

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Board of Directors Meeting Summary

July 12, 2023

Isanti County Government Center

Members Present: Jim Rostberg, Dave Oslund, Gail Genin, Carol Ann Smith, Jamie High, Kathy Rostberg

Members Absent: Brad Brown, Jesse Peck

Guests: None

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action
Veterans & Service Member Issues - CVSO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Veteran in hospital needs help with Connexus (\$117.79) and CenterPoint (\$1,002.50) bills = \$1,120.29 - approved b. Same veteran as above - wife at home alone, needs food – email vote for \$50 in groceries and 2 weeks of home delivered meals through SACS until medical assistance application done – approved – referred to Isanti County Health & Human Services by CVSO c. CVSO request for Cub and Kwik Trip gift cards 25 each at \$50 each = \$2,500 – approved – also noted that ICBYR address label will be placed on the envelope of each gift card so it is clear the card is donated by ICBYR
Veterans & Service Member Issues – S&FRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deployed soldier requesting assistance with purchase of new air conditioner. Wife at home with premature baby and no air conditioning. Board reviewed two quotes and voted to pay \$2400 toward new air conditioner. A \$2000 grant obtained by the S&FRS will also contribute to the cost and the soldier is paying \$600 for installation.
Fundraising Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o North Country Market Fest - Tuesdays from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm June 6-August 22 at the Isanti County Fairgrounds. Proceeds donated ICBYR. ICBYR to staff a table at each event. Discussed July 4 and 11 events. Very slow. Received email today that NCMF will end July 25. Have invited Janet to August Task Force meeting to present donation check. o Pizza Ranch soft opening went extremely well!!! Staffed ICBYR table for lunch and supper on June 29 & 30. Spoke to approximately 1200 people. Donation total \$2884.35!! o City Center Market “Round It Up” program – ICBYR is featured non-profit for July o Golf Tournament planning under way. Gail has flyer and registration form ready today. Mailing sponsors sent today. Mailing to previous golfers will be sent this week. First committee meeting July 25 at 3:00 pm at the Sons of American Legion building at IC Fairgrounds
CVSO Move	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CVSO will move to Oakview building August 1. Separate entrance. No security screen or steps. Will keep separate phone/ Fax numbers and mailing address. A social worker from the state will come to Cambridge weekly for mental health appointments. Getting new flag pole. Will move the monument. Plenty of parking. Handicapped entrance. Open House August 30 with food trucks. There will be an article in next weeks local newspapers - Discussion about future billboards and brochures – should have both phone # for ICBYR & CVSO. For now can keep our billboards with no changes, but future billboard order should include both phone numbers
ICBYR Duty Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gail will purchase a new phone. Hope to keep old number.

Investment Coordinator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment account stable
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom Fest – July 19 – good responses from vendors – T-shirts to give away – ICBYR will have booth – East Central Pork Producers is donating the pork chops this year! • Isanti County Fair – July 19-23 – volunteer schedule nearly full • Braham Pie Day – August 4 • MN Military Appreciation Day – August 29 • ICBYR Golf Tournament – September 15
Chamber of Commerce Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Braham Area Chamber meeting – no July meeting. Back to Business Social August 15 at Braham Pizza Pub 5:00 pm - North 65 Chamber– July meeting is “Members Minutes” networking meeting
Follow-up:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beautiful evening for Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days parade. Low attendance on ICBYR float
BTYR July Coffee Talk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coffee Talk – Focus of MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day is Vietnam Veterans. Want stories and veterans to walk in march August 29 at 1100 - Interesting presentation on the Draft Board – Carol Ann will summarize for August Task Force meeting - BTYR has space on the MN Military Radio Network. BYR Networks can request time. Maybe use to advertise golf tournament and dinner dance?
Misc:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carol Ann had conversation with St. Raphael’s Home Care based in North Branch. They take VA contract patients. Referred her to Stefanie Hurt at BTYR - ARC Retreat Community Center – tour and lunch for Board August 2 - Operation Homefront collection for school supplies for military children has begun and goes through August 4. Carol Ann picked up first box yesterday and delivered to AFRCC today - Brochure received from Believet Canine Service Providers - Gail working on filing of ICBYR 2022 taxes with Newton Financial - Very nice thank you note from Sophia M one of the scholarship recipients - Thank you note from the HHD for the picnic/family day - Discussion of Policy and Procedure on guidelines for assistance
August ICBYR Task Force Agenda	<p>Presentation: North Country Market Fest</p> <p>Old Business: Duty phone</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Voting on Veteran’s Needs <p>Open Agenda: Several miscellaneous items</p>

Call to Order: 1410 by Chair Jim R

Adjourn: 1542 (Dave, Gail)

Meeting summary respectfully submitted by:

Carol Ann Smith - ICBYR Secretary