

VAC MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7 :00 p.m. by President Cople. Secretary Roach called the roll with 9 present, 5 absent. President Cople led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Bill Cope to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Joe Cerny and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Everything is looking good for us. We are using more of our balance. The ending balance is \$197,540.68. A motion to accept was made by Leroy Hartel, seconded by Carl Rhodes and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended the County Board Meeting, participated in the Lincolnwood High School Veterans Day and the Litchfield Veterans Day parade. He had 81 referrals, 52 client contacts, 139 phone contacts and 0 equipment loans. Claims paid included 2 for transportation for \$50.00, 3 for food for \$553.27, 1 for utilities for \$199.56, 1 for shelter for \$725.00. Claims paid totalled \$1,527.83. Assistance with forms/application was 95. He assisted 19 new clients and collected 10 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Secretary Roach, seconded by Bill Cope and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: The county Board passed our request for the 2019 Budget.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

General Discussion: Dave will be in Peoria January 17 and 18 for the IACVAC Meeting. The Starr Shooters from Nokomis will be putting wreaths at the Irving and Nokomis cemeteries.

The next Full Commission meeting will be held on March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex and the next Officers' MEETING will be held January 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex. Bill Cope made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary,

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Copple. Secretary Roach called the roll with 4 present. There was a quorum. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Bill Cope to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Treasurer Lewey and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Everything is looking good for us. We are using more of our balance. The ending balance is \$195,221.32. A motion to accept was made by Secretary Roach, seconded by Treasurer Lewey and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended the County Board Meeting. He had 54 referrals, 43 client contacts, 99 phone contacts and 2 equipment loans. Claims paid included 2 for transportation for \$80.00, 3 for food for \$530.13, 2 for utilities for \$302.36, 1 for shelter for \$725.00 and 1 for water and sewer for \$67.79. Claims paid totalled \$1,705.28. Assistance with forms/application was 61. He assisted 13 new clients and collected 7 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Secretary Roach, seconded by Lewis Lewey and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business: January 17 and 18, 2019 will be the IACVAC Meeting. New Delegates and alternates must be turned in by March 2019.

General Discussion: Weight management at Fusion will be offered from December 27, 2018 to January 11, 2019. It will be offered again January 22, 2019 to March 14, 2019.

The next Full Commission meeting will be held on March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex and the next Officers' MEETING will be held February 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex. Bill Cope made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary,

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Cople. Secretary Roach called the roll with 4 present and 2 guests. There was a quorum. President Cople led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed our guests Ray Kellenberger and Joe Cerny. A motion was made by Louis Lewey to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Bill Cope and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Everything is looking good for us. We are using more of our balance. The ending balance is \$188,709.38. A motion to accept was made by Louis Lewey, seconded by Secretary Roach and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Due to the change in time of the County Board meeting, Superintendent Strowmatt will not be attending the monthly County Board Meeting. He will instead attend the quarterly Board meeting. He attended the IACVAC Winter Conference and the Atlas 46 Job Fair. Atlas 46 will be operating in the building where Sullivan's Medical equipment used to be.

He had 77 referrals, 68 client contacts, 129 phone contacts and 3 equipment loans. Claims paid included 3 for transportation for \$79.38, 3 for food for \$579.13, 1 for utilities for \$200.00, 1 for shelter for \$725.00 and 1 for water and sewer for \$37.48. Claims paid totalled \$1,620.99. Assistance with forms/application was 86. He assisted 22 new clients and collected 3 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Bill Cope, seconded by Fred Roach and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: NONE

Old Business: The invitations for the delegates and alternates were sent and have to be turned in before and by the March 4, 2019 meeting.

New Business: NONE

General Discussion: NONE

The next Full Commission meeting will be held on March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex and the next Officers' MEETING will be held April 1, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex. Secretary Roach made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary,

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Copple. Secretary Roach called the roll with 10 present, 4 absent and 1 excused. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed Gary Doss, Bob Sneed, and Kyle Anderson as our guests. Mr. Anderson is from Atlas 46. Delegate Buda and Mr Anderson presented a proposal that Atlas 46 is working to create a vocational rehab program at Graham Correctional Center for Veteran inmates. The initiative must be approved by the Illinois Department of Corrections. Atlas is seeking funding for Juki sewing machines as a part of the program. Each machine package costs \$4150, and they are requesting sponsorships from the Veterans Service Organizations. Buda asked that each VSO provide a response in writing within 30 days. A motion was made by Bob Fuehne to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Fred Roach and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Louis Lewey was an excused absence and this report will be held until next month.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended the IACVAC Winter Conference. He also attended the Atlas 46 job fair. Atlas 46 will be starting soon and is located in the old Sullivan Medical equipment building. He had 71 referrals, 58 client contacts, 112 phone contacts and 3 equipment loans. Claims paid included 3 for transportation for \$76.63, 2 for food for \$328.71. Claims paid totalled \$405.34. Assistance with forms/application was 93. He assisted 15 new clients and collected 3 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Bill Cope, seconded by Leroy Hartel and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: NONE

Old Business: There are still some delegates paperwork turned in yet.

