will make the decision and have the award presented at the next appropriate training conference. It was also decided not only VA employees but anyone who has given exceptional help to veterans of our state, example being the soldiers home in Lisbon. Be eligible for our awards. A motion was made by Skip Thomas that our association give awards to eligible people, the cvso is to submit names to the executive committee, they make decision on merit of person and what

training conference it is to be given out. Second by Dwight Nahinurk all voted in favor motion carried.

President Hilzendeger said all committees are fully appointed and staffed except the executive committee. The by laws state the executive committee is to be made up of immediate past president, current president, vice president, and sec/treas and one member that is to be appointed, by the president,, at large from the general membership of this organization. He asked for volunteers, no one stepped forward, at this time an invitation was extended to Launette Figliuzzi to accept this position, she declined with good reasons that she gave, No one else volunteered Bill Peschell was asked to be the member at large, he accepted and President Hilzendeger appointed him to the position.. Pres called for any other old business to be brought up, Dennis Kubischta said he checked into coats and hats for our cvso assoc, had two different quotes , small orders like this are expensive and would be about \$15.00 a hat and he thought this is cost prohibitive, Bill Peschell said he has a contact and will look into this matter.

#### ELECTION:

The president of nominating committee Ron Berg gave his report on nominations for vice president of the ndcvso association, he reported that Dean Johnson was asked to run for the office, Ron reported that Dean has over 25 years of service as a cvso and belongs to veterans organizations that help veterans and the nominating committee felt he would be an excellent choice for vice president, President Hilzendeger asked for comments about this nomination, all comments were positive, President Hilzendeger asked for Deans name to be placed in nomination for vice president, Bill Peschell made that nomination, the President then asked three times for any other nominations for this office, being none , Bill Peschell made a motion that the sec make a unanimous motion for Dean Johnson as vice president this was seconded by Roman Fettig, vote was held, all in favor motion carried .

At this time President Hilzendeger said to the best of his knowledge he has all business up to date all committees filled, and all old business taken care to the satisfaction of all members in attendance he has completed the term he was elected to fill, it is now time to give the president office to the next person. He called for nominating committee report, vice president Steve Frojen name was placed in nomination, there was no discussion, President Hilzendeger asked three times for any other nominations, there were none, Dwight Nahurinak asked that the sec make a unanimous motion for Steve Frojen for president, second was by Earl Hanson, vote taken, all in favor motion carried.

Jim Hilzendeger thanked all who helped him so much when he was president and said without the cooperation and input from every one in this organization the good we do for the states veterans could not happen, He then introduced the new president Steve Frojen.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

President Frojen said for him to do a good job he would appreciate the help of everyone in this organization. He called for any new business to be brought up at this time, there was none he asked the sec to list the names of all people who serve on the various committies, list was given as follows.

EXUCITIVE; Jim Hilzendeger, Steve Frojen, Dean Johnson, Dennis Kubischta and Bill Peschell.

TRAINING: Steve Frojen, Dean Johnson, Dennis Kubischta, Jim Verwey, and Corean Swart.

AUDIT: Pete Keaveny, and Jeff Ohlhauser.

NOMINATING: Dennis Kubischta, Ron Berg, and Dwight Nahurinak.

LEGISLATIVE: Skip Wing, Skip Thomas

BY LAWS: Roman Fettig, Corean Swart, James Paulus

Being no other business to be brought up Pres Frojen called for meeting to be adjourned Ron Berg made this motion second by Pete Keaveny all in favor meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

#### ADDITION TO MINUTES BY SEC. KUBISCHTA

I feel that although two actions taken by the ndcvsoa at this conference that are not part of the formal business meeting need to be included in these minutes. Before the meeting started one of our members pointed out that the assistant cvso in Stark County has had a fire and her house and possessions burned, it was immedaitly said she is one of our own and we will pass the hat to help her; I do not know how much cash was collected, between training sessions on our third day of training Cathy Holgenseth of the ND dept of veterans affairs office offered up a item to be raffled to raise money for Heather Guzik, Officers readily agreed and we enthusiastically raffled tickets for \$2.00 each , This was well received and the ndcvso assoc gave her a check for \$231.00 which of course was the entire proceeds of the raffle and the check was given to her with heartfelt intentions, Heather asked for a chance to address the assembly of cvso and thanked all in attendance and the ndcvso assoc for their kindness.

Respectably submitted,

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