

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

Meeting Minutes: October 15, 2015

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Chair Jim Rostbeg
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance & playing of the National Anthem
Secretary Report	Minutes of the August meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made (Susan M) and seconded (Kathy R) to approve the minutes Minutes approved
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses were reviewed for Sept 15-Oct 15. This includes income from the several golf sponsorship deposits and donations received. Expenditures were golf tournament & sewing club expenses.	Report accepted.
Chair's Report	<p>1) Veterans issues requiring IC BYR involvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call from Waseca BYR that soldier from 114th Transportation Company who lives in Isanti needs assistance. Fiance very ill and not able to work. Small children in home. Discussion on needed assistance. • Veteran with Alzheimer's. Wife caregiver. Recently evicted. Issue has gone to court. Needs help with rent for new place to live and physical assistance in moving. Jim will let us know when move will happen so we can assist. Will need volunteers. Rent paid by MDV special needs grant. • Jim working with homeless veteran. Needs employment and housing. Larry Bacon is 	<p>1.a. Motion made (Bob F) and seconded (Erv S) to give soldier Holiday gas card and a Walmart gift card in the amount of \$250.00 to purchase diapers and food. Motion passed.</p> <p>1.c. Motion made (Susan M) and seconded (Mary F) that if MACV does not approve first month's</p>

	<p>assisting. Applied to MACV for first month's rent and deposit. CVSO provided Cub gift card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Veteran experiencing difficulties with rent and bills. Has worked out payment plan for gas bill under Cold Weather Rule. Sister can help him with rent. Requesting IC BYR assistance with water bill to City of Isanti. <p>2) No "Friend" applications this month 3) IC BYR Annual Calendar created for Executive Board duties and deadlines</p>	<p>rent and deposit that IC BYR will provide the \$1,100.00 needed. Motion passed.</p> <p>1.d. Motion made (Bob F) and seconded (Barb K) that IC BYR pay water bill of \$400.00. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 149 hits since last meeting 9,208 visitors to date to the website Golf tournament pictures posted (link to drop box) Facebook error fixed Tweet went out about tonight's meeting (N=23) Scott will reported on details such as length of time people are on the site: Reviewed time period of August 1 to October 14 81% of the people only look at the home page Average time on website is 35 seconds 49 to 126 hits per day. Increased after golf tournament 112 visitors on September 11th 91% find website by directly typing in our name. Only 1% from Goggle searches Home page most popular, then Friends, agendas. Links and calendar <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail reported via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will begin brochure revision as soon as Golf Tournament thank yous are done Committee: Jim R, Jim J, Kathy R & Gail Jim distributed IC BYR business card magnets <p>Billboard Committee: Jim R reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will install new signs at Isanti Police & AFRCC before winter. Jim requesting volunteer assistance. We were awarded a \$1,000 grant from ECE Energy Trust "Operation Round Up" to purchase and install new signs!!! <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator: Dave R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Discussion on how to encourage people to stay on the website and look at information more in depth. How to "hook" them on the home page so they want to explore further.</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Quilts for Veterans: Bob F. reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewing group resumed September 21st • Sew 3-5 quilts per day • A total of 115 quilts sewn with 90 distributed • Sent out an Air Force bed roll. The first in years. • Will distribute quilts to GracePoint Crossing Gables West on Veteran’s Day • Those who have received a quilt in the past will receive a pocket flag <p>Congregational Committee: Bryce H. via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Date March 2nd for “Let’s Talk” a mental health, depression and suicide awareness event in Cambridge. Sponsored by Isanti County and the Cambridge Medical Center. Details to follow. <p>School Liaison: Randy P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report • Jim will check with Randy to make sure they were able to obtain a US Flag for the Isanti Middle School lobby <p>Law Enforcement: Scott stated nothing new to report</p> <p>Fundraising: Gail reported via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Golf tournament huge success. Many, many positive comments - Net income of approximately \$16,000 - Watched video of pictures created by Bruce Danielson - Thanks to all volunteers - Thank you letters to all donors will be sent 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>1. Snowflake Parade – November 21st Sean will drive his pick-up. People can ride in the back or walk along side Truck will pull an 8x8 trailer with lighted IC BYR sign Details on meeting time to be sent by email Parade at 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Old Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IC BYR Task Force members to keep track of the hours they volunteer. Data can be used in grant applications and in annual report • North 65 Chamber of Commerce – Executive Committee is recommending IC BYR pay to join the Chamber. Many benefits, including more awareness of our organization and services. Employers will know about us. There is a monthly meeting and a newsletter. We made a presentation to the 	<p>Motion made (Bob F) and seconded (Erv S) that we join the North 65 Chamber of Commerce. Motion passed.</p>

	<p>Chamber about the golf tournament and received excellent support from many local businesses. A member of the Executive Board will attend each meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braham Area Chamber of Commerce – Executive Board recommends we join the Chamber. A member of the Executive Board will attend each meeting. • Testimonials for KBK radio. As part of our ongoing partnership with KBK, they would like to record IC BYR public service announcements and include testimonials from people we have assisted. Bruce Danielson will assist with interview and recordings • A reminder that nominations for IC BYR Officers will be at the November meeting with elections at the December meeting. All offices are open. • The Association of MN Counties conference will be held Dec 7th in St. Cloud. Susan Morris will be at the Isanti County table and will take IC BYR information. Attendance approximately 600 people 	<p>A motion made (Susan M) and seconded (Mary F) that we join the Braham Area Chamber of Commerce. Motion passed.</p>
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Oslund’s son is back from Afghanistan • Barb K stated the American Legion Auxiliary is hosting a free Veteran’s Day dinner at noon on November 11th. All veterans are invited and may bring one guest. RSVP to Barb at 763-689-4246 • Question asked if any veterans or military personnel need Christmas gifts. Jim will check and let us know. 	
Adjournment		<p>Motion: Motion was made (Mary F) and seconded (Susan M) to adjourn pm. Motion passed at 8:28 pm</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, IC BYR Secretary

Next Meeting: November 19, 2015

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