McHenry County Veterans Assistance Commission Inc.

Meeting of **August 17, 2011**

Chairman Joe Kersten called the meeting to order at 1900

The July Minutes – A copy of the July Minutes was made available to all Delegates and Alternates. A motion to accept the July minutes was made by Robert Howe Jr and seconded by Mary Donner. A unanimous vote passed the motion.

Treasurers Report –	Beginning Balance of	$8,607.27
	Withdraws	$0.00
	Deposits	$100.00
	Current Balance	$8,707.27

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Patrick Conley and seconded by Don Aellig. A unaminous vote passed the motion

Old Business

1) The 2012 VAC Inc 300 Club Raffle Tickets are now in and availiable for sale at $10.00 each and can be brought individually or issued in blocks for sale by veterans service groups. The tickets will give 24 chances for to win cash prizes beginning with the January, 2012 VAC General Meeting and continuing through December, 2012. Two prizes will be awarded monthly and the winning tickets will be returned to the drum which gives the possibility of any one ticket in being selected during the year more than once a fair possibility.

New Business

1) The VAC Mobile Outreach Vehicle is about halfway through it's conversion into a working office. The air conditioning installation will help to determine how large a generator/invertor will be needed to run the air conditioner and on board electronics and electrical equipment.

2) The Woodstock Noon Rotary Club is very interested in becoming involved with local veterans up to the point of forming a Veterans Service Committee with VAC Superintendant, Michael Iwanicki being dragooned as the committee chairman. Some issues that the committee is looking at include employment (including educating employers, presenting opportunities to veterans, and starting a business), and veterans outreach.

3) The BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding Stables are seeking to get a grant to procure a salt spreader for $739.00 but the austere fiscal climate looks to make the grant request unlikely to go through. Maybe the VAC Inc can provide funding for the salt spreader for BraveHearts. A motion for the VAC Inc to provide the funds for the salt spreader was made by Carl Stengele and seconded by Mary Donner. The discussion had the motion amended by Carl Stengele to have the VAC Inc contribute $100.00 to BraveHearts for the salt spreader. A unaminous vote passed the motion.

4) A proposal has been aired by the governing council of th SAMHSA Grant to set up seminars for art therapy and creative writing for to help veteran clients work through their life issues. These seminars would be conducted at the drop-in centers in McHenry County and Lake County and will need some funding outside of the SAMHSA Grant. The Lake and McHenry County VAC's may be interested in supporting such a program should the SAMSHA governance move the program forward..

The meeting of the VAC Inc. adjourned at 1930

Michael F. Wisniewski

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