PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 12, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Scott Griffith at 1:02. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Ken Ness, President Present, In person Present, Zoom Todd Drazy, Vice President Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer Present, In person Derrick Trentin, Secretary Absent Peter Carrao Present, Zoom Michael Thomas Present, Phone Ken Matthews Present, Zoom Le'Toi Adams Present, Zoom Troy Kurzcek Present, Phone Present, Zoom Gary Stott Richard Buth Present, In person

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Kayla Bessette, Administrative Manager

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

 Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rick Buth seconded the motion. All votes accepted, no nays, and the motion was carried.

5. AGENDA:

• May agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

• April 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: 282 New: Deceased: ii. Associate: 144 New: – Deceased:

14. OLD BUSINESS: No old business to discuss this week.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Associate Membership Applications Pluskota, Ciletti, Bailey, Wellsfry, Carrao; Ken Matthews made a motion to approve. Peter Carrao seconded the motion. All votes accepted, no nays, and the motion was carried.
- Support Disabled Veterans Fishing Trip \$1,000; Richard Buth made a motion to approve.
 LeToi Adams seconded the motion. All votes accepted, no nays, and the motion was carried.
- Finance U-Haul rental for GLASA to transport sports equipment for bootcamp; Ken Matthews made a motion to approve. Peter Carrao seconded the motion. All votes accepted, no nays, and the motion was carried.
- MCP sponsorship of PGA Hope Golf Program at Curry Park for \$1,200; Ken Matthews
 made a motion to approve. Troy Kurzcek seconded the motion. All votes accepted, no
 nays, and the motion was carried.
- Financial requests for WASA (\$6,000 for travel and equipment for the Milwaukee Eagles Lacrosse Team and support for Big Cheese Wheelchair Pickleball Tournament) were combined into one motion put forth by Scott Griffith to deny the requests to prompt discussion. Richard Buth seconded the motion.
 - Discussion: Scott Griffith discussed the above programs budget and shared insights regarding resources and spending that do not align with PVA-WI protocol. Scott stated traditional funding has gone to only equipment and travel expenses. Ken Ness shares need for WASA to submit one grant request per year and submit one grant report per year in order to avoid being a resource for emergency funds. PVA national also gave WASA \$5,000 to support the pickle ball event. Mike Thomas moves to close the discussion and Ken Matthews called to

question. Scott Griffith made a motion to deny funding request with the information currently provided, and providing an option to resubmit with clarifying information. Richard Buth seconded the motion. The motion was passed with one abstention, Pete Carrao.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Brenda shared that VA Prosthetics has been sending out reminders to complete forms for clothing allowance or if someone was already approved. If members have any questions, they should contact Brenda and refer to the article in the most recent newsletter.
- Brat Fry at Festival Foods in West Allis on April 29th (8:00 am until 6:00 pm) volunteers and representatives needed.
- MS Walk on May 7th
- Adaptive Sports Bootcamp, May 15th May 16th
- Brown County Trap shoot, May 19th 21st
- Golf Outing, June 6th
- Salmon-A-Rama July 17th
- **17. ADJOURNMENT:** moves to adjourn the meeting. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm by Scott Griffith.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, at 1:00pm on Zoom and in office.