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Minutes of the fall meeting held in Fargo ND at the Cambria Inn October
17, 2016

The fall meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by president Henry Gerving

Jim Deremo the national service officer for the American legion asked to speak to the group, he spoke about best practices, he kind of jokingly said almost all decisions should be appealed, then he gave his reasons. He did not know at this time if the legion was going to hire a new NSO for the Fargo office. He is still filling in Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings.

President Gerving asked sec Kubischta to read the minutes from the previous meeting Jerry Samuelson had a correction. He stated that at the spring meeting Lonnie Wangen had addressed this group as a private individual and offered his own individual opinion about the tobacco tax measure. He did not address this group as commissioner of veterans affairs. Jerry offered this change as a motion, second by Leon Hiltner motion passed to change minutes.

Treas. Report: \$3822 balance in checking account

Old Business: none brought up

Committee Reports: legislative was only one with any business brought up, President Gerving had some issues should be addressed at up coming legislative session and asked for other concerns from membership .After discussion the following list was drawn up.

1. The disabled veterans tax credit at \$150,000 is to low and should be raised to \$200,000
2. Retired military pay should be exempt from state tax
3. The veterans plates should be looked at for design change as well as spouse use of plates
4. More grant funding
5. Spouse internment at veterans cemetery should be at no cost to family
6. The \$1500.00 household income for vet and spouse is to low for grant program and should be raised.

New Business: Kathy Benson asked that retired cvso Dave Daely should be recognized , sec. Kubischta was insrtructed to draw up honorary life membership and get it to Dave.

Non profit status was discussed, VP Emily Cost spoke in favor, she said outside money can be brought in to help with our expenses, some counties are asking for for W-9 form in order to pay dues., Gary Dathe

would set it up for a fee of \$850. Because we lobby we would need to be 501 C 7. Discussion was held. Leon Hiltner made a motion we should apply for 501 C 7 status second was from Dan Thorstad, president Gerving called for a roll call vote by county. 36 yes, 5 no, 3 abstain., Motion carried.

US Senator John Hoeven spoke to group, He said it is a honor to be here, he discussed legislation at the national level. He said there is going to be a federal veterans cemetery in Fargo, He then spoke about another piece of veterans legislation called veterans first act.

Commissioner Wangen spoke to the group, he said your list of veterans concerns should be brought up to the ACOVA, your president has non voting member status on the ACOVA. He said sponsors could be found among law makers. He was asked questions about what impact passage of measure four would have on states veteran programs if it passes.

President Gerving asked if there was any other new business to be discussed, being none he asked for a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Leon Hiltner, second by Les Ashe, motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectably submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Kubischta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dennis Kubischta sec/treas

Note these are unapproved minutes