

# **DAIRYLAND OUTDOOR VETERANS RETREAT**

## **Meeting Minutes**

May 14, 2024 7 pm

### **I. Call to order**

Chairman, Rod Wilson called the meeting to order at 7 pm

### **II. Roll call**

The following people were present: Rod Wilson, Jodi Schmidt, Don McConkey, LeeAnn McConkey, Amy Honakla, Doug Willert, Tyler Bridley, Heide Johnson, Merle Myer, Jeff Johnson, Dianna Olsen, and Steve Olsen. Guests: Gwen Schaaf, Dale Anderson, Denise Selden, Mike Schaaf, and Debbie Buck. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Heide Johnson made motion to accept the minutes, LeeAnn McConkey 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried. Discussion with the new board members to get to know them better and ask questions.

### **IV. Chairman's Report**

Chairman was notified by ECE that a crew of 10-12 people were coming to stain the cabins on May 21st. Discussion as to if we should provide lunch for the crew, but they bring their own.

Rob was meeting with Jeff Butler and Tim Hodler from Branson, MO who has a program to assist homeless veterans and would like to bring them to campground and fish with Jeff Butler. The Board requests the Chairman bring back more information to the board to present in June.

### **V. Treasurer Report:**

Don McConkey reported that we have a bank balance of \$84,199 as of 4/30/24. Don discussed that he purchase the generator for the UTV ticket item, that was previously approved. Discussion to add Heide Johnson and Rod Wilson as authorized signers onto the checking account and the CD, and to removing Merle Meyer from the checking account and CD. Both are to go down to Community Bank to get that done. Motion to accept treasurer report, and approve to add Heide Johnson and Rod Wilson to the checking account and CD. Motioned by Jeff Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merle Meyer to approved. Motn carried.

**VI. Secretary's Report:** Grants- Updated on Tavern League. Donnie presented to Burnett County Tavern League and they approved \$2,000. Denise is following up with Douglas County Tavern League as they met in April to see what was decided.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

- a) Event Center-Chairman connected with Gregg Anderson from Hill Construction regarding the Gathering Center and the concrete needs. Gregg is interested however is out of town on vacation and won't be back until June 10th. At which time Rod and also Dale Anderson will gather information and get back to the board. It was requested that maybe Gregg attend a board meeting so that all could ask questions.
- b) Hunting blinds: discussion regarding baiting, game cameras (needing new camera's around \$200). There is currently no system on the reservation site to rent blinds. The process is Merle calls Heide when he is notified. Typically gets very busy around the hunting season. The blinds are free for VETS, but civilians are charged \$25.00
- c) Mike Edwards will go take a VET hunting and Heracon March will pay for the cabin rental. Heide suggested they go on line through CAMSPOT to make those reservations or they can call Heide.
- d) Ice Machine: Mark Dvorak from Somerset Legion is willing to purchase a ice maching for the Gathering Center, with some grant money that is available. DOVR is very interested however, there were many questions regarding the hook up, plumbing, electrical, where to put it. So it was tabled until next meeting.
- e) Caretaker space- clean up area is ready for the caretakers. Scott and Brenda Larson.

**VIII. Committee Reports:**

- a) Marketing: As of today Campspot has \$6,230.82 for 2024 in bookings from 1/1/2024 through 05/14/2024.Coaster have been ordered and will be taken out to area taverns to promote DOVR. We receive the pictures of the sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirts and t-shrt. They look great.

Cost:

	up to XL	XXL
T shirts	\$12	\$15
Hooded	\$40	\$45

Sweatshirt \$20 \$28

b) **Fundraising:**

1-Prime Dinner:Letters will be sent out to last year's guests about reservations and earlbird. After the deadline, it will be open to the public. Price will be raised to \$100.00. Event is Oct 12th at Northland Community Center. Gwen and Mike will bartend. Discussion regarding early bird deadline being end of July or August and finally numbers by Sept 15th.

2-Meat Raffles-May24th at McGraw Lake Tavern, Merle will be there to sell UTV tickets.

3- Spring UTV Ride- June 1.

- Registration at 8:00
- Breakfast at 9:00 donated by Wild Waters. Gwen and Leanne will clean up.
- Leave for ride by 10:00
- Dinner about 5 at DOVR. Taco's donated by Mindy. Dinner set up Deanne, Steve and Rod.

4- Golden Ticket-Was a success huge success. The drawing was held at Moose and Trent donated 10% of his sells that day to DOVR, which was \$200.00. Another Golden Ticket has been started. . Tickets are available at MLT, Hillside and Moose. Drawing at DOVR on October 19th.

5-Big Ticket Prize-Sept 1, will be \$20 per ticket. Donnie and Leanne sold \$300.00 at the MLT spring expo. Donnie, Leanne and Jodi will co chari the event. Jodi will do the tickets and track and Donnie and Leanne will collect the money. Jodi and Heide will meet at DOVR on Friday to ge the packets ready to distribute. Rob will sell tickets at the Rodeo and Merle will also sell at some events. Checking with the Burnett Cty Farmers Market about getting on the rotation for selling tickets as a non profit.

c) **Membership/Sponsorship:** tabled

d) **Building Maintenance:** Jeff was going to power wash the buildings to prep before ECE comes to Prime buildings next week.

e) **Garden Report:** Hopkins will delver rock. There are plans for a bench from Menards and another bench with a plaque by the tree that needs to be planted. The money was donated by the Arvid Larson family.

**IX. New Business**

Gene Visger's celebration of life will be held at DOVR on Saturday May 25th. This was a request by his family. DOVR will donate water and if anyone can bring a salad and is able to come help set up Friday May 24th at 9:00 am that would be great. Homemakers will serve lunch and clean up.

The Eagles in Balsam Lake hold a 2nd Amendment Bingo and DOVR can get in on the rotation and possibly generate \$5-11,000 from the proceeds.

Motorcycle Club PIGS from Superior will be donating \$4,000.00

## **X. Adjournment**

Merle Meyer made a motion to adjourn at 9:13 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LeAnn McConkey. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 11th at 6pm.

submitted by:

*Jodi Schmidt*

Jodi Schmidt, Secretary