PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Don Bettine, Jim Haskins, Chair Jack Krueger, Duane "Snake" Pierce, Sherry Steenbock, John Walschinski.

EXCUSED: Kristen Verhaagh.

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Krueger at 5:15 p.m.

2. INVOCATION BY JIM HASKINS

3. APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HASKINS AND SECONDED BY SHERRY STEENBOCK TO APPROVE. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. APPROVE/MODIFY MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUANE PIERCE AND SECONDED BY JOHN WALSCHINSKI TO APPROVE. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVE JOHN MAINO AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HASKINS AND SECONDED BY DUANE PIERCE TO APPROVE. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. REPORT FROM JIM HASKINS ON BROWN COUNTY FAIR

Jim Haskins stated that he attended the Executive Fair Board Meeting on May 6, 2009, and learned that the time of the Veterans' celebration was to be changed again. Haskins stated that he understood the time change to be from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; however, Haskins will confirm the time. Haskins will notify Jerry Polus (Veterans Service Officer) as soon as possible of the correct times, because Polus is having the tickets printed. Also, Haskins was told that there were some people who were claiming to be veterans that were given free admission even though they had no tickets. Therefore, the Fair Board has requested a count from Polus of the number of tickets printed.

At the Executive Fair Board Meeting, Haskins discussed providing armbands to identify the veterans. Due to the cost, Haskins was told that stickers could be provided by the

Fair Board instead; and these stickers would not have a dates printed on them, so they could be used in the following years.

When Sherry Steenbock questioned why free admission was not provided on the rides, Chair Krueger stated that the Fair has to pay the Carnival $10 per person for the rides. Chair Krueger further stated that that was the reason Maino wanted to get a sponsor. Haskins stated that he felt that if veterans got into the Fair free, that was good enough for him. Don Bettine stated that "we don't have a lot of younger veterans" who would be interested in the rides anyway. Chair Krueger indicated that, for next year's Fair, perhaps Maino could pursue this with his numerous contacts in order to obtain a sponsor.

Steenbock asked how proof would be obtained concerning whether or not the veteran is actually obtaining tickets for which he/she is eligible. Chair Krueger stated that "(we will just) have to respect the individual as telling us the truth." Bettine stated that if free admission tickets were provided for the families, then there is no control over it. Chair Krueger stated that he felt very strongly that those family members who were here while the veterans were gone were just as much a veteran. Chair Krueger stated that that is another reason he would like to see Maino obtain a sponsor.

Haskins stated that the radio announcement was wrong; it stated that any veteran could get in free, instead of mentioning that a ticket was needed. Haskins stated that if any ads are placed, the ads should specify that a ticket is required.

7. REPORT FROM JOHN MAINO (IF AVAILABLE) ON BROWN COUNTY VETERANS COMMISSION FUNDING POSSIBILITY OF SELLING CUPS, BUMPER STICKERS, ETC.

No report – Radio Personality, John Maino, was not available.

8. REPORT FROM CHAIR JACK KRUEGER

Chair Krueger stated that there are collection places for old cell phones to be given to active duty soldiers: Fox Community Credit Union; Cell Com; Liberty Tax Service; Proko-Wall Funeral Home; Accurate Auto Parts; and some fire stations.

Concerning the purchase of cups, t-shirts, and bumper stickers, Chair Krueger stated that he contacted Sue Betrand to get information regarding the cost of purchasing these items. There is no setup charge for cups and t-shirts.

Cups: Cost of $3.17 each in lots of 36 ($114.12). Chair Krueger asked if these could be sold for $5.00 each, with the profit going to the Veterans Commission. It was recommended that 36 be purchased.

T-Shirts: Cost of $5.85 each in lots of 24 (Fruit of the Loom) and possibly selling them for $8.00-$10.00 each. Consensus of color for the t-shirt was Navy Blue with the standard logo. It was recommended that 24 Large and 24 X-Large be purchased. Duane Pierce suggested selling these for $10.00 each.

Bumper Stickers: Cost for 4" X 6" oval with a white background and with the same logo: $2.28 each for 75; $1.76 each for 125; $1.12 each for 250; $.60 each for 500; and $.40 each for 1,000. It was recommended that 250 be purchased and sold for either $2.50 or $3.00 each.

Chair Krueger asked what items would be door prizes. There is an estimated 48 camouflage backpacks from last year that could be given away. Bettine suggested that giving away a few cups, t-shirts, and bumper stickers might encourage others to purchase them.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HASKINS AND SECONDED BY DON BETTINE TO PURCHASE 36 MUGS, 250 BUMPER STICKERS, AND UP TO 48 T-SHIRTS. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN WALSCHINSKI AND SECONDED BY DON BETTINE TO GIVE AWAY 6 MUGS, 6 T-SHIRTS, 12 BUMPER STICKERS, AND THE BALANCE OF THE BACKPACKS. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Haskins stated that he needed more certificates as he had given away all he had to Golden Corral. Steenbock asked that certificates include years of service, month, and year; because she had received old ones that had incomplete information.

Pierce had no report.

Walschinski showed the Committee a draft of pencil drawings of veterans and families, as well as a "Circle of Hope" poster that could be used near a collection container for donations for the Veterans Commission. Discussion ensued concerning where containers could be obtained and where these could be placed. Walschinski received positive comments concerning the "Circle of Hope" logo/poster. Chair Krueger said he would contact Polus and Tom Hinz, County Executive, for approval to be placed on the Agenda.

Walschinsk explained the "9 in 09" sign up sheet that he designed at Haskins' request. (Copy attached.) The purpose of this is for each Committee member to solicit 9 businesses during 2009 that would be able to offer donations for Veterans' Day celebrations.

Chair Krueger informed the group present that stimulus money had become available for vet centers.

Steenbock questioned the number of certificates received. Chair Krueger stated that the current total is 1114.

Bettine stated that there will be a dedication of the Flatley Park Memorial Area on May 30; information should be in the newspaper.

Chair Krueger stated that he will be out of town from May 30 until June 6.

Pierce stated that a veterans' memorial will be dedicated on May 23 in Downtown Appleton in front of the Courthouse.

When asked, Chair Krueger indicated that Polus is working to obtain the band, color guard, and speaker for the Veterans' Ceremony.

Pierce stated that the Viet Nam Vets of America do a nice ceremony Memorial Morning at 8:00 a.m., before the DePere parade, and a ceremony in Voyager Park at 1:00 p.m.

10. REPORT FROM JERRY POLUS (CVS, IF AVAILABLE)
a) Vet Center

No report – Jerry Polus, Veterans Service Officer, was not available.

11. SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW: None.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HASKINS AND SECONDED BY SHERRY STEENBROCK TO ADJOURN AT 6:06 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Alexander
Recording Secretary

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