

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
Cambridge Armed Forces Reserve & Community Center

Meeting Minutes March 21, 2024


Member Attendance:

x	Jim R		Scott F		Dan M		
x	Susan M		Lois F		Adam F		
x	Gail G	x	John W		Jeremy M		
x	Kathy R		Richard N		Curt H		
x	Carol Ann S		Mary F		Stacey B		
	Dave O		Bob F		Doug M		
	Jamie H (CVSO)	x	Rick D		Nanci M		
x	Brad B		Walt M		Erin Y (CVSO office)		
	Adam F		Pam M		Terry L		
x	Jim J	x	Sean W		Cathy B		
x	Bruce D	x	Brent L	x	Arlene K		Guest: Greg M
	Ashley B – S&FRS	x	Adam S	x	Terri A		Guest: Chuck N
	Jesse P		Curtis A	x	Bob A		Guest: Stacy U

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jim R at 1900
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by introductions	Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Presentation	<p>Rum River Outdoor Foundation was present to tell us about their foundation and their upcoming “Side by Side Fundraiser” on April 27th. ICBYR will be the recipient of the proceeds of this event! The event begins at 0930 at Isanti Spirits. The route goes to the Dusty Eagle in Dalbo, then lunch at the Hiway Inn and back to Isanti Spirits. Visit www.rumriverfoundation.com for more informations</p> <p>Rum River Outdoor Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non profit on a mission to promote the preservation and responsible enjoyment of the outdoors through events that foster connections in the communities where we live, work and play.</p> <p>RRF is also willing to assist ICBYR with events and work like installing handicap ramps</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you Greg, Chuck & Stacy!</p>
Secretary Report	Minutes of the February meeting were distributed by mail and email	Motion: A motion was

		made by (Rick) seconded by (Brad) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income – included donations from Erv Skaar Memorials, Isanti Liquor, Rum River Rods, and private donors, and dinner dance ticket purchases Expenses – Direct support (electric bill x 3, new furnace = \$5,865.32) and printing of dinner dance posters and tickets 	Report accepted as presented and set aside for audit (Jim J/Susan) Our gratitude to our donors!!
Chair's Report Jim R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>CVSO Updates, and Requests for Veterans:</u> Veteran with disconnected electric service. Bill = \$926.33 CVSO requesting 20 Kwik Trip Fuel Only and 20 Cub Foods gift cards in the amount of \$50 each <u>S&FS Updates and Requests for Soldiers:</u> None at this time <u>March Board Meeting:</u> Veterans Issues New Chair for Packages for the Deployed Committee – Welcome Adam F! Invited Chair of Packages for the Deployed Committee to join BOD – Welcome Adam F! Veterans H.O.P.E. On The River now has their 501(c)3 non-profit corporation status. They no longer need ICBYR as a fiscal agent (see New Business) Do we want to participate in Braham Appreciation Days on June 1st? Erven Skaar Thank You and Donations – Jim summarized beautiful funeral service. ICBYR received many memorials Upcoming BOD Meetings: April 10, May 8, June 12 at 2:00 pm at the Isanti County Government Center upper level conference room 	Information accepted Refer to New Business for Voting Information accepted
Committee Reports:	<p>Website/Social Media Committee:</p> <p>Website Report: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent <p>Twitter/X:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tweet/X sent out for tonight's meeting, the scholarship program and dinner dance information to 41 followers <p>FaceBook Report: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will put Dinner Dance information on FaceBook and begin sponsor recognition 	Information accepted