New Business: The IACVAC/IACO Spring Conference will be held April 8-10 in Springfield. Meeting. Rick Copple and Bill Cope will attend Tuesday, April 9.

General Discussion: The Litchfield VFW will host a Welcome Home Vets for all veterans March 29 or 30, 2019

The next Officers' MEETING will be held April 1, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex. The next Full Commission Meeting will be on June 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room. Carl Rhodes made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary,

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Copple. Secretary Roach called the roll with 2 present and 2 absent and 2 guests, Ray Kellenberger and Joe Cerny. There was not a quorum. Superintendent Strowmatt called it to be an informational meeting. Secretary Roach made a motion to adjourn.

VAC MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Copple. Superintendent Strowmatt called the roll with 3 present and 1 absent. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed Ray Kellenberger as a guest. A motion was made by Louis Lewey to accept the minutes of the March and April Meetings, seconded by Bill Cope Roach and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Louis Lewey made a motion to accept his report, seconded by Bill Cope, and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended the IACVAC/IACO Spring Conference. IACVAC and IACO are still working the DIC/Surviving Spouse Property Tax issue. He had 76 referrals, 68 client contacts, 138 phone contacts and 0 equipment loans. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 1 for food for \$182.19. Claims paid totalled \$202.19. Assistance with forms/application was 122. He assisted 25 new clients and collected 3 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Bill Cope, seconded by Louis Lewey and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: The 2020 Fiscal Year Budget process is complete.

Old Business:

New Business: First Presentation of 2020 Budget Request was made,

General Discussion: Vice President Cope has received invoices for IACVAC/IACO Conference. Superintendent Strowmat will handle with IACO. Atlas 46 Made in America Day is scheduled for May 18, 2019 at their Hillsboro facility. Cope presented information regarding Wearable Technology. It will be forwarded to all Delegates.

The next Full Commission Meeting will be on June 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room. Carl Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The next Officers' MEETING will be held July 1, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex.

for the Secretary,

D C Strowmatt

VAC MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Copple. Superintendent Strowmatt called the roll with 7 present and 2 absent. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by LeRoy Hartel to accept the minutes of the May Meeting, seconded by Carl Rhodes, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Louis Lewey made a motion to accept his report, seconded by Ray Kellenberger, and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt was the speaker at the Hillsboro Memorial Day Ceremony. He had 83 referrals, 58 client contacts, 111 phone contacts and 1 equipment loan. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 2 for food for \$328.92. Claims paid totalled \$348.92. Assistance with forms/application was 78. He assisted 18 new clients and collected 2 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Vice President Cope, seconded by Treasurer Lewey and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: The 2020 Fiscal Year Budget process is complete.

Old Business:

New Business: Final presentation of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget request was made. Ray Kellenberger made a motion to accept the budget request, seconded by Vice President Cope, and the motion passed. Superintendent Strowmatt informed the Delegates of the capability of electronic submission of claims through the VetraSpec claims software already in use. He notified of the requirement for the purchase of a signature pad. Cost would be approximately \$250.00. Ray Kellenberger made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Vice President Cope, and the motion carried.

General Discussion: Vice President Cope informed that his nephew, Maj Steve Pace, US Army Chaplain, will deploy to Kuwait soon. Treasurer Lewey informed that his nephew, a Warrant Officer, will soon transfer to Italy. Superintendent Strowmatt passed word that the MISSION Act goes into effect on June 6, 2019. All Veterans in the Veterans Health Administration should contact their individual VA health providers for specific information on how the Act will affect their use of VA health services, as every individual is a specific patient.

The next Officers' MEETING will be July 1, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex. The next Full Commission Meeting will be on September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room. Joe Cerny moved to adjourn.

for the Secretary,

D C Strowmatt

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Copple. There were 3 present, 1 excused. President Copple led the Pledge of allegiance. We welcomed our guest Joe Cerny. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Louis Lewey, seconded by Fred Roach and the motion carried.

