

Minutes for the June 8, 2022, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 279 meeting

The regular meeting of VVA Chapter 279 called to order by President Hester at 1830 hours, President Hester lead the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were President Hester, Vice President Mangiamelli and Treasurer Haase. Secretary Halbkat was excused.

There were 28 members, two guests and three officers present – we have a quorum.

Those in attendance introduced themselves and we welcomed new and potential new members Mike McGinnis and Larry Freese.

The minutes of the May, 2022 meeting were sent in advance via email to the membership. Motion to approve as written by George Abbott, second by Tom Lundquist; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers report was available on hard copy and presented by the Treasurer, motion to approve as presented by Andy Dosa, second by Ron Dupell; motion passed unanimously.

In addition, Treasurer Haase discussed bills to be paid. First bill of \$286.55 to President Hester for appreciation frames for golf sponsors and trailer flooring sealer, motion by George Abbott to approve, second by Tom Brown, motion passed unanimously. Second bill of \$15.00 for entry fee for Bellevue Arrows to Aerospace parade, motion by Abbott, second by Dosa; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Haase proposed a mileage reimbursement for President Hester for use of his personal vehicle in towing the trailer to and from parades. Discussion recommended use of the federally allowed reimbursement of \$0.56 per mile of a flat amount of \$50 per parade – President Hester expressed favor of the federally allowed amount. Motion by Tom Brown, second by Glen Page; motion approved unanimously.

The Chapter will meet on Saturday, June 11, for the Elkhorn Days Parade. Assembly of members at the Rennissance Center at 1030 hours. Pancake Man will be available before the parade.

The Chapter will meet at 1200 hours to assemble for the Papillion Days Parade on June 18, with assembly information to follow.

The Chapter will meet at 1100 hours on July 4 for the Ralston Days Parade with assembly at the Ralston Senior Center, 7301 Q Street, Member Ron Wilson will provide refreshments for the Chapter parade attendees.

Golf Outing: President Hester explained the process of cost development, hole signage and signup sheets, as well as outing proceeds and how important it is to acknowledge past sponsors. He had prepared plaques for last years sponsors for distribution by members who had secured sponsor assistance. A letter from the Chapter is available for use by members in soliciting sponsor contributions.

Scholarships: Tom Brown indicated no update.

Veterans Home Board: Tom Brown advised the next meeting of the Board was being moved to Lincoln at the end of July.

June 2022 minutes

Veteran's Treatment Court: Eddie Nelson reported the Court had moved back to the Courthouse from a county annex used during Covid.

VVA Foundation: Abbott and Brown reported LB 566 had been passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Ricketts but funds had not yet been released. The Foundation is working with state officials to obtain a release as payments are expected from the granite supplier; Hawkins Construction will not start earthwork until funds are released.

POW/MIA: Ron Haase reported no change in status, still 1584 unaccounted for.

Other Business to discuss: A suggestion was made to develop a generic business card for use by members in meeting with golf sponsors, potential new members or other to provide basic information about the Chapter. The card would include information about meeting place and time and developed by the officers. After discussion a recommendation to prepare 500 cards for this purpose to be presented at the July meeting for distribution.

It was reported that Member Pete Gill was hospitalized.

Andy Dosa moved to adjourn with meeting ending at 1928 hours.

Submitted by

Joe Mangiamelli