

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

Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2015

Member Attendance:

	Jim R	x	Erven S.	x	Scott F		Gaylen S
	Susan M		Bruce N		Don G		Randy P
	Gail G		Curtis A		David O		Tyler T
	Kathy R		Carol A		Curt H		Dan J
x	Bob B		Doug M		Dale S.	X	Brad Reents, Sgt
	Jim J		Scott G		Doug M		Greg A
	April T	X	Dave R	X	Mary F		Kathy A
	John T		Walt M	x	Bob F		Chris C
	Kerri K		Pam M	x	Bryan Robin, Sgt		Joel S
x	Carol Ann S	X	Sean W		Tim S.	X	Renee R
	Bruce D		Barbara K		Byrnes, C. CPT	x	Bryce H

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Secretary Carol Ann Smith
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report	Minutes of the August meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made (Mary F) and seconded (Brad R) to approve the minutes Minutes approved
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed for Aug 20-Sept 15. This includes income from the several golf sponsorship deposits, "Ride for the Troops" and donations received. Expenditures were golf tournament expenses.	Report accepted.
Chair's Report	1) No veterans issues requiring IC BYR involvement 2) No "Friend" applications this month	Information accepted.
Committee Reports:	Website Committee: Scott F reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 166 hits since last meeting • 9,059 visitors to date to the website • Clarence's Recycling Day & "Ride for the Troops" information posted • All Friends updated & removed those who have gone out of business • Minutes posted through July Task Force & August Executive Board • Scott and Sean W continue to revise the website behind the scenes to streamline the updating and posting process. Currently working on the "Friends" section. New "Hotlinks" to agendas and minutes 	Information accepted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweet went out about tonight’s meeting • Scott will report on details such as length of time people are on the site in October <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail reported via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will begin brochure revision in 4th Q • Committee: Jim R, Jim J, Kathy R & Gail <p>Billboard Committee: Jim R reported via Carol Ann:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will install new signs at Isanti Police & AFRCC before winter <p>Suggestion we have a springtime “blitz” to install the majority of the signs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE grant to be submitted by Sept 21 <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator: Dave R. reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave communicated with all Friends within the last 3 months • No new Friend applications <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report <p>Quilts for Veterans: Bob F. reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabric ordered, paid for and received for 100 more quilts. • Patch designed to sew into the corner of the quilt so people know quilt came from IC BYR. Sample distributed by Mary F • Sewing group to resume September 21st <p>Congregational Committee: Bryce H. reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryce welcomed as the new Chair of the Congregational Committee • Bryce is a minister at New Hope Community Church; New Hope leads the Isanti County Ministerial Association. They meet monthly. • Will report monthly and attend quarterly • One goal is to honor Veterans on military related Holidays by creating a “slide show” from the IC BYR focused on how church congregations can support military personnel/ veterans. This can be shown in churches on special days such as Memorial Day, Veteran’s Day, Flag Day, Armed Forces Day, etc.... • Also wants to educate churches on how to honor soldiers at their funerals • Bob B suggested churches can help to identify 	<p>Motion made (Jim J) and seconded (Brad R) to purchase rubber stamp Motion approved.</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<p>deployed soldiers or soldiers in needs through Bryce</p> <p>School Liaison: Renee R. reported for Randy P.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for Veterans to come to school for Veterans Day & speak in classrooms • Seeking funding for items for lobby of Isanti Middle School. Want USA and MN flags. Looking for donations. Hope to have ceremony Veterans Day. <p>Law Enforcement: Scott stated nothing new to report</p> <p>Fundraising: Gail reported via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Ride for the Troops” motorcycle ride August 22nd sponsored by Route 65 Pub & Grub a huge success, the largest turnout ever. Dave R & Gail staffed the booth & supported the riders. \$55.00 donations in the IC BYR table jar, and \$1,120 received from the ride. Plans being made for 2016 ride. A huge thank you to Brian Kubat, Vietnam Veteran who included us in this event. National Anthem sung by 89 year old WWII Veteran Al Ewert. - Bradford Roadhouse “Roadhouse Run” motorcycle ride was held September 6th and was very successful. All proceeds to IC BYR. Booth staffed by Dave R and Sean W. \$122 in IC BYR jar. Check for \$651 presented to IC BYR this week. - Clarence’s Recycling Day Sept 12th. Gorgeous day & good turnout. Thank you to all volunteers and especially the Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts. Also thanks to KBK radio for their ads and Minnco’s John Swanson for the donation of the electronic sign. We could not do this without you! - Golf tournament report by Bob Boone & BDave R: - Committee very busy with planning details and meet weekly - Committee members: Jim Rostberg, Bob Boone, Gail Genin, Dave Rosten, Bob Stanke, Tom Colby, Bob Harris, Dave Oslund. - So far we have \$11,000+ in sponsorships received/pledged from over 40 hole sponsors. This is 18 more than last year. Over 90% are sponsors from Isanti County. Hole signs made by Jill. - Dave stated he talked to over 50 companies about the golf tournament and all of them knew about IC BYR - 23 teams have registered/paid. Maximum is 22 teams. Priority given to those who register and pay before Sept 25th. Dave has turned down 3 teams. - Walk-ins can participate in the putting and chipping contests 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Suggestions made on where to obtain flags – VFW, VVA, American Legion</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 92 gift bags were stuffed last night. - There has been excellent community response to requests for gift cards/door prizes. - KBEK radio running commercial to thank all donors (Bob B voice). Offer to KBEK for live interviews. - Will need a lot of volunteers (25). Please sign up tonight to volunteer if you have not already done so. - Assignment list distributed tonight & will be emailed. - Please arrive at 11:00 am Friday the 25th and wear your IC BYR red T-shirt or something patriotic. - Cambridge Fire Department will bring the Hook & Ladder truck and display the large American flag in the parking lot - There will be an American flag at each hole. - There will be a short program before the golfers begin. The American Legion honor guard will present the colors. Gail will sing the National Anthem - Dinner catered by the Brass Rail 	
Upcoming Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Golf Tournament – Sept 25th 2. Snowflake Parade – November 21st <p>Sgt Robin stated this is their drill weekend and he will ask commander & 1st Sgt if 850th HEC soldiers can walk in the parade/carry the banner</p> <p>Bryce H offered his home as a gathering spot prior to the parade</p>	Information accepted
Old Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Bryce H) and seconded (Mary F) to adjourn pm. Motion passed at 7:55 pm

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, IC BYR Secretary

Next Meeting: October 15, 2015

7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC