



Disabled American Veterans  
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Disabled American Veterans Saint Paul Chapter 2 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 8 Oct 2022

- 1 **Opening Ceremony** (Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain's Prayer) Meeting in session at 10:30 AM 20 members present, 2 visitors
- 2 **Introduction of Visitors** (not new members but visitors from outside the chapter)  
**Stairlift for Vets (Ryan and Kevin)** will be attending to present how we can partner with them to help veterans to be able to continue to stay in their homes even after suffering mobility issues. Chapter made motion to action under new business
- 3 **Roll Call of the Officers**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commander Jerald Bottcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr Vice Commander Vern Bolle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jr Vice Commander Joslyn Jensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Dick Maser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjutant / Chaplain John Walker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Past Commander Bob Heinz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Advocate Lou Michaels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer of the Day Jeffrey Proud
<input type="checkbox"/> Sgt of Arms Ken Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Lou Michaels
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Jeffrey Proud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Denny Mitchell

Note of those not present O = absent X=Present ex=excused
- 4 **Reading of the minutes** from the last meeting. Minutes from the last meeting were read to the chapter. **Motion to accept by Lou Michaels , 2<sup>nd</sup> . Bob Heinz motion carried unanimously**
- 5 **Treasurers Report.** (Include copy of the report for filing)

Account totals	
Forget me not share	2277.07
General Fund Share	8729.88
Forget Me Not checking	5813.80
General Fund Checking	11759.78
USPS on Account	234.59
Total	28,815.12

**Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Jeffrey Proud, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josi Jensen, Motion carried unanimously**
- 6 **Bills Against the Chapter** list of the bills, motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote carried or failed  
Clothing Drive Bills due are Clothing drive expenses, Fall conference. Clothing
- 7 Program expenses, Hastings Bingo **Motion to pay Bill Against the chapter made by Lou Michaels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Lubarski, motion carried unanimously**
- 8 **Reports of Sickness and Distress. Veterans In Need** (Make note of those affected) Notes under for good of the order
- 9 **Application for Membership** (Introduce new members to the chapter, swear in members who have yet to take the oath of membership) Need motion to accept new members and



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pay for Chapters portion of the membership. 2 new members attending the meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. New members sworn in Mellissa F. and Bert C

## 10 Reading of Communications

### Thank You Letter from the VFW Post 1350

Letter congratulating the chapter on making goal for 2022 membership with Banner for the flag

## 11 Reports from Committees

- a. **Hastings Vets Home** Bingo at 17 Oct Bob Heinz given the check for prize money
- b. **Forget Me Not Committee - Forget me not drive next year** Bob Heinz volunteered to be in charge. There will be an event with Golden Corral (Maplewood) in November to commemorate Veterans Day. We will get with Mic for more details
- c. **Membership Committee** – Our quota for 2023 is 33
- d. **Summer Picnic Committee** – Chapter Picnic Chapter Picnic Scheduled for 8 July 2023 Noon ‘til done. Looking for a volunteer to take over the coordination of the event
- e. **Holiday Party Committee**  
Holiday Party is Scheduled for 21 Jan 2023. Mancini’s 12:00 Need volunteer to take care of details. Meal cost is \$30.00 per person. The member cost is 22.50 with the Chapter picking up the balance. The chapter will address door prizes at the next meeting
- f. **Clothing Drive Committee** report – Status of clothing drive. Last Drop on 27 Sep was 7590 clothes 349 hard goods.. Next drop scheduled for **25 Oct 2022** at Unique Thrift Store in New Hope for up to 6900 lbs, need a couple of volunteers – Jerry B will bring the trailer from Roseville and White Bear Lake if needed - Jerry B
- g. **LVAP**. Please fill out LVAP sheet or submit you LVAP online!!!

## 12 New Business visiting vets in Nursing Homes. We received a request to visit some vets at the Estates of Greely in Stillwater, MN Total of 9 vets in residence there including Larry Viers. The commander will get more info from the facility and call for volunteers to visit after he gets mor info

**Xmas Bingo and gifts to vets in Hastings. Need to decide how much to each vet tabled until the next meeting**

Stairlifts for Vets. They refurbish stairlifts for veterans and install them for veterans who need assistance (who do not have the resources) They also refurbish scooters and lift chairs. Cost can be up to \$2000.00 per vet. We discussed how we would like to work with them to help those veterans in need. The way we want to work with them is for them to provide us with the veterans name and other information, verify the veterans status with the County Veteran Service Officer, then moving forward the chapter will release funds to Stairliftsfor



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vets in the Veterans name (Veteran In Need/ Veterans assistance. **Motion made by Josi Jensen to allocate up to \$5000.00 for the FY 2023 to assist veterans in this manner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Michaels, Motion carried unanimously.** Funds will be from the Forget Me Not Fund. Web [www.stairliftsforvets.org](http://www.stairliftsforvets.org) email [info@stairliftsforvets.org](mailto:info@stairliftsforvets.org) tele 651 758 8387

A Veteran needing assistance in getting Disability Benefit Questionnaire (DBQ) who has no funds or insurance but needs the DBQ (from a private provider) in order for the VA to consider benefits for the veteran. The cost is \$800.00 (the veterans was referred to Chapter 2 by the State Dept Service Officer.)

**Josi Jensen Made a motion to pay up to \$800.00 to provide funding for the veteran to get the DBQ from a private provider, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Michaels, motion carried unanimously**

- 13 Unfinished Business** – List of items requiring resolution, actions taken, (progress noted, set aside, resolved, descriptions of actions taken, votes, etc.
- a. **Hospital Visitation** – Still on hold due to Pandemic, Check to see if we can find out when we will be able to start back up again
  - b. District 14 Meeting 21-23 Oct 2023 Billings Montana. Members attending John W, Mic A., Bob H, Lou M. State will be furnishing transport to the meeting
- 14 For Good of The Order**  
**MinInfluence** <https://davmn.org/legislation/voters-voice/>  
**Convention Travel Expense Vouchers New forms available**, please use will provide copies by email if needed or can use hard copy  
**New mileage rate** effective 1 July 2022 new IRS mileage rate is 62.5 per mile
- 15 Accept motion to adjourn by Lou Michaels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josi Jensen, Motion Carried**
- 16 Memorial Ceremony**
- 17 Adjournment with Closing Prayer and Ceremonies**
- 18 Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM**  
**Next Meeting**  
**General Membership meeting on 12 November 2022 North Saint Paul VFW Exec at 9:30 AM, General Membership at 10:30 AM**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Jerald Bottcher**  
**Commander**  
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