



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 1054

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General Membership Meeting January 20,2024

(Note; Due to the unforeseen excused absence of Bob Frink, the meeting was conducted without the benefit of microphones or Zoom.)

General Membership Meeting Minutes: January 20,2024

Meeting called to order by Senior Vice President Bob Syring @ 1105(est).

Minutes taken by Junior Vice President Darrell J Boyle

Chaplin Foster Opened the Meeting with Prayer.

Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance led by Senior Vice President Bob Syring.

Officers Roll Call was taken

Officers		Jul 20	Aug 17	Sep 21	Nov 18	Jan 20
Pres	Gordy West	1	1	1	1	E#
SR VP	Bob Syring	1	1	1	E	1
Jr VP	Darrell Boyle	1	1	1	1	1
Treasurer	Bob Frink	1	1	1	1	E
Secretary	Earl F. Cass	*	*	*	E	2
Chaplain	Troy Foster	1	E	1	E	1

Key 1 = present, 0 = absent, E = excused, * attended via zoom # = unable to attend due to absence of the Zoom, 2 = present via mobile phone

- Meeting Minutes – Secretary Earl F. Cass read the minutes of the last meeting which were then approved by the board.
- Treasurer’s Report – Senior Vice President Bob Syring gave the financial report. Our net worth was \$97,242.78.

ANNOUCEMENTS

- Senior Vice President Bob Syring expressed (for Treasurer Frink) a heartfelt “Thank You” to Mary and Doug Modica, Phil Braeger, and Bob Syring for all of their help with various administrative tasks.



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- Gift Cards, There were many thank you letters received from the Gift Card recipients. Bob Syring read one of the thank you s. It was especially poignant, and showed the needs that some of our fellow Veterans are experiencing.
 - Don Zaft had planned to do a presentation on the Veterans Memorial in Estelline. Due to the lack of Audio/video equipment, the presentation has been rescheduled to the February meeting.
 - Phil Braeger reported that the Gun Show in Brookings was poorly attended due to weather therefore the Elk Hunt ticket sales did not meet expectations.
 - Phil also mentioned that our Chapter has a 'Hole in one article" in the Veterans In Service Magazine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance Committee-(Bob Syring) Our 'Fiscal Year' end will change to February for filing with the IRS.
- Membership report – (Denny Solberg) We have 482 VVA members, 72 AVVA members for a total of 554 members. We need to be vigilant in reporting member deaths to the committee. If you hear of a member death, please report it.
- Communication – Items of interest presented by Phil Braeger were; The Veterans council met on January 9th in Pierre. Vets home in the eastern part of the state, re-structure of Veterans Service officers, were discussed. Also, we will be receiving a Transportation Van in Watertown. Veterans with a disability rating of 30% or higher can ride free to CBOC or Hospital. Bob Frink and Floyd Hermans were the 'Prime Movers' in getting this transportation made available to Vets. All counties in South Dakota are considered Rural except for the



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Sioux Falls and Rapid City area. A \$150 Gift Card was returned.

- Honor Guard. Milbank participated in three funerals. Watertown joined with the American Legion for one funeral.
- Elk Hunt – Randy Holiday reported \$2100 in ticket sales from Brookings Gun Show, and another \$1300 in ticket sales, along with \$60 in donations have been turned in. A member who had \$6000 in ticket sales last year will not be selling tickets this year. The Watertown Gun show and the Home show will need member participation to get the tickets sold. Contact Randy if you can help out at these events.

OLD BUSINESS,

- The SDSU Vs Denver Basketball game will be on February 22. Brian DeBoer needs the names of all that want to go to this free event very soon. He believes we are close to a Van Load at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- We have yet to hear from Ford as to whether we will have the 'Ford Driver' event this year. Randy Holiday will investigate.
- Chapter Election time is almost here, contact Denny Solberg if interested in helping on the election Committee. Also contact Denny if interested in serving as an officer or board member.
- Trans-Canada pipeline has \$5000 available for grants. We need suggestion's soon. Local Dairies have grant money available as well.

SICKNESS / DISTRESS and GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Bob Frinks Wife is recovering from a very serious infection at Hospital in Sioux Falls.



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- John Gobel will be having surgery.
 - 50/50 drawing won by green ticket #165, all monies donated back to club.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made, and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ending Prayer led by Don Zaft, and Flag Salute were conducted, meeting adjourned at 1200(est).
- Minutes prepared by Junior Vice President Darrell J Boyle, respectfully submitted by Secretary Earl F. Cass.

