

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)
Relief and Business Meetings
Meeting Minutes June 2 2023

Business Meeting

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room meeting room by Chairman Derik Van Baale.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Derik Van Baale, Gina Mead, Paul Dees Jr., Tracy Blamer, Bob Cramblit, Kim Tate, Ed Dodds

Members Absent: Gina Mead

Guest Present: Cooper Snow-Stony Lake Therapeutic Riding Center. Briefed the committee on the use of horses to assist veterans with PTSD.

Public Comments:

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by TB

Motion 2nd by ED

Voice vote, Yes 6 No 0

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes TB

Motion 2nd by DV

Voice Vote Yes6, No 0

Motion approved

Correspondence: None

Sub-Committee Reports

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

The Higgins Lake training price was raised from \$176 to \$200 per VSO and AA.

HR 234 has passed, this allows a non-service connected Veteran to receive burial allowance if they pass away at home.

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Office hours to change from 8AM to 3PM

There have been 62 walk in veterans in the last 30 days.

Hesperia has donated \$1000 to the office from Poppy sales. This will be used for gas cards and pantry supplies.

William Polk, WWII veteran has passed away. His funeral will be held at Evergreen Cemetery.

Apple BBQ festival is upcoming.

August 22-26 is the Oceana County Fair.

Veteran Liaison

GM briefed the committee on MoTown women's veterans' group.

There were 242 people that showed up the pancake breakfast.

DV asked GM to have the local post commanders to take photos of building and meeting times. This will be placed on the OCDVA web site.

Budget and Finance Committee

TB briefed the committee on the current status. An attachment will be added to the minutes.

Community Relations

TB provided the committee with the Veteran 5K t-shirts.

TB also briefed the committee on possible sponsorship levels for the 5K.

Personnel Committee

No report

Policy and Procedures

No report

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

There is a new HR in the county administration office.

Old Business

The van is going to be having exhaust work done. This is a 2008 Chrysler with a side entry. Creative Mobility Group is the seller.

TB and ED will be looking at the building we are considering for purchase.

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New Business

Discussion on logo for the OCDVA.

The next strategic planning meeting is TBD. Email DV for further information.

TB makes a motion to raise the Higgins Lake training authorization. This was previously approved at \$176, raised to \$200 per person.

Motion 2nd by ED

Voice Vote 45 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

TB makes a motion to change the office hours to 8AM-3PM. This will go into effect on July 1st, 2023.

Motion 2nd by PD

Motion approved

RELIEF MEETING

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 12:40 P.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room by Chairman Derik Van Baale

Roll Call: Gina Mead, Derik Van Baale(DV), (GM) Paul Dees Jr. (PD) Terry Dykema (TD), Tracy Blamer (TB)

Members Absent:

Guest Present:

Claims for Review and Considerations

Claim # 40-23, veteran is seeking assistance with past bills. The total of bills is \$669.96.

Motion to pay bills made by ED.

Motion 2nd TB

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

Adjournment


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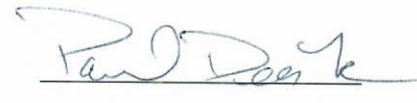
Meeting was adjourned at 12:49 by DV.

The next general meeting will be held on July 7, 2023, in the County Annex Conference Room.

11:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

12:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting


Derik Van Baale Chairman


Paul Dees Jr Secretary