

Keweenaw County Veterans Committee
Meeting Minutes
Sept 13, 2019

Keweenaw County Courthouse 10AM

Roll Call: Ned Huwatschek
Del Rajala – Absent
Joe Finch
Wes Aho
Barry Koljonen

Call to order 10AM by Chair Huwatschek.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approve Agenda : Motion to approve agenda made by Aho, 2nd by Finch. All in favor, passed.

Approve Minutes of July 12, 2019 meeting: Minutes accepted with one correction to be made to Roll Call. Original minutes showed all as present. Correction made. Motion to accept and approve minutes made by Aho, 2nd by Finch. All in favor, passed.

Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Unfinished business: Work continues on death benefit info for website. Status of 2018 grant application. 2018 grant will not be received. The MDVA did not respond to this board in a timely manner. It was learned they did not know how to process our application in that Keweenaw County was the only county to apply that did not have its own VSO office.

New Business: Report on County Grant Workshop held in Marquette, sponsored by MDVA. This was attended by Joe Finch and Barry Koljonen. Also at this workshop we were able to meet directly with Marie Douville, MDVA. 2019-2020 budget for MDVA has not yet been set but they anticipate grant funds will be available. No amounts have been announced yet pending the SOM budget. Further information concerning dates to apply and amounts of grants will be forwarded when known. Also at this meeting we were able to clarify and ascertain that Keweenaw County will be eligible for this grant even though

we do not have our own VSO office. The gist of the grant is to help/serve veterans regardless of what office or committee administers the funds. At the time of this meeting a letter of intent to apply for the 2020 grant was given to Douville. The letter of intent is not an obligation and this committee or the county are not encumbered in any way. Douville advised that MDVA would like to be notified if this committee should decide at some point to not go forward with the grant application.

Brief discussion was held concerning ideas for future events such as was held in June at the American Legion in Mohawk. Discussion also included a possible Keweenaw Veterans Recognition picnic. Members advised to bring more ideas to the next meeting.

Final Public Comments None

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Next Meeting November 8, 2019. Keweenaw County Courthouse 10AM.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Huwatschek, 2nd by Aho. All in favor. Adjourned 11AM.