

DAIRYLAND OUTDOOR VETERANS RETREAT

Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2024 6 pm

I. Call to order

Chairman, Rod Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm

II. Roll call

The following people were present: Rod Wilson, Jodi Schmidt, Don and LeeAnn McConkey, Steve and Diane Olson, Gwen Schaff, Merle Meyer, Doug Willert, Heide Johnson, and Jeff Johnson. The Guest was housekeeper Deb. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: LeeAnn McConkey made a motion to accept the minutes, Donnie McConkey 2nd motion carried.

IV. Chairman's Report

Rod expressed his concern that the board needs to get serious regarding the plans for the Gathering Center.

Heide then shared that it is on all of our radar, however with all the fundraising efforts this month it has been difficult. Gwen shared that she will continue with her contact from Luther Camp to see about a visit. Heide also mentioned her brother's restaurant in Iron River may also be a place to visit as his kitchen area is small.

Rod also expresses the need for the lean to to be built before the winter months and has bids but needs approval for funds. LeeAnn McConkey made a motion to approve a budget of \$15,000 for this project which includes the cement and materials.

V. Treasurer Report:

Don McConkey reported that we have a bank balance of as of 09/30/24 of \$137,027 with. Don gave copies to all board members of deposits, expenses and CD balance.

Donnie mentioned that with our hard work and fund raising efforts the bank balance will look good for grant writing and we can show sustainability.

Donnie also spoke regarding the flag poles that we need to replace. He has information on pricing, however we tabled the project until spring, knowing that pricing may go up.

VI. Secretary's Report: Jodi reported that thank you cards were sent out to a few that donated.

VII. Unfinished Business- nothing to report

VIII. Committee Reports:

A. **Marketing:**

The site is completely booked for the MEA weekend which is also the poker run

B. **Newsletter:**

Gwen reported that she will do a fall/winter newsletter that will include a holiday photo of the board.

Gwen also shared that she attended a leadership meeting at UWS for a non-profit day and learned what other non-profits were doing to increase funding. One item of interest was a silent online auction or the possibility of doing a QR code to do monthly sponsorships similar to how Tunnel for Towers does it. This is tabled for now until we gather more information from the bank.

C. **Public Relations/Website:**

Nothing to report

D. **Fundraising:**

1-Prime Dinner-SOLD OUT. Wayne's IGA donated \$1,000 for Prime Rib dinner expenses.

Schedule

Thursday -prep audit sheets and 3pm is table set up at the community center

Friday- 10 am wrap food and set up games and rooms

Saturday- 10 am prep salads. Volunteers eat at 2:00

2-Meat Raffles-nothing to report

3- Fall UTV Ride- The fall run, the route will be to Moose, Backyard ,and Drifters. Thanks to all that are helping out that day with selling tickets, preparing food and cleaning up. The retreat is fully booked for the event. Expecting at least 100 riders. Breakfast donated again by Wild Waters . Taco Bar for dinner and Diane/Steve, Jeff/Heide, and Jodi will donate 20 pounds each of cooked hamburger. Lettuce , tomatoes, onions and guacamole are donated by Moose Junction.

Sunday clean up will be at 11:00 am.

McGraw Lake Tavern will sell all their inventory to support both the Prime Rib Dinner and the UTV run. With much left over. McGraw Lake Tavern inventory is worth over \$5,000 and they will sell to us for \$2,000.00. Donating the rest. LeeAnn McConkey made a motion to pay McGraw Lake Tavern for the inventory and Donnie McConkey second the motion. All approved.

4- Golden Ticket- Drawing at DOVR on October 19th. If we do not sell the remaining tickets, it then becomes a 50/50 drawing. This is advertised on the ticket.

5-Superior College Veterans Organization- they are looking for someone to represent DOVR organization at their event, Saturday November 2 from 10-3 held at the armory in Superior across from the YMCA. Heide will send out an email to the team.

Tyler mentioned a possible fundraising event would be a dinner and a show with maybe having Chris Koeze. He will check with his friend who has connections.

E. Building Maintenance:

Ice machine is up and running.

Furnace issue with the HC cabin. Rod will get a hold of Maxwell .

F. Garden Report: Gardens are looking really nice. Nothing too much to report as cooler weather approaches. Diane and Steve came in under budget and next spring will purchase a trellis. LeeAnn suggested that the bench be put inside for the winter. All agreed.

After the road is graded by the township, Jeff will bring his tractor to smooth out the tap rock.

G. New Business

Trunk or Treat will be held at the Northland Community Center on Saturday October 26 from 2-3. Merle and Marilyn Meyer will represent DOVR.

IX. Adjournment

Jeff Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm, 2nd by Gwen Schaaf. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 6th at 6pm. submitted by:

Jodi Schmidt

Jodi Schmidt, Secretary