

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

Attendees: Dan Hunt, Gary Olson, Mark Sjostrom, Brad Hurajt, Eric Marts, Vince Dicks, Larry Nicholson, Cristy House, Grant Weyland and Les Bakke.

Meeting called to order by President Hunt at 0830.

New members Cristy House and Larry Nicholson were introduced.

Secretary's Report

Approved as posted.

Treasurer's report

June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013

Opening Balance: \$4,886.61

Income:

Donation:

6/13/2013	Deposit	\$500.00
6/14/2013	Deposit	\$1,350.00
		\$1,850.00

Expense:

Check #5012	Bonanzaville (Veteran's Picnic)	\$400.00
Check #5014	Hornbacher's (VSO cards)	\$250.00
Check #5015	Hornbacher's (FAC cards)	\$250.00
Check #5016	Stop N Go (VSO cards)	\$250.00
Check #5017	Stop N Go (FAC cards)	\$250.00
		\$1,400.00

Current Checking \$5,336.61

Outstanding transactions:

#5013	Jason Hicks - Ride for Healing	(\$300.00)
*	Veterans Court Donation	(\$3,000.00)
		(\$3,300.00)

Total available balance \$2,036.61

* BYR funds of \$2000; \$500 in honor of VFW & \$500 in honor of Prometheus.

National Guard Report (Brad)

Hurajt reported that on 11 August 2013 the National Guard will hold its annual picnic. All BTYR committee members will be invited.

Veterans Service Officer report

VSO was not in attendance, so no VSO report.

Report on Round Table discussion with Senator Franken's staff

Dicks and Hunt reported on the round table discussion. Senator Franken's office was pleased with the

turnout and discussion. Staff were responsive and listened to our concerns. Topics covered veterans court, backlogs, suicide, TriCare prime and emergency room access for veterans.

Report on Round Table discussion with Senator Heitkamp

Bakke, Dicks and Marts reported on the round table discussion which covered similar concerns.

Old Business

Update on Veterans' Court

Weyland reported on the status of the Veterans' Court. Funds have been appropriated and training should resume in August with the training tentatively scheduled for Moorhead.

Gas and food card update (Tom, Mark and Les)

Gas cards from Stop and Go and food cards from Hornbachers were purchased and provided to VSO and Family Services offices.

New Business

Reimbursement for renewal of our domain name

Sjostrom/Nicholson moved to reimburse Bakke for cost of domain name. Motion carried.

Volunteer opportunity at the MN State Fair BTYR booth

Hunt reported on the opportunity for one of our committee.

Olson/Nicholson moved to reimburse Bakke for mileage and lodging expenses. Motion carried.

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Discussion on possible trip to Fergus Falls Veterans Home.

Dicks reported on an open house:

Time: 15 August 11:00 to 3:00

Location: Fargo Military Service Center, 2219 12th Street N., Fargo, ND

Food: We'll have hot dogs, chips and drinks on the lawn.

Event: We will have the Vet Center Mobile Unit here, CVSO (tentative), Job Service, TriCare Info and ESGR reps plus all the services we provide. Unsure what yet but we'll have some freebies and give aways. Come see your Military Service Center up close and personal.

Meeting adjourned at 0900.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary