

Veterans Network Committee of Northern Illinois
Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER 1800

ROLL CALL **Present:** Aaron Stain, Tom Zavadsky, Butch Kribbs, Craig Graham,
Dana Fanslow, Doug Katz
Excused: Kristine Ozyuk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Items to be included in the Consent Agenda
 - a. Treasurer's Report for November 1, 2024, to January 27, 2025

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for November 1, 2024, to January 27, 2025.

Motion: Graham

Second: Kribbs

Voice Vote: Aye: Stain, Zavadsky, Graham, Fanslow, Katz

Nay: None

Absent: Ozyuk

MOTION PASSES

- b. Minutes from November 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024, Regular Board meeting.

Motion: Kribbs

Second: Kratz

All in Favor: Aye

MOTION PASSES

- c. Minutes from December 6, 2024, Special Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2024, Special Board meeting.

Motion: Graham

Second: Kribbs

All in Favor: Aye

MOTION PASSES

2. Consideration of items to be added to the agenda

Zavadsky would like to add Home Depot presentation.

3. Consent Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Home Depot.

Motion: Katz Second: Zavadsky

All in Favor: Aye

MOTION PASSES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Treasurer

Katz will continue to be the interim Treasurer to ensure the continuation of the organization. Ideally looking for someone with some financial background.

2. Website

As we look to continue to grow and look at new board members; we need to look into someone who has a background in this to keep this updated.

3. Committee Assignments

Stain will oversee the fundraising until we find a new board member to take this over.

4. Budget

Fanslow will start to draft a working budget for our organization that we will look at in the draft in the next few months.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Fundraising Committee

a. Football Mania

Fanslow discusses that the net total profit from this event was \$3,205.16.

This was an extremely low stress and self-run fundraising opportunity. The VNC will be looking into continuing this with different sports.

b. Sea Cadets

Stain updates the Board the Sea Cadets are starting to attend every Queen of Hearts with a table to fundraise for the Honor Flight.

2. Honor Flight Committee

a. Annual national convention

Fanslow and Stain will be traveling to DC, February 13-16 for the annual National Honor Flight Summit.

b. Dates for the 2025 Trip

Fanslow explains that we have locked in our dates with Southwest Airlines and put down the deposit. The 2025 dates are August 21-August 24.

3. Flag Program Committee

Zavadsky updates the board that we will be start planning for this program in the upcoming month. We are pulling back from last year for multiple Home Depot stores running under the umbrella of the VNC, as it got too big too fast. Claire will be shooting for 3 flagpole instillations a month, on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

4. Field of the Fallen Committee

Katz is looking into the town of Cary for a new location for the Field.

5. Storage & Trailer Committee

Zavadsky thanks everyone who came out to help organize and go through the storage area and trailer.

6. Vets for Vets Committee

Stain reminds everyone that the event is set for Saturday, February 22 from 8 am to 5 pm at Fel-Pro RRR in Cary. Stain will be looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday, February 21 at 11, and tear down of the event starting at 1 pm on Saturday.

7. Community Events

a. Home Depot Christmas

Stain updated the Board that we gave out Christmas presents to our 2024 Honor Flight participants. This was not a fundraising event, but we brought in \$183 and had \$81.44 in expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Repayment for Golf Outing

Stain brought to the Board to reimburse B. Bloomfield for a bid she had won for a shed at the Legion Golf Outing that gave proceeds to Honor Flight. The contractor had disappeared, so she did not get her shed. Stain would like us to make it rights and split the refund with the Legion.

Motion to approve repayment to B. Bloomfield of \$500 for her Legion bid.

Motion: Kribbs

Second: Graham

Voice Vote: Aye: Stain, Zavadsky, Graham, Fanslow, Katz

Nay: None

Absent: Ozyuk

MOTION PASSES

2. Home Depot Presentation

Zavadsky discussed how Home Depot would like the VNC to come to the CL Home Depot on November 1 for the kids workshop to help connect kids to Veterans. The Board was on board to add this event.

BOARD TRAINING

Due to technical issues this has been moved to next month.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

The next Meeting is on February 26, 2025 @ 6 pm

ADJOURNMENT 1855