Treasurers Report: As of 5/31/19 We have a total of \$161,089.80. Everything is looking good. A motion was made to accept this report by Fred Roach, seconded by Louis Lewey and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: he participated in the Hillsboro Memorial Day Ceremony. He had 65 referrals, 66 client contacts, 107 phone contacts and 1 equipment loan. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00 and 1 for food for \$183.00. Total claims paid came to \$203.00. He assisted 81 with forms/applications, he had 17 new clients and collected 2 phones for Cell phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Louis Lewey, seconded by Fred Roach and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: The budget request was modified and submitted. There is a budget meeting July 15, 2019. There is discussion to raise the minimum wage from \$12.25 to \$14.85.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: VFW Post 6628 from Panama Delegate will now be Lenny Earnest.

General Discussion: Blue Water passed. House Bill 299 will go by ships logs. The vote was 438 to none, it passed unanimously.

The next officers meeting will be held August 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the joint conference room, courthouse annex. The next full commission meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 7: 00 p.m. in the joint conference room, courthouse annex. Motion to adjourn Fred Roach.

Secretary Fred Roach

VAC Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Copple. There were 4 present. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Louis Lewey, seconded by Bill Cope and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: NONE as none received from the County Coordinator or Treasurer.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt presented the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request to the County Finance Committee. He had 53 referrals, 53 client contacts, 98 phone contacts and 1 equipment loan. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 2 for food for \$332.80, 1 for utilities for \$87.16. Claims paid totaled \$439.96. Assistance with forms/applications was 84, he had 18 new clients and collected 2 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept this report was made by Louis Lewey, seconded by Bill Cope, and the motion carried.

Committee Report: The budget hearing with the County Finance Complete was complete.

Old Business: None

New Business: CEU training in Peoria will be September 23 to September 25. Dave Strowmatt will be teaching the training. IACVAC meeting to be determined.

General discussion: The roof and ceiling is leaking. It needs to be fixed and the carpet cleaned either by us or the county. Lee Fenton will be driving the van in the Old Settlers parade. Cope noted the Illinois Veterans History Project coming later this fall.

The next full Commission meeting will be held September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room, courthouse annex. The next officers meeting will be October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room, courthouse annex. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Copple. Secretary Roach called the roll with 9 present and 2 excused and 3 absent and no guests. There was a quorum. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting by Bill Cope, seconded by Leroy Hartel and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$175,779.59 in the bank. A motion to accept was made by Louis Lewey and seconded by Carl Rhodes, and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt participated in the Old Settlers Parade. He had 93 referrals, 48 client contacts, 140 phone contacts and 1 equipment loan. Claims paid included 1 for transportation, \$20.00, 2 for food, \$332.93. Total claims paid \$352.93. Assistance with forms/applications 81, new clients 16, and 7 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Committee Reports: NONE

Old Business: CEU Training will be held September 23-25, 2019 in East Peoria. The IACVAC meeting will be held at 0900, September 26, 2019. Rick Copple will drive up that morning.

New Business: The Nokomis Veterans Day parade will be held November 12, 2019. Meet at the Legion building and then proceed to the high school gym.

General Discussion: Fusion is having the Veterans fitness program from October 1 to November 21 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All Vets are welcome and it is free. Superintendent Strowmatt will begin actively recruiting for all clients to join a Veterans Service Organization of their choice and eligibility in order to keep the Voice of the Vets at the national level. The Blue Water Agent Orange Bill has passed and may attract more imembers in the various organizations. Eligibility dates for joining the American Legion has been ammended to 1941 to present day.

The next Officers Meeting will be held October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Joint Conference room, Courthouse Annex. The Annual Meeting will be October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joint Conference room. The next Full Commission Meeting will be held December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Joint Conference room. Secretary Roach made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Copple. Secretary Roach called the roll with 4 present and 2 guests, Carl Rhodes and Joe Cerny. There was a quorum. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting by Bill Cope, seconded by Fred Roach and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$170,861.83 in the bank. A motion to accept was made by Louis Lewey and seconded by Bill Cope, and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended Continuing education training and the IACVAC Meeting. He had 74 referrals, 53 client contacts, 108 phone contacts and 0 equipment loan. Claims paid included 1 for transportation, \$20.00, 1 for food, \$182.47. Total claims paid \$361.29. Assistance with forms/applications 60, new clients 14, and 9 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Committee Reports: NONE

Old Business: CEU Training was held September 23-25, 2019 in East Peoria. The IACVAC meeting was held, September 26, 2019. There is rift between the veterans and the politicians.

New Business: NONE

General Discussion: The annual turkey dinner in