

Keweenaw County Veterans Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2019

Keweenaw County Courthouse 10AM

Roll Call: Ned Huwatschek, Chairman
Del Rajala, member, County Board Rep absent
Joe Finch member, excused
Wes Aho member
Barry Koljonen member

Meeting was posted and a quorum is present. Meeting called to order 10AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda. Agenda was approved on a motion by Huwatschek, 2nd by Aho all in favor passed.

Approve minutes of May 10, 2019. Motion to approve the July minutes made by Aho, 2nd by Huwatschek, all in favor. Passed

Guests. Guests attending this morning are Pete Halley and Jim Huovinen.

Public Comment. None

Communications. Emails from Lansing. Grant Workshop Training event notice.

Unfinished/Old business. Death benefit distribution. Check will be made to see if a notice can be posted on the county website in the Veterans section to advise of this benefit and how a Veteran can apply.

June 8, 2019 Town Hall Meet and Greet was held at the Legion Hall in Mohawk. Attendance was very light however this was our first such event and the weather worked against us in that it was a very warm sunny day, the first in quite a while. People were preoccupied with other matters. A meal of hotdogs and chips with soda and coffee was provided. A special thanks is extended to the American Legion Post 230 Mohawk for the use of the hall for this event and to Liisa Koljonen for assisting in meal preparation. We did receive 15 Vet questionnaires with some being turned in later for a total of 25. Possible similiar events like this could include a Veterans Hunter's Booyaw. Also mentioned was possibly a fish boil. The biggest thing noted as being needed in the future is additional advertising.

New Business. As per above an email from Lansing MDVA advised of a Grant Training Workshop and meeting with Marie Douville on Aug 7 and 8 in Marquette at the Holiday Inn. A motion was made to have a member/s attend and to pay cost of mileage, lodging, and meals associated with this event. This motion was made by Aho, 2nd by Huwatschek, with all in favor. Passed. Members to attend will be Barry Koljonen and Joe Finch. Report to be submitted at the September meeting.

Final Public Comment. Jim Huovinen advised of information from Jim Kuusisto that a Memorial Park is being planned at the Hungarian Falls site. A site plan is currently in progress with more information forthcoming as the plan develops.

Final Committee Comment. None.

Next Meeting. Next regular scheduled meeting is set for Sept 13, 2019 10AM at the Keweenaw County Courthouse.

Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Koljonen, 2nd by Aho with all in favor. Adjourned.