

Minutes of March13, 2007
Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Association Meeting

Call to Order: The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies by: Chairman, Arthur J. Roy PSC (Prayer & Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag.)

Roll Call of Members: The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call was taken as follows: **Present** –Glenda Knowlan, Arthur Roy, Mike Clark, Joe Gilbert, David Richmond, Kenny Ware, Robert Boggs **Excused** – Peter Ogden, General Libby, Don Simoneau, Kelley Wynne **Unexcused Absence** - William Henshaw, James Rogers

Minutes December 2006: *Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of December 2006 meeting.*

Treasurer's Report: Mike Clark

Mike Clark handed out and reviewed the Annual and Quarterly Reports. He also provided members a Summary Report with names omitted for public review. Mike gave a complete report from the balance sheets.

Motion made, accepted and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report

Comments - Brigadier General Libby:

General Libby was unable to attend.

Superintendent's Report: Dave Richmond

Dave gave an update of burial totals and projects that the crew is going to be working on for spring.

Arthur and Dave discussed the granite wall engraving project and the role that the Association plays regarding the beautification of the cemeteries. Dave stated that if he had a choice, the #1 priority of the Association would be to fund the engraving on the granite walls each year. It's very important to families and he feels it would enhance their overall experience at the cemetery. Priority # 2 would be to replace dead trees and # 3 would be to establish new gardens and make new walkways.

Bureau Director: Peter Ogden

Peter was unable to attend.

Chairman's Report: Arthur Roy

Arthur Roy, Chairman stated the he would like to make the granite wall engraving a personal project for the Association each year until funds are no longer available.

Motion made, seconded and passed to make it a personal project of the Association to fund the engraving on the granite wall directories until all assets have been depleted.

Motion made, seconded and passed to fund the engraving for the granite wall directories (not to exceed \$12,000).

Fund Raising: James Rogers

Arthur has an article placed in the VFW news letter every month advertising monuments, pavers and flags. He also asked that everyone get the word out regarding the sale of flags at the conventions coming up.

Vice Chairman's Report: Joe Gilbert

With deep regret the Association accepted the resignation of Joe Gilbert. He would still like to continue raising funds for the Association and will attend some meetings.

Joe said he was willing to raise funds for the granite wall engraving project and made the first donation to get it rolling.

New Business

Dave Richmond, Supt.

Items discussed:

Dave feels that he should not be a voting member of the Association. He prefers that Peter Ogden, General Libby and Glenda be non voting members.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the only voting members will be from organizations or elected officers.

A Design study by an Engineer will be done this year to determine the best way to raise and place headstones in order to prevent sinking.

A mowing contract will be put in place again this year to assist the grounds crew.

Dave suggested that members consider doing a membership drive targeting some of the new soldiers that have just returned home and possibly Vietnam veterans as well. He feels that this may recharge the organization.

Dave feels that if members approach local businesses asking for donations they may be able to raise enough to pay for the engraving. Caribou has been doing this type of fund raising with good results.

Motion made, seconded and passed to allow members of the Association to solicit funds from corporations for the wall engraving fund.

Unfinished Business:

Audit Committee: Kelley Wynne, Robert Boggs, Joe Gilbert

The Auditing Committee conducted a complete review of the books and all balances matched.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Audit Committee's Report.

Nominating Committee: Kelley Wynne, Robert Boggs, Joe Gilbert

Nominations are as follows:

Gary Laweryson, Chairman

Kenny Ware, Vice chairman

Mike Clark, Treasurer

Glenda Knowlan, Secretary

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Mike Clark as treasurer

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Glenda Knowlan as Secretary

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Gary Laweryson as the new Chairman

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Kenny Ware as the new Vice Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the American Legion, Post 2 at 9 a.m. on June.12, 2007.