

**Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center (AFRCC)**

Meeting Minutes: June 18, 2015

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Erven S.	x	Scott F		Gaylen S
	Susan M		Bruce N		Don G		Randy P
x	Gail G		Curtis A		Brad R		Tyler T
	Kathy R		Carol A		Curt H	x	Dan J
x	Bob B		Doug M		Dale S.		Brad Reents (850 th)
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
	Kerri K		Pam M	x	Bryan R, Sgt		Joel S
x	Carol Ann S	x	Sean W		Tim S.		Lois F
	Bruce Danielson		Barbara K		Byrnes, C. CPT	x	David O

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Chair Jim Rostberg
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guests	There were no guests in attendance	
Secretary Report	Minutes of the May meeting were distributed by e-mail. T	Motion: A motion was made (Dan J) and seconded (Jim J) to approve the minutes Minutes approved
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed by Jim R. for May 21- June 17. This includes payment of insurance for the 2015 County Fair, our donations to the Polaris Battalion & Boy Scout Troop 523, several golf sponsorship deposits and donations received.	Report accepted
Chair's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No veterans issues that require action this meeting 2) No "Friend" applications this month 3) June Executive Board meeting highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will proceed with an Operation Round Up grant application this fall. Plan on applying for funds to purchase the IC BYR signage • Board decided to not join the North 65 Chamber of Commerce but will ask to give presentations once a year and as appropriate • Refer to minutes for further items 4) A donation was received in memory of a local veteran who recently died. Just before his death, he had been given one of the patriotic quilts and his family was very grateful 	Information accepted

	5) Braham Appreciation Days Parade went well. Six people rode on the IC BYR float	
Committee Reports:	<p>Website Committee: Scott F reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 131 hits since last meeting • 8,525 visitors to date to the website • Sent out Twitter reminder for meeting • There are so many “Success Stories” listed on the website that it is taking a long time to load. Scott will archive Stories that are greater than 2 years old. Back-up copies will be kept • Minutes and events updated through April • A brief discussion was held about a need for a website update. Scott and Sean Wilson will discuss this further <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail and Jim R. reviewed the current brochure and determined the content is up-to-date and revisions are not needed at this time. We will re-assess when the current supply of brochures is used up • Discussion held on broad usefulness of brochure. Would a business card and or magnet be more beneficial? Should we add a phone # to the current magnets? Gail will do a price check <p>Billboard Committee: Bob B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob presented the inventory of current signs • There are 15 sign locations throughout the county Many are double-sided signs • The Board members will visit each sign and decide how many signs need to be replaced & discuss where we want new signs placed <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator: Dave R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave communicated with several community members and Friends in regards to the golf tournament <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report from April & John • Jim R. stated a thank you note was received from Erica Morris (Susan’s daughter) stationed in Korea thanking us for sending a care package <p>Quilts for Veterans: Bob & Mary reported by email through Carol Ann:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last sewing session for the Spring was June 1st. Will now take a break until autumn - Fabric left for about 8 quilts 	Information accepted

	<p>- Received thank you note from Ecumen in North Branch - Have made 101 quilts so far and distributed 90</p> <p>Congregational Committee: No report.</p> <p>School Liaison: No report.</p> <p>Law Enforcement: Scott reported no updates</p> <p>Fundraising: Gail reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$46 made at June 7th Red Bull Military Appreciation Days in North Branch. Jim J and Carol Ann staffed the table. - Save the Date for Clarence’s Recycling Day Sept 12th - Gail contacted Bradford and Bar 65 about potential donations from their motorcycle rides but has not heard back from them - Golf tournament committee very busy with planning details and obtaining sponsorships (\$400 per hole/\$200 for a half hole). They meet weekly. \$8,000 raised last year. So far we have \$4,950 in sponsorships pledged. All sponsors from last year said yes and several increased their donation. Meeting with 5 potential new sponsors next week. Bob spoke with members of EGSR – (employers in support of guards & reserves) about participating. Need to order golf balls.(report given by Gail, Bob and Dave) 	
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 850th HEC Picnic –June 21st – IC BYR will purchase food and supplies not to exceed \$1,200 2. Isanti Rodeo Days Parade – July 9th. Sign-up sheet for volunteers to ride on the float was distributed. If you ride, bring water to drink. Meet at the Isanti VFW no later than 5:30 as the float will leave at 5:30 to get in the parade line-up. If you miss the 5:30 deadline meet us at the float in the parade line-up. Details will be sent by email 3. Freedom Fest – July 22nd from 1:00-8:00 pm. Volunteer sign-up list distributed 4. Isanti County Fair – July 22-26. Need to staff booth all days of the Fair. Volunteer sign-up sheet distributed and will be sent by email. The booth needs to be staffed Wednesday, July 22 from 3:00-10:00 pm, Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Bob B stated the local radio station will be broadcasting from the Fair. They hope to hold a raffle and the proceeds will benefit IC BYR. This is still under discussion. 5. Clarence’s Recycling – Sept 12th. Gail has Save the 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Date flyers. Gail found out that aluminum cat food cans will also be accepted. Will send email to membership to begin saving cans now. Discussion on whether to ask businesses/special events to save cans for us. The Board will discuss this further.</p> <p>6. Golf Tournament – Sept 25th – Bob Boone Committee Chair. See Fundraising report for details.</p>	
Old Business:	None	
New Business:	None	
ESRG event	Bob B mentioned a Spring event that will take place at Camp Ripley hosted by ESRG. Thirty employers will be invited. We will nominate our major sponsors/friends for inclusion in the invitation list.	Information accepted
MN Military Family Tribute	Jim J and Carol Ann reported on the dedication ceremony for the Minnesota Military Family Tribute at the state capitol on May 13 th . Select pictures were shown.	
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Dave R) to adjourn pm. Motion passed at 8:15 pm

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, IC BYR Secretary

Next Meeting: July 16, 2015

7:00-8:30 p.m. Rostberg Home

IC BYR Task Force Picnic