

BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON/MOORHEAD
July 14, 2016 Minutes



Members attending were: Bev L., Jim A., Jennifer C., Barbara G., Dan H., Mark S., Amy Van Horn., Vince D., Brad H., Amy G., Curt C., Him H., Gary O., Tim H., Gail B., and Les B.,

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

Secretary report was approved and passed.

Tim H. presented the Treasurer's report which he gave both the Business Account and the Legacy Account. Motion was made by Dan H. to approve the Treasurer report and 2nd by Curt C. Motion was carried

VSO report was given by Jennifer C. She said that the 3rd Annual Clay/Cass County Veterans Conference will be held on September 16th at the Moorhead National Guard Armory. It will start at 9 a.m. and go until 4:00 p.m. Jennifer mentioned that they are working on some things to change that will improve the turnout for this conference. There will be a electronic billboard moving around the area advertising this for about 4 weeks. Brad thought it would be a good idea to put a sign by the armory. It will also be advertised by the radio and paper. If you have any questions or ideas Jennifer said to please feel free to contact her.

Guard Report was given by Dave M. and said that the Battalion was back from California. All of the equipment has not come back but should be arriving soon. Their drill schedule for the year has not been signed off as of now. They are looking forward to the unveiling of the ceremonial street sign honoring our Minnesota National Guard Units that will be held on Saturday August 6th at 10:00 .m. at the Moorhead National Armory.

President Les reported on "Veterans Still Serving America." A grant has been applied for from Veterans Affairs. Several organizations have signed on to help host the events. He mentioned that the Vista people are going overboard to help coordinate events and etc. as much planning is going into this event for the 100th Birthday of the American Legion to be held in 2018. President Les is working with many on this project. We all thanked him for the work that he is putting into this.

The O'Berg Foundation has formed a partnership with us. This was passed by the

executive committee to go forward with this. Russell said that they were very pleased with the many people that stopped by their booth at the Red Hawks game. There is many things in the planning.

President Les reminded us of the dedicating of unveiling of the street sign from 15th Ave. North from the Red River to 11th Street No. to Bearcat Way. This will be held on August 6th at the National Guard Armory. Les said that Mayor Del Rae Williams will do the unveiling. Also in attendance will be Senator Eken, Representative Lien, Representative Marquart and Lt. Colonel Jason Benson with the Minnesota National Guards and Les will be the MC for this great event. Funding for this is done by the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Moorhead, Moorhead Public Service. VFW Post #1223, American Legion Post 21 and the VFW Post #1223 Auxiliary. Tim suggested to invite military retirees. Brad also suggested that we do Kool-Aid, Coffee, or Lemonade and maybe cookies for after the unveiling. Tim said that he would talk to Karen H. and see if the VFW Auxiliary could do this.

We were reminded again by President Les that Beyond The Yellow Ribbon/Moorhead is a member of the Moorhead Business Association.

Under New Business “Greater Moorhead Days” was brought up. This will be held on September 9th. It starts by the MN State Campus area and will go down 20th Street. Dan asked if we would like to put a float in the parade. President Les did not think so and thought maybe a “Veterans Float” that would represent all Veterans. The Guard will check to see if a army vehicle could be used for this. Tim volunteered to be the coordinator of this. Everyone thanked Tim!!

Dan H., brought up the Fall Fund Raiser that would be used for the Recreational Fund for the Fergus Falls Veterans Home and also the Fargo V.A. Dan also mentioned that we could do half of this for the project that our VFW District 9 Commander John L. and VFW Auxiliary District 9 President Karen H. are doing together. They would like to raise enough money so that a golf cart could be purchased for the Fergus Falls Veterans Home.

The next meeting will be on August 11th at 8:30 a.m. at the Dilworth VFW

With closing at 9:08 a.m. President Les thanked all for attending and hoped that he would see many at the Armory on August 6th.

Submitted by:

Gail
Secretary