

Minutes of BYR Mtg – June 9, 2016 (11 present and 3 guests)

Meeting was called to order by Les at 8:30 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest speaker : Russell Oberg briefed us on the Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation. He shared about his 28 year old son dying of suicide due to PTSD. The foundation was setup to address the problems returning soldiers face with PTSD. They hope to educate families to be more aware of signs and helping them get assistance for their family member. They developed a network to do fund raising for the effort with a goal of \$10 – 12K. On Giving Hearts Day and linked with Dakota Medical Foundation, they ended up raising \$70K. He discussed 3 goals to support education of the issue for combat vets and planned events they have scheduled to get the word out about PTSD. They aren't looking for funds at this time but need to run their funds through a 501 (3c) and currently doing that with Dakota Medical Foundation. They are looking to establish the foundation as its own 501C and Les offered his assistance to get that established. They are continuing to seek organizations like ours that have like goals to partner with for the foundation. They discussed some of their upcoming events just to give us a feel for their efforts. Grant, Curt, Eric and BYR all pledged their support to help their efforts.

Les gave the Secretary's report. Report approved as presented.

Tim presented the Finance report. Accts have had minimal activity this past month so he presented balances of each. Linda Gibson has raised her \$10,000 for Honor Flight and Tim is working on a date to present our check to the committee. Report was approved as presented.

Guard report stated the unit departed on June 3rd. He thanked BYR and Auxiliary for the BQ prepared for the troops and their families. There is a return event being planned but no details available at this time. He discussed the street naming project and the Colonel, CSM and Mayor have ideas of a ceremony to place the signs. A couple dates were discussed when to do it. Les provided an update of the city's approval process and passed around an example what the signs will look like. He has secured someone that can make the signs and requested 8-10 signs at a cost of \$650 plus tax from BYR to pay for the project. Motion to fund the project was made by Grant; seconded by Jim; motion carried.

CVSO Report: Curt stated that the governor has signed approval for no state tax on MN Military Veterans Retirement. Move to MN!!

Fund Raiser: Fall fund raiser was discussed. In the past, we have given half to Vets Home and half to VA Rec. fund. Dan suggested we support district officers project for VFW that are working to fund a golf cart for the Vets Home. We could possibly give half of our fund raiser to the VA Rec. Fund and half to the golf cart fund raiser. It was agreed to add this to the agenda and discuss at our July Mtg.

Les announced he has secured a website for American Legion Birthday celebration.

New Business: None

Good of the Order: Mark is searching for bags to put school supplies in for the upcoming school supply drive for the guard. He is in need of 200+ bags. Dan & Tim recommended checking with state BYR for the bags. Someone will contact Annette at state.

Tim discussed an upcoming walk during the State American Legion Convention, June 24-25.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10.