

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

Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2015

Member Attendance:

	Jim R	x	Erven S.		Scott F		Gaylen S
	Susan M		Bruce N		Don G		Randy P
x	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
x	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.		Renee R
x	Bruce D		Barbara K		Byrnes, C. CPT	x	Barb K

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1902 by Executive Board Member Gail Genin
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report (Carol Ann S.)	Minutes of the October meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made (Mary F) and seconded (Jim J) to approve the minutes Minutes approved
Treasurer Report (Kathy R.)	Income and expenses were reviewed for Oct 15-Nov 19. This includes income from golf sponsorship deposits, the ECE Operation Round Up grant, and donations received. Expenditures were North 65 Chamber of Commerce membership & veteran needs	Report accepted
Chair's Report (Gail G.)	<p>1) Veterans issues requiring IC BYR involvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Follow up from last month:</u> • Veteran who needed to move. All accomplished. • Provided Walmart gift card for food & diapers • Paid water bill • <u>New Requests:</u> • Veteran unemployed. Is receiving help from MACV & church. Asked for 1 month rent • Veteran has surgery scheduled but needs dental work first. Needs teeth pulled. This is covered by VA insurance, but they will not cover dentures • CVSO office has compiled a list of veterans 	<p>Veterans Issues:</p> <p>1) Motion made by Bob B and seconded by Dave R to pay \$650 for one month's rent. Motion passed</p> <p>2) Motion made by Bob B and seconded by Jim J to</p>

	<p>needing help this Christmas. Local fraternal organizations are assisting as well as individuals. Sgt Robin will let us know if any 850th HEC families need assistance. See Gail if you wish to “adopt” a veteran or family.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) No “Friend” applications this month 3) Discussion on how to spend IC BYR funds held at Executive Board meeting. Multiple ideas discussed. We propose a letter be sent to local clergy to be sent by Congregational Committee Chair to make them aware of us so they can make referrals or encourage veterans to contact us. Task force agreed. Bryce & Jim to sign letter and Bryce to distribute. A similar letter will also be sent to IC Family Services. 4) Jim made a presentation about IC BYR at the American Legion Post in Mora Nov 23rd 5) IC BYR accepted as a member of the North 65 Chamber of Commerce as of November. We will post their logo on our website 6) November Executive Board meeting highlights. Please refer to minutes of the meeting. 	<p>pay for dentures up to \$3,000. A bill > \$3,000 requires Executive Board approval. Motion passed</p> <p>Christmas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Motion made by Bob F and seconded by Mary F to purchase 4 gift cards at \$250 each for people on the list. Motion passed.
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Bob F reported for Scott:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 192 hits since last meeting • 9,400 visitors to date to the website • Tweet went out about tonight’s meeting (N=23) • Will add North 65 Chamber of Commerce logo to the website • Kerri sent Facebook reminder of tonight’s meeting with weekly “Friend” feature <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail reported via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will begin brochure revision Jan 2016 • Committee: Jim R, Jim J, Kathy R & Gail • Need to order more small decals for law enforcement cars <p>Billboard Committee: Dave R reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New signs installed at Isanti Police & AFRCC. Veterans helped Dave with installation • More signs will be installed as weather permits • Gail to order 4 more signs • We have permission to install a sign at the Purple Hawk! • Discussion of placement of sign in Dalbo <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator: Dave R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<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"> • 29 on the shelf • Quilt distribution at GracePointe Crossing Gables West on Veterans Day went very well. New residents received a quilt. Those who already had quilts received a pocket flag. Quilts also given to 4 veterans in rehab. Coverage in local papers. • Need fabric for binding. Two bolts will cost approximately \$150 <p>Congregational Committee: Bryce H.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report • Refer to Chair’s report about letter to local clergy <p>School Liaison: Randy P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report <p>Law Enforcement: Bob F. for Scott F.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report <p>Fundraising: Gail reported via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donation sent to Polaris Battalion of Sea Cadets to thank them for helping with Recycling Day at Clarence’s - IC BYR Fundraiser sponsored by KBK “Back to the 50s and 60s” to be held February 13th. Will be held at the AFRCC and catered. Plan \$30 a ticket for a total of 250 tickets. A portion of the ticket will be tax deductible. Will have a silent auction. All proceeds to IC BYR. KBK will be responsible for advertising, food, music, dance contest, costume contest, decorations, and contest judges. IC BYR will be responsible for hall rental, silent auction, raffle, ticket printing, obtaining gambling license, and volunteers. - Save the date March 4th for Arctic Plunge pre-party chili feed - Isanti County Fair 2016. KBK Fundraiser had proceeds of \$1100. Tickets only sold at Fair. KBK plans to sponsor this again in 2016. IC BYR will obtain gambling license and then we can sell tickets throughout 2016. The license is \$100 and allows up to 5 raffles in one calendar year for a total of \$50,000 in prizes. We plan to have tickets ready for the February dance. - Golf Tournament 2016 – see below 	<p>Motion made by Carol Ann S and seconded by Jim J to approve purchase of fabric up to \$200. Motion passed.</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Motion made by Jim J and seconded by Carol Ann S. to proceed with plans for the KBK Fundraising dance Feb 13, 2016. Motion passed.</p>
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Upcoming Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Meet at float at 5:45 pm. Unit #20 just west of the river on 2nd Avenue. Parade at 6:00 pm 	Information accepted
Walmart Wall of Honor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walmart Wall of Honor. Walmart has a national program to honor veterans. The manager of the Cambridge store is requesting assistance for obtaining pictures of IC veterans for the local “Wall of Honor” at the Customer Service Center. Dave Rosten will be the point person for this and bring more details to the next meeting. Pictures need to be 5x7. All branches of service with honorable discharge. Photo can be of veteran living or deceased. 	Information accepted
Misc:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Danielson stated a high school social studies teacher would also like photos of veterans for his classroom. He will contact him for more information. 	Information accepted
Freedom Fest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Rostberg retiring as IC CVSO May 31, 2016 • Discussion about Freedom Fest 2016. Hopeful that new IC CVSO will be supportive of Freedom Fest. We will continue to support CVSO and Freedom Fest. 	<p>Motion made by Jim J and seconded by Barb K that if new IC CVSO will not support and sponsor Freedom Fest that IC BYR will assume responsibility for it.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>
Golf Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob B and Dave R state 3rd annual golf tournament will be held Sept 23, 2016 • Committee already meeting • Thank you notes for 2015 tournament personally delivered to each donor giving > \$400. Also received a golf tee token made by Dave R. • The three 850th HEC soldiers that volunteered also got a golf tee token • 2015 tournament net income was \$15,776 	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Officer Elections. Nominations now open for all offices. • All current Executive Board members are willing to continue in their current roles • Vote at December meeting 	Jim J nominated Jim Rostberg for the office of Chair
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Dave R) and seconded (Jim J) to adjourn pm. Motion passed at 8:15 pm

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, IC BYR Secretary

Next Meeting: December 17, 2015

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