

**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Moorhead
April 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Dan Hunt, Jeri Vaudrin, Gary Olson, JoAnn Czerwinski, Mark Sjostrom, Grant Weyland, Tom Figliuzzi, Vince Dicks, Dave Bellefeuille, Todd Yackley, Vern Nolting, Julie Goehring, Mark Hintermeyer and Les Bakke.

Meeting called to order by President Hunt at 0830.

Secretary's Report

Approved as posted.

Treasurer's report

Beginning Balance March 1, 2013	\$3,836.61
Income	\$1,150.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance March 30	\$4,986.61

Veterans Service Officer report

Figliuzzi reported on the upcoming visit (tomorrow) of Senator Klobuchar. He encouraged all BTYR members attend. The Senator is working on changes to Veterans benefits, including some information listed on the DD214. He reported on receiving bronze star markers for veterans graves. Contact Figliuzzi if you know of a veteran needing one. He talked about a Commissioner's Day with the VSO for the Clay County Commissioners. It will be held April 30 starting at noon. The VSO has received funds to take care of refreshments. VSO partners will be there. The VA system is considering extended hours for early morning, late afternoon and/or weekends. A Veterans Stand Down will be held 1 May at the Fargo Dome. It has been expanded to include non-veteran homeless based on a partnership with Project Homeless Connect. Olson reported that the Moorhead American Legion will provide a color guard unit.

Veterans Court

Weyland reported on Veterans Court progress. It will become reality but due to Federal funds being cut, the training has been postponed.

Local Guard Units Report

No report

Executive Committee Report

Hunt reported on the executive meeting meeting.

Korean War Ceremony

Nolting reported on the event and was impressed with everything.

Old Business

Veterans Picnic on May 30 at Bonanzavile

Bakke reported on the event and asked for a donation from the BTYR Moorhead committee. Olson/Yackley moved to allocate \$300 to support the event. Motion carried.

New Business

Officers unanimously elected are:

President: Dan Hunt

Vice President: Todd Yackley

Secretary: Les Bakke

Treasurer: Lisa Roesch

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary

Survey Results:

We have 12 completed surveys and the results are listed in the following table. Here is what I did. I counted the responses in each column and those are shown in the table under columns headed 4, 3, 2, 1, 0. The weighted average was computed by multiplying the number of 4s times four, the number of 3s times three, etc. I then sorted the responses in descending order on the weighted average. For the suggestion Tom to adopt Commissioner's Day, 7 members rated it with 5 more listing it as a suggestion. Each of the other suggestions were listed on one response only, although I expect many of us would have supported them.

Weighted Average	Activity	4	3	2	1	0
43	Assist Needy Veterans	8	3	1	0	0
42	Gas Cards/Food Cards	9	2	0	0	0
41	Veterans Court	6	5	1	0	0
35	Picnic for Veterans	4	3	5	0	0
35	Packages to Active Duty	4	4	3	1	0
31	Wounded Warriors Guides	2	4	5	1	0
27	Christmas Party for Guard Units	0	5	5	2	0
22	Education Fair	0	4	3	4	1
22	Support Commissioner Day	2	4	1	0	0
18	Career Fair	0	2	4	4	2

Times Listed	Additions/Suggestions with no score
5	Support Commissioner Day
	Continue to be a voice for families and continue to support families of veterans and service members
1	Provide services (shovel, rake, babysit) deployed families
1	Cards, candy, etc to veterans hospital on holidays
1	cCoordinate with Boys Scouts and other groups to visit veterans – win/win for both groups