

**Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force  
AFRCC**

**Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2016**

**Member Attendance:**

x	Jim R		Erven S.		Scott F		Lauryn M
	Susan M		Bruce N		Don G		Randy P
x	Gail G	x	Curtis A	x	David O		Sarah S
x	Kathy R		Carol A		Curt H		Dan J
x	Bob B		Bryce H		Dan M		Reents, Sgt Brad
x	Jim J		Scott G		Doug M		Greg A
	April T	x	Dave R		Mary F		Kathy A
	John T		Walt M		Bob F		Chris C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan		Pam M	x	Robin, Sgt Bryan		Kerri K
x	Carol Ann S		Sean W	x	Guest: Sean O	x	Jamie Nelson
	Bruce D		Barbara K	x	Guest: Ed H		Guest: CC Bremmer

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Chair Jim Rostberg
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Guests</b>	<p>Commander-Captain Ethan Bremmer 84<sup>th</sup> Troop Command introduced himself. They are new to the AFRCC and Brigade HQ. They focus on chemical/biological events such as decontamination, search and extraction and incident command. They are also a liaison to civilian agencies when an incident occurs. They are in training at Camp Ripley right now. He also announced that 90 troops from Cambridge will be going to California for NTC special training for 30 days and join nearly 4,000 other troops.</p> <p>Dan Tengwall, CVSO of Carver County was present to discuss their work with soldiers in the areas of discrimination, sexual assault, and creating a safe, respectful environment in the military</p> <p>Ed Honzik from the Rum River Rods Car Club was present to explain their idea to feature a veteran at a few of their summer car shows in Isanti. They would pick the veteran up and bring him to the show. Interview him about the cars of his youth. They would like to feature a person who could not usually attend. They will work with Jim R on finding appropriate veterans. The car show is every Wednesday June-August downtown Isanti</p> <p>Sean Okerlund from Cambridge Bar &amp; Grill present to discuss idea of motorcycle "Poker Run" to benefit ICBYR. To be held July 30<sup>th</sup>. ICBYR to have information booth at event.</p>	Information accepted

<b>Secretary Report</b>	<p>Minutes of the April meeting were distributed by e-mail.</p> <p>Spelling correction: “Dettmer”, not Detmer and Baas Construction</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Jamie N) to approve the amended minutes. <b>Minutes approved</b></p>
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for April/May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: golf sponsorships</li> <li>• Expenditures were: ICBYR investment fund and veterans needs</li> </ul>	<p>Report accepted Our gratitude to our donors</p>
<b>Chair’s Report (Jim R.)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Veterans issues requiring IC BYR involvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you from WWII veteran with unsafe kitchen flooring, they are very pleased with their new section of flooring</li> <li>• Request from veteran for assistance obtaining a service dog for their child with autism. ICBYR donated \$750.00</li> <li>• Widow of veteran with leaky roof. CVSO referred to Rural Development for federal funds</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Friend applications: None</li> <li>3) Met with Mayor of Blaine who wishes to start a Blaine BYR</li> <li>4) ICBYR booth staffed at Princeton Legion event May 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>5) May Executive Board meeting highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distribution of 2015 ICBYR Annual Report</li> <li>- Definition of “family”</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Information accepted</p>
<b>ICBYR Definition of “Family”</b>	<p>The Congregational Committee Chair requested a definition for “family” as it pertains to our assistance. Jim presented the definition created by the ICBYR Executive Committee at last month’s meeting. There was some discussion on whether or not “legal spouse” should be in there, based on today’s climate. Also look at children and include step-children. This was discussed by the ICBYR Executive Board in May and the revised version taken to the IC Attorney for his comments.</p> <p><b>The proposed definition of “Family” is:</b> <i>ICBYR defines “family” as a service member/veteran, their legal spouse and dependent children. Children (natural, adopted or step-children) must be age 17 or younger and reside with the service member/veteran. Requests for assistance not meeting this definition will be reviewed by the ICBYR Executive Board on an individual basis.</i></p> <p><b>The IC Attorney comments were:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim, I have reviewed the definition currently used by Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and have given a great deal of thought to the question. Since Minnesota law now allows for same sex marriage I do not see the need for the definition to be changed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Bob B) and seconded (Carol Ann S) to approve definition of “family” as written with legal counsel supporting opinion. <b>Motion approved</b></p>

	<p>from “legal spouse” to “partner”. “Legal spouse” is something that is easy to define and is easy to understand exactly what the definition means. “Partner” is not easily defined. It is my understanding that there are competing concerns at play here. On one hand there is a concern for family units where the parents have never been married but have children in common and have lived as a family unit and on the other hand the concern for people coming together living in the same household to unjustly take advantage of the generosity of others. I think that the competing concerns can be sufficiently addressed with current language. As stated earlier “legal spouse” as well as “dependent children 17 or younger who reside with service member veteran” are definitions that are easy for all to understand. The provision stating “requests for assistance not meeting this definition will be reviewed by the ICBYR Executive Board on an individual basis” provided sufficient discretion and should allow for the situations of family units who have been together and have children in common but the parents have not been legally married to be addressed as would any other family unit not meeting the definition as set by ICBYR. My recommendation would be to not change the language and consider the merits of requests that do not meet the definition of “family” on a case by case basis. Jeff</p>	
<b>Investments</b>	<p>Gail reported that the ICBYR investment account has been created with Newton Financial Solutions. \$30,000 moved from the checking account into the investment accounts. Gail will report to the Task Force quarterly</p>	Information accepted
<b>Committee Reports:</b>	<p><b>Website Committee: Scott F via email:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 151 website hits since last meeting</li> <li>• 10,112 visitors since creation!!!!</li> <li>• Sent out Tweet for tonight’s meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015 Annual Report distributed. This can be used by other agencies and donors.</li> <li>• Will create a card to replace brochure used for veterans and service members</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee: Dave R:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New sign up at Bradford</li> <li>• Meet with Purple Hawk on Hwy 65 with Bob B to find out an optimal placement.</li> <li>• Working on a location on 95 toward North Branch.</li> </ul>	Information accepted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Idea: Sign at Hwy 47 and County Road 8. Gail will call Joe Mau</li> <li>• Idea: Each county commissioner speak to their Township Halls to have ICBYR sign installed and display brochure</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator:</b> Dave R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaching out to a few possibilities</li> </ul> <p><b>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:</b> Bob F for John &amp; April T:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two packages sent with camo quilts and one more needs to be sent</li> </ul> <p><b>Quilts for Veterans:</b> Bob F. via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On summer hiatus.</li> <li>• Thank you dinner held for sewing group and supporters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> Bryce H. via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryce has accepted a new position and is leaving Cambridge</li> </ul> <p><b>School Liaison:</b> Randy P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Randy not present</li> <li>• Bruce D. stated CIHS needs two flags. One for the high school and one for Adult Education building.</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement:</b> Scott F:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See list of summer events</li> <li>• Thanks to our regular monthly donors</li> <li>• Raffle tickets – are available to sell. All ICBYR members encouraged to sell tickets. Will also be sold at upcoming ICBYR events. \$5.00 each. Must keep track of all tickets, sold or unsold per state gaming regulations.</li> <li>• New CVSO will sponsor Freedom Fest</li> <li>• ICBYR booth at IC Fair will move outside next to KBK radio. Have purchased sides for our canopy tent. Booth application form has been submitted and insurance purchased.</li> <li>• Golf Tournament 2016 – Save the Date Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bob &amp; Dave state sponsorships are ahead of last year. Four “Patriot” level sponsorships purchased so far (&gt; \$1,000). Working with Casey’s on a local level as corporate grant was not awarded. One new</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Curt A and Jim R to work with Bruce D to obtain flags for the school from the American Legion</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	\$2,500 level sponsor. New sponsors Remax Team and 850 <sup>th</sup> Renegades Cannon Club. Need gift cards for fundraiser. Future meetings to be held at AFRCC beginning June 1 <sup>st</sup> .	
<b>Upcoming Events ICBYR</b>	<p><b>ICBYR Events:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Braham Appreciation Day – June 4<sup>th</sup> – parade at noon</li> <li>2. CSOAF 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Bull Military Appreciation Day – June 26<sup>th</sup></li> <li>3. Isanti Rodeo Days Parade – July 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>4. Freedom Fest – July 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>5. Isanti County Fair – July 20-24<sup>th</sup></li> <li>6. Braham Pie Day – August 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>7. 850<sup>th</sup> HEC picnic – Sept 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>8. St. Cloud VA Health Care System “Veterans Rendezvous” – September 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>9. Golf Tournament – September 23<sup>rd</sup></li> </ol> <p><b>Community Events of Interest:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SeaCadets fundraising breakfast – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Forest Lake American Legion</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Open Agenda:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viewed “North Platte Canteen” video about WWII. Show why we do what we do at ICBYR</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>Motion:</b> Motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Gail G) to adjourn pm. Motion passed at 8:30 pm

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith

**Next Meeting:                  June 16, 2016                  7:00-8:30 p.m.                  AFRCC**