

Sep.17, 2015
NDVCC MINUTES

OPENING:

President Gary Maddock called the meeting of the NDVCC at 1 PM on September 17,2015 at the Vets Club in Jamestown

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all followed by a moment of silence for our troops in harm's way.

Roll call was taken with 13 members present and 2 absent, also in attendance was Lonnie Wangen VA Commissioner.

The minutes had been sent out and Russ Stabler moved and Murray Strom seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

The finance report was given and approved by a motion from Russ Stabler and seconded by Dale Ronning.

Old Business:

In old business we discussed the brochures and said that we would update the center page when the time came.

Gary Maddock asked if everyone had sent in their Lobbyists expenditure reports and all had.

New Business:

Gary relieved the outgoing members of the Council and welcomed the incoming members of the Council.

Election of Officers:

David Johnson nominated Russ Stabler for Chairman and Dan Stenvold seconded the nomination. Russ Stabler nominated Rod Olin for Vice Chairman and David Johnson seconded the motion. Dale Ronning nominated Gary Maddock for Secretary and Larry Young seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and a motion was made to cast an unanimous ballot for all and it carried.

Warren Tobin moved to waive the dues for 2016 and seconded by Russ and the motion was approved.

Gary Maddock turned it over to David Johnson to speak on the smoking referendum and other possibilities of the Veterans getting a portion of the tobacco settlement which now goes 45% for Water, 45% for common schools and hoping to get 10% for veterans which would mean 2-4 million per year.

The other possibility was a smoking referendum, which would require getting 30,000 signatures on a petition and putting it up to the public to raise the sales tax on cigarettes \$1.54 per pack with the money going to the PWTF. This could raise \$30 million possibly. Dan Stenvold opposes any tax increase, but would not go against what the Council decides. This money would be able to help the future Veterans, but would not change the budgets that are ongoing now for the VA.

David said that there would be a meeting by the smoking coalition on Oct. 27, but did not have a time or place.

David also mentioned that we had the option of going after 10% of the tobacco settlement.

Bruce Sailer moved to go with the referendum and Dale Ronning seconded the motion and it carried.

Dan Stenvold moved that if the referendum failed that we go for the tax settlement, Murray Strom seconded the motion and it carried.

There was no time or place determined at this meeting, but I have since learned that the ACOVA is meeting at the Comfort Inn on Jan. 20 and 21. I talked to Russ and I will make a reservation for a room on Thursday Jan. 20 2016 at 1 PM.

There was a resolution submitted by PDC Rick Olek through the AMVETS to have the Veterans keep one half of the gaming tax by Veteran Clubs.

It was tabled by Warren Tobin until the Jan. meeting.

Good and Welfare:

It was announced that there would be a Q. and A session on Agent Orange and other dioxins on Oct. 22 at the VFW in Bismarck and in Dickinson on Oct. 23.

Next Meeting:

As I was conducting the meeting and also trying to take notes for the minutes, I am sure that I didn't get everything as I do believe there were some corrections to the previous minutes that I did not recall what they were. Can anyone help there?

This concluded the meeting and we adjourned.

Submitted by
Gary Maddock, Sec.