

New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society
January 6, 2011
VFW Post # 5716 City of New Berlin

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: Alderman/President Ted Wysocki, Alderman John Hopkins, Dave Gilligan, Don Reynolds, Lee Sisson, Bill Ray, Mary Jane Whitty, and Secretary John Vogel.

Excused: Treasurer Bernie Hintzke, Mayor Jack Chiovatero, and Don Hermann

Meeting was called to order by President Ted Wysocki at 6:00.

Approval of Minutes – Lee Sisson made a motion that the December 3, 2010 minutes be approved. It was seconded by John Hopkins and passed unanimously.

New Business

Financial Status Bernie Hintzke was unable to be at the meeting so there was no financial report. Ted Wysocki began a discussion on have a business address for the Society rather than a post office box. Most charitable foundations require a physical address rather than a post office box if you wish to be considered for a donation. Bernie had said previously, that we could use his business address as the official address for the New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society. Without any objection from the members, the following address will now be used:

New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society, Inc.
c/o Hintzke Tax Group, LLC
17047 W. Greenfield Avenue
New Berlin, WI, 53151-1364

Web Site Report – Dave Gilligan reported that the site has been updated. Ted asked that any references to Rush Wilkens on the site be changed to him. Lee Sisson asked that the Christmas tree ceremony be removed till next winter.

Review of Social Internal Work Flow – Deferred to next month.

Lease of Site – Ted is working with the City Attorney is working on a lease similar to the Historical Society. Mayor Chiovatero is checking with the city insurance company to make sure we are covered.

By Laws – Lee Sisson and John Vogel have been working on updating the by-laws. The major issue was in changing the annual meeting from January to another date. Lee then went through each item in the by-laws that they recommended to be changed. The major items were:

Adding both family and individual classifications. Each will have one vote.

Adding Corporate and Organizations classifications as dues paying with no voting rights.

Changing the annual meeting to the completion of a fiscal year

Notifying member s of the annual meeting by public notice.

Removing the restriction of having 12 directors.

Removing any reference to a January 2011 annual meeting.

Changing the fiscal year to end on June 30th

Adding the president elect/vice-president to be authorized to sign checks.

Electing directors at the annual meeting while electing officers at the next meeting following the annual meeting.

Each item was reviewed and some minor changes were made. **A motion was made by John Hopkins that we approve the amended by-laws as presented with any recommended changes included. It was seconded by Bill Ray and passed unanimously.**

New Business

Rush Wilkens Leave of Absence – Rush Wilkens has sent an e-mail stating he was taking a leave of absence in a time frame of months rather than weeks. Because of the critical need for the position of vice-president Marketing, Ted suggested that we need to fill this position. After discussion, **a motion was made by Mary Jane Whitty that Dave Gilligan be appointed as the interim Vice-President Marketing. It was seconded by Bill Ray and passed unanimously.**

Projected budget - Ted presented a projected budget that will carry us through to the fiscal year, June 30th. His projected budget included:

Income: from bricks, membership dues, and misc.	\$8,750
Direct costs: cost of bricks, wrist bands, shirts etc.	- 924
Administrative and site expenses:	- 3,282
 Net profit:	 \$4,544

Update on 2011 membership renewals – A list was present of over 80 members who did not renew their membership. Because of the cost of reprinting the renewal forms and preprinted envelopes, it was decided to look at other options. The board reviewed the list and eliminated 15 members who individual members of the board will contact directly. The remaining 65 will be notified by post card. It was also suggested that in the future, the renewal notices be sent out in January.

Motion by Don Reynolds and seconded by Bill Ray and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:40pm.

****** Please note****Our Next scheduled meeting date will be Thursday February 3, 2011 at the VFW Post.**

Respectfully Submitted by

John Vogel