



Northeast South Dakota Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1054

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 8/15/19

Minutes taken by: Connie Miller

Meeting called to order by: Jack Kempter

- Lights went out and meeting moved to dining area due to weather at 7:01.

Prayer and pledge conducted.

Officers present were:

Officers	Office	Present	Excused
Jack Kempter	President	x	
Phil Braeger	VP	x	
Darrell Berning	2 nd VP	x	
Don Zafft	Chaplain	x	
Bob Frink	Treasurer	x	
Modica	Secretary		x

Motion was passed to waive the reading of minutes of the previous meeting due to no electricity.

Treasurers Report was approved. Approximately \$5000 was taken in and approximately the same was spent.

Account Balances as of August 5	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$ 131,380.41
Credit Card Accounts	\$ 3,869.99
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 127,510.42

Finance Committee – Earl Cass. An audit was done of our finances and Bob Frink is doing a wonderful job. Earl indicated this would be his last meeting before his relocation to the Black Hills. Jack asked him to give regards to Jack Dean from Chapter 1054.

Picnic update – Jim Hanson. An RSVP sheet was passed around, and members can also sign up by email. Picnic is August 24 at noon at the Elks. Ladies were asked to bring desserts. There will be a cash bar.

Honor Guard – Jim Hanson reported that the Milbank group had a couple of funerals and Watertown had none.



Northeast South Dakota Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054

State Fair – Starts August 28. Red Wilk will be here in 2 weeks. Next year Chapter 1054 will be recognized at the rodeo.

Our booth in the Vet Building needs two people every day. If you work the booth you get in free. Wear VVA shirts. Booth workers needed 10 am to 4:30 pm. Those not signed up are welcome to stop in and cover for a while to give the booth workers a break.

Seabees. Phil Braeger needed a count of how many Seabees we have. Jim Aesop at KXLG wants one to interview on the radio this fall. Steve Stregge is one.

National Convention – Phil gave an update regarding the future of VVA. Votes were taken and there were 7 ties for the concepts of Last Man Standing and the concept of bringing in the Modern Day Warriors group (these are military from other conflicts later than Vietnam). National Commander Roan spoke and stated the charter is in New York and ends in 10 years, and if all ends, New York would get all the funds. In order to continue we need to combine with Modern Day Warriors. All this will be worked out and brought to another vote in 2 years. Until then if you bring any new members of Modern Day Warriors in, they need to be auxiliary or associate members. At this point we will be a continuing organization.

Dr. Sneeden news – The new clinic will open at the end of October. If you change your address, update the CBOC clinic. They need a physical address, not a P.O. Box. If your landline phone is disconnected, advise them. Update your next of kin and other pertinent information, also.

Lights came back on at 7:40.

Insurance – It was announced that the National Chapter has liability insurance for our club. One important exception to note is that firearms are not covered. Kay Solberg brought information on a local company that has liability insurance at \$365/year. A copy was provided to our treasurer.

D.C. Trip – 48 people signed up. Planning continues.

Credit Card – Our limit has been increased.

State Cemetery in Sioux Falls – Phil stated that on September 9 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a kick off in Sioux Falls. Each organization will have flags and honor guard there. Our bus will be going.

Veterans Administration will have a town hall meeting August 22, 4 pm at the Elks.



Northeast South Dakota Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054

Canada Wall – Gordy West indicated loose ends are working out. He is waiting for a count on how many are coming and rooms needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Gift - Kay Solberg reported a friend of hers gave our organization money from her 401 fund. A check will be coming from Bankers Life Insurance for us to use as needed for veterans in need.

Grant - A grant has been received from Keystone Pipeline.

Camera - We are going to buy anew camera with points earned from the credit card. Kay Solberg will handle this.

Pheasant hunt - Bob Syring announced the pheasant hunt still is seeking more hunters for three events: one by Draper, one south of Mitchell, and one in Parkston.

50/50 was conducted and the winner donated money to the D.C. trip fund.

A presentation of a plaque was made to Earl Cass in recognition of all the work he has contributed to Chapter 1054.

Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Connie Miller.