

**Department of North Dakota American Legion
Executive Committee Meeting
Seven Seas, Mandan, ND
1100 hrs, October 15, 2011**

Voting Members Present

Dale Roth, Western Region DEC
Kenny Wiederholt, Eastern Region DEC
Dave Rice, Department Commander Elect
Larry Vetter, Department Chairman
Robert Ludwig, Central Region DEC
George Zeller, Finance Officer

Non-Voting Members Present

Kenneth Hasby, Western Region Vice Commander
Eugene Kachena, Membership Chairman
Carroll Quam, Alt. NEC
Curt Twete, NEC

Guests Presents

Bob Lechner
Bud Goldsmith

Chairman Larry Vetter called the meeting to order at 11:00 am with a salute to the colors and the pledge of allegiance. Dale Roth offered the prayer.

On a MOTION by Kenny Wiederholt and SECONDED by George Zeller to approve the agenda with the addition of the copier, Fallen Officers and Curt Twete had information to present at the end of the meeting was unanimously approved.

Minutes from 9/23/11 Conference Call

On a MOTION by Dave Rice and SECONDED by Dale Roth the minutes were unanimously approved.

Minutes from 9/29/11 Conference Call

On page 2, Line 6 the name George Zeller was incorrectly spelled George Zell.

On a MOTION by Bob Krause and SECONDED by George Zeller the minutes were unanimously approved with the accepted revision.

Minutes from 6/23/11 Dickinson

On page 1 the financials for the General Fund should be 1 year is subject to audit and 2 years are approved.

On a MOTION by George Zeller and SECONDED by Kenny Wiederholt the minutes were unanimously approved with the accepted revision.

Minutes from 6/26/11 Dickinson

Carroll Quam has not received any updates or changes for the Conference or Convention Handbook.

Past Department Chaplain J. David Jones had a heart attack and passed away.

Dave Rice recommended spelling out Courage Carries On in the minutes instead of using CCO.

On a MOTION by Bob Krause and SECONDED by Dave Rice the minutes were unanimously approved.

Financial Report by Finance Officer George Zeller

The financials were sent out 2 weeks prior to be reviewed and for questions to be asked prior to the meeting.

General Fund

There is a large difference in PUFL payments between 2010 and 2011. This issue will be looked into.

Normandin needs to be moved to other income.

Payroll is down \$8000.

Misc. is mostly security.

The payroll liabilities have been paid, but not taken off of the books as paid.

Some of the CD's are coming due. Each member of the board is asked to do some rate shopping with a maximum of 2 years and a recommended one time bump.

Programs Account

A discussion was held regarding the Auxiliary being charged \$3000 an issue. Curt Twete is concerned the percentage is incorrect and the wrong formulas have been used. George will take a look at the breakdown of charges and get back to the board.

Courage Carries On (CCO) is now a program and is being pulled out of VA & R. The expenses were coming out of one account and donations were going into another account.

On a MOTION by George Zeller and SECONDED by Dave Rice, the financial report was unanimously approved and subject to audit.

George Zeller discussed the 990's for Boys State were not completed the last 3 years and will ask Patricia Hodny to write a letter to the IRS to remove the penalties.

On a MOTION by Dale Roth and SECONDED by George Zeller to approve to purchase software or PC Anywhere under \$250 as long as there is a secure internet connection was unanimously approved.

Old Business

The new Adjutant's counter offer was discussed in length along with the issues with the handbook.

On a MOTION by Dave Rice and SECONDED by Dale Roth to pay David Johnson \$37,500 (\$35,000 salary and \$2500 instead of health insurance) a year with the understanding Dave Johnson will not ever be able to receive health insurance was approved.

Roll Call

Bob Krause	Yes
David Rice	Yes
Kenny Wiederholt	Yes
George Zeller	Yes
Dale Roth	No
Robert Ludwig	No
Larry Vetter	Abstained

Bob Krause will present the offer to David Johnson while putting emphasis on declining the insurance.

No update on the Past Adjutant.

New Business

On a MOTION by George Zeller and SECONDED by Robert Ludwig and unanimously approved to accept CVB bids for 3 and 4 years out this winter conference and accept CVB bids for 4 years out at future winter conferences.

On a MOTION by George Zeller and SECONDED by Dale Roth and unanimously approved to accept the bid for the new copier to replace the current copier, color printer and risograph.

Bob Krause discussed designing a new ND Legion pin. Bud Goldsmith presented 4 different pin designs. Cost and quantity of pins discussed with the possibility of having a centennial pin in seven years. Send out pin design requirements to ND High Schools for a contest. Discussion was tabled until Winter Conference.

The employee manual needs to be reviewed.

A discussion was held regarding changing the Legion Preamble from Great War to All Wars.

A discussion was held regarding the Bismarck fallen officers and the 1983 Resolution resolving they will be recognized upon recommendation of the Americanism Committee. A special Americanism Committee meeting is to be held to discuss and vote on recognizing the two Bismarck officers and have the presentation at the Winter Conference.

Commander Appointments

6th District Vide Commander – Bob Lindblom of Butte
Western Region Oratorical – Jerry Samuelson of Watford City
Boys State – Josh Jeffers

On a MOTION by Dale Roth and SECONDED by George Zeller and unanimously approved to accept the listed appointments.

Curt Twete discussed the Samsung Scholarship recipient from Wyndmere and recognizing her.

Curt Twete discussed the possibility of appointing Cathy Keogh as the Women's Veterans Outreach Coordinator.

Curt Twete discussed at the closing of the NEC meeting Commander Wong appointing committee to look into starting an organization for spouses of female veterans.

Curt Twete discussed National's Resolution No. 1 regarding National Defense Funding.

Curt Twete discussed penalty clause for authorization for Legion baseball which was originated in Connecticut.

On a MOTION by Dale Roth and SECONDED by Kenny Wiederholt and was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:29 pm