

Minutes of June 13, 2006
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 was taken as follows: **Present** – David Richmond, Glenda Knowlan, Arthur Roy, Mike Clark, Joe Gilbert, Robert Boggs, Jim Rogers, Peter Ogden, Kelley Wynne, Kenny Ware, General Libby, and William Henshaw.

Excused –Don Simoneau, Robert Weymouth, Natt Cobb.

Unexcused Absence – NONE

Minutes March 2006: *Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of March 13, 2006 meeting.*

Treasurer's Report: Mike Clark

Mike handed out and reviewed the Quarterly report.

Mike also informed members that he has discussed the granite wall project with others and will be starting a special fund for those who wish to make donations for that particular project.

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

Mike purchased a new printer at a cost of \$600.00 and made a request for reimbursement.

Motion made, seconded and passed to reimburse Mike \$600.00 for the cost of the printer he purchased.

Comments - General Libby:

General Libby informed members that preparation for the long term fix resulting from the Working Group will begin in the next 30 to 60 days. When all of the information has been put in place it will be presented to the Governor and he will chose to include it all, or in part.

He also informed members that requests for funding to pay for the engraving on the granite walls will be submitted within the next 30 to 60 days. If approved, the Bureau will not see any of those funds until 2008.

Superintendent's Report: Dave Richmond

Dave gave an update on the results of the working group.
He stated that presently, recommendations from the working group have not been implemented.

Cemetery updates:

A \$75,000 mowing contract has been put in place this season to allow the present staff the time to raise and re-align headstones and repair graves.

At the previous meeting members asked Dave to get find an area at Civic Center for pavers and to get and estimate of what the project would cost.

Dave provided members with two estimates.

The first estimate includes excavation of the area, materials, labor, re-using the existing pavers (cobblestone) and removing the mortar attached to them.

Estimated amount approx. \$7,280.00. (Does not include the price of engraving)

The second estimate includes excavation of the area, materials, labor, replacing the old pavers and putting in new ones. Pavers would be paid for in advance by the Association and arrangements would have to be made for the engraving. (Does not included the price of the pavers or the engraving)

Estimated amount was approx. \$6,000.00. (Does not include the price of the pavers or the engraving)

Motion made, seconded and passed to go with the second estimate of \$6,000.

Granite Wall Directory Engraving Project:

Dave requested funding for the engraving on the granite wall directories at both cemeteries for an approximate amount of \$10,000.

Motion was made with the stipulation that the State pays for it next year.

After much discussion the motion was amended to read:

Amended motion made, accepted and passed to fund the granite wall engraving project at both cemeteries in the amount of \$10,000, unless those funds could be obtained from another source.

Bureau Director: Peter Ogden

Peter discussed the short and long term proposals presented to the Governor as well as staffing issues that are affecting the cemetery at the present time.

Chairman's Report: Arthur Roy

Arthur asked all members to assist with the fund raising effort. Donations are down and it is necessary for all members to get out there and raise money.

He also stated that VFW funds are being directed elsewhere and they don't want to donate towards the wall fund.

Fund Raising: James Rogers

James stated that he is doing his best to raise money and will advertise for a wall fund at the convention. Presently, there is a lot of competition out there.

Vice Chairman's Report: Joe Gilbert

He stated that the flag project is doing well and 66 flags have been sold. The flag project has been successful and will continue.

New Business

Unfinished Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the American Legion, Post 2 at 9 a.m. on September 12, 2006.

Submitted by:

Glenda Knowlan

Glenda Knowlan, Secretary