Minutes of December 9, 2008

Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Association Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies by: Gary Laweryson (Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag)

Call to Order and Roll Call of Members: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call was taken as follows: **Present** –Gary Laweryson, Glenda Knowlan, Arthur Roy, Mike Clark, David Richmond, Kelley Wynne, Marvin Woodbury, Charles Bennett, William Henshaw, Mike Murphy.
Excused – Peter Ogden, Kenny Ware, General Libby **Unexcused Absence** –

Minutes September2008: *Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of September 2008 meeting.*

Treasurer's Report: **Mike Clark**

Mike Clark handed out and reviewed the Quarterly Report.

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

Mike gave an overview of all of the investments and informed member if he was to roll over the *KSBCD#2 to* a five year plan it would earn 4.11% interest with a 4.2 % yield per year.

Motion made, accepted and passed to roll over the KSBCD#2 for a five year plan at 4.11% with a 4.2 % yield per year.

Comments - General Libby:

Superintendent's Report: Dave Richmond

Project updates:

1 **Re-roofing project at Civic Center Drive are complete**.

2. **Overlay in Q section is complete.**

3. **Stone raising and re-aligning is sections A & B is complete.**

4. **Carillon at Civic Center Drive**: Members had approved $5,000 in a previous meeting for repairs. Dave has contacted the appropriate company do a site visit for $433. This amount is for the first hour after that it is going to cost $33.00 for every ¼ hour. Dave is concerned that the repairs may exceed the approved amount and asked members how to proceed if that happens. Members discussed this at length and decided to have Dave get a price for the repairs and if it is too expensive they will look for cheaper alternatives before proceeding with the repairs.

Mike Murphy said other cemeteries have much smaller higher tech ways of playing the chimes and music out on the grounds. He said if Dave gives him the specifications of what he is looking for he will get some information together for an updated piece of equipment.

Pending Federal Grants:

1. **Niche expansion in Caribou.**

2. **Construction of a niche at Civic Center Dive (not approved yet).**

3. **Construction of a committal shelter in Springvale.**

Liability of damaged items sold by the Association:

Dave discussed the issue of items getting damaged and who would be responsible for paying for repairs and/or replacement. Members agreed that it was their responsibility and would set up a maintenance fund.

Motion made, accepted and passed to establish an account for repairs.
(The interest from the First TR Four account brings in approximately $50.00 a month and that interest will be put in the maintenance fund account).

Bureau Director: Peter Ogden

Dave for Peter;

Peter wanted to ask all Chairmen of the different Associations to meet and assist him with ideas that would bring in dedicated revenue to the cemetery.

Mike Murphy suggested opening themselves up to operating a crematory in one of the cemeteries. There are very few in the state and he feels it would be an excellent way to generate funds for the state cemeteries.

Peter asked Dave to thank the Association for all of their help this past year.

Chairman: Gary Laweryson

Gary informed member s that the Woman's Veterans of America and the Waves have shown an interest in becoming members of the Association. He asked if there was any objection to that or if the Bylaws would prohibit them from becoming members. The general consensus was that it would be acceptable. Gary wants to increase members to enhance the Association.

Marvin feels that the Association should allow the Combat Vets to participate as well.

Fund Raising: Marvin Woodbury

After the holidays Marvin will begin working on fundraising for the Battle Cross Monument. It will be placed at the Mt. Vernon Road Cemetery in the flag circle. Mike will make flyers and Marvin will approach businesses and groups for donations.

Vice Chairman's Report: Kenny Ware

New Business

The Audit Committee will go over the books with Mike Clark and report the findings at the next meeting.

Audit Committee: Kelley Wynne, Marvin Woodbury and Bill Henshaw

Mike Murphy from Plummer's Funeral Home attended the meeting and is interested in becoming an active member.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Mike Murphy as a representative of the Funeral Directors of Maine.

March 10th at 11o"clock there will be pizza a party at the VFW on the Leighton Road for the cemetery crew. Food and drink will be provided by the Association.

Unfinished Business:

Fund raising for the Battle Cross Monument is on going.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held March 10, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the VFW Hall on the Leighton Road.