

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 12th, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Vice President, Scott Griffith at 1:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Todd Drazy	President	Present, Zoom
Scott Griffith	Vice President, Ntl. Dir, GRD, Treasurer	Present, Zoom
Derrick Trentin	Secretary	Present, Zoom
Peter Carrao	Board Member	Present, Phone
Michael Thomas	Board Member	Present, Phone
Le'Toi Adams	Board Member	Absent
Troy Kurzcek	Board Member	Absent
Gary Stott	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Richard Buth	Board Member	Present, In Person
Ken Matthews	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Pete Carrao	Board Member	Present, Zoom (late)

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Brenna Frey, Nonprofit Administrative Manager Intern
- Brenda Stencil – National Service Officer
- Ken Ness, Immediate Past President, National Vice President

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Garry Stott seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

5. AGENDA:

- July agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- June minutes presented.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Written report presented.
- 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
 - Written report presented.
- 9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
 - Written report presented.
- 10. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
 - Written report presented.
- 11. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:**
 - No report presented.
- 12. GRD'S REPORT:**
 - No report presented.
- 13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - **Sports & Recreation:**
 - i. No report presented.
 - **Hospital Liaison:**
 - i. No report presented.
 - **Communications:**
 - i. No report presented.
 - **Strategic Planning:**
 - i. No report was presented.
 - **Membership:**
 - i. Members: 299
 - New: Doug Harris, John E. Knutson, John C. Kosel
 - ii. Associate: 152
 - New: Mike May, Ken Wiegel, Diane Halle, Justin Schoepke
 - iii. Deceased: N/A

14. OLD BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Hardship Grant Request:**

Scott Griffith made the motion to deny the PVA-WI member's hardship grant request since it does not meet prerequisites. Ken Matthews seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. Brenda Stencil asked for clarification regarding prerequisites. Scott Griffith answered that we do not provide reimbursements through this grant, there must be demonstrated financial need, and we pay the service provider not the veteran. Additionally, Todd Drazy stated that veterans that

are able to receive services at the VA and choose to receive community care, which requires a copay is not the need this particular grant was established to meet. This is a grant for people that have no other avenues.

- **PVA-WI Budget:**

- Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 PVA-WI budget. Todd Drazy seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

- **PVA-WI Bylaws:**

- Ken Matthews made the motion to approve the 2023 PVA-WI Bylaws. Gary Stott seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, 9-yays, 1 nay – Mike Thomas, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. Todd Drazy stated that all BOD took the position understanding that it was a volunteer position. We volunteered to support veterans, and all BOD should make the time to attend a meeting once per month. Unexcused meetings are unacceptable. Ken Matthews shared that he agreed with Todd, and there is no reason to miss a meeting without talking to the BOD. Additionally, Scott Griffith shared that Le'Toi Adams is transferring to the Nevada chapter, and she is not seeking re-election to the board through WI as she will no longer be a member. Rick Buth reiterated his agreement with the policy as he makes the effort to come in-person monthly to help veterans.

- **Sponsorship for Pulaski HS Marching Band:**

- \$1,000 sponsorship for the Pulaski HS Marching Band who plays at the Green Bay Trapshoot every year. Scott Griffith shared this would be a one-time sponsorship to support their trip. The trip will most likely cost about \$50,000. Scott Griffith will follow-up with the group to determine what type of recognition PVA-WI's sponsorship may receive. Scott Griffith explained there would be a formal check presentation with local news coverage. Derrick Trentin shared how this group does a great job each year at the Green Bay Trapshoot. Scott Griffith made the motion to approve \$1,000 PVA-WI sponsorship for the Pulaski HS Marching Band trip. Rick Buth seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **NVWG Summary**

- Team WI did phenomenally well. The cow outfits were a huge hit. Half of the team were novice athletes, and we will be publishing a list of all

the medals received by the team, which was 21. After New Orleans, in 2024, it will be in Minneapolis.

- Salmon-A-Rama – July 18
- National MS Society Best Dam Bike Tour – August 5
- Dare2Tri Cycling Event – August 14
- Annual Membership Banquet – September 17
- Brenda Stencil, NSO Updates:
 - Brenda will be sending Scott Griffith the information to discuss deadlines for the clothing application, PACT ACT, and proper procedure after visiting the emergency room.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Ken Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Drazy seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM by Todd Drazy.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, August 9th, 2023, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in office.