	<p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be revising the current brochure to include the 988*1 crisis line information. Gail to check current inventory <p>Billboard Committee: Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will begin painting and repairs to existing signs as soon as weather allows. Must be > 55 degrees to paint. Will need volunteers to paint. Will place the 988*1 decal in all billboards <p>Community Service Resource Coordinator: Carol Ann S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North 65 Chamber of Commerce meeting for February was the State of the City Address for Cambridge. March will be the State of the City Address for Isanti Received a phone call from the Isanti VFW referring a veteran in need. Information forwarded to CVSO <p>BYR Friends Coordinator: Susan M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new to report <p>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison: (Adam F)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report - Chair absent Working on getting names and addresses of Isanti County soldiers deployed with the 34th Infantry Division Red Bulls <p>Congregational Committee: (position open)</p> <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent <p>School Liaison: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting information from CIHS on Military Signing Day Awaiting information from CI Primary School on Silent Dismissal <p>Scholarship Committee: Bruce D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship deadline March 22 Will meet April 2 to review scholarships and select winner(s) Reviewed scoring rubric at today’s committee meeting and made minor revisions Scholarships awarded at the April 18 Task Force meeting 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>Fundraising: Gail G & Susan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner Dance tickets are now on sale! You can get tickets from a Board member, online via the ICBYR website or via the QR code on the poster • Susan has list of needed volunteers for the Dinner Dance. Please sign up! Will be doing food prep in the AFRCC kitchen Wed-Sat. Table set-up and decorating Friday and Saturday. Need silent auction donations. There are 3 live auction items (1/2 pig with processing x 2, fishing trip) and a dessert auction 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you to our donors!</p>
	 <p>DinnerDance_Flyer_2024_FINAL_CropMa</p>	
Outreach Coordinator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Fire Chat was held February 22nd at 1830. Carol Ann attended part of it, but the topic did not pertain to ICBYR • BTYR Annual Conference will be held April 11th at Boston Scientific in Maple Grove. It is the first combined conference of the BTYR community networks and the BTYR companies. 	Information accepted
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Dinner Dance – April 27 • Rum River Outdoor Foundation Side by Side Fundraiser – April 27 	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time 	
New Business:	<p><u>Vote on Veterans & Soldier Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran with disconnected electric service. Bill = \$926.33 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSO requesting 20 Kwik Trip Fuel Only and 20 Cub Foods gift cards in the amount of \$50 each = \$2000 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Brad to approve the electric bill request. Motion approved</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Brent to approve the gift cards request. Motion approved</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PICK’M UP Suicide Prevention Coalition:</u> Jesse No report – Jesse absent New prevention/crisis intervention cards are available Upper MN River Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition Conference March 21 	Information accepted

	Military Mental Health Coalition Conference April 25 and 26 at Camp Ripley. Ask Secretary for details	
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim R explained the new PACT Act for veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during military service. There are new VA health care benefits available as of March 5th. Contact the CVSO for details 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better Together event at Anoka-Ramsey Community College August 21. ICBYR will have a booth. Focus is on celebrating community connections 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House for Veterans and families at Saint Paul College on April 16 from 5:00-7:00 pm 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandy Lions Pancake Fundraiser May 5th from 0800 to noon at the Grandy Community Center 	Information accepted
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Day on the Hill on April 17th sponsored by MDVA. Meet at Cedar Street Armory at 1000 for breakfast and then march to Capitol rotunda. Program to follow. Please make an appointment with your legislators to discuss veteran's issues with them. Contact Jim R with ? 	Information accepted
Adjournment	<p>Viewed patriotic video created by Bruce D</p> <p>Walked through the gym for dinner dance planning after the meeting</p>	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Jim J to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2003</p>

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: April 18, 2024 – 7:00 pm – AFRCC

BTYR Coffee Talk Second Wednesday of each Month at 0815	BTYR Coffee Talk: Join Zoom Meeting https://state-mn-us.zoom.us/j/84282677037?pwd=bTNuS3FaQ2dWQUZUdlBuMUozRERwdz09 Meeting ID: 842 8267 7037 Passcode: 040053
Military History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1, 1961 – President John F Kennedy established the Peace Corps • March 2, 1943 - During WWII, a Japanese convoy was attacked by 137 American bombers as the Battle of Bismarck Sea began • March 9, 1864 – Ulysses S. Grant was commissioned as a Lieutenant General and became commander of the Union armies. • March 10, 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation. • By 1969, at the peak of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, more than 500,000 U.S. military personnel were involved in the Vietnam conflict. The average age of the American soldiers was 21 • March 19, 2003 - The United States launched an attack against Iraq to topple dictator Saddam Hussein from power
Viewable Link for ICBYR Goggle Sign Map:	https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=19P7VjNkq81qUQQF281XcPCLhvf91gk1O&ll=45.58600856114631%2C-93.29518274999998&z=11
Link to the Military Action Group:	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&session=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO
We Care Minnesota App for Cell Phones	A FREE App to help prevent suicide is available from Apple AppStore or Google Play. The mobile app, We Care Minnesota, provides hotline numbers, website links and other useful resources such as; Chaplains, SHARP, Suicide Prevention, Psychological Health Coordinators and Equal Opportunity (EO). Soldiers, Families and civilians can access hotlines without having to dial, and visit websites at the push of a button.
Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-8255 Press 1
Meeting PowerPoint	Please email the Secretary if you wish a copy of this meeting’s PowerPoint
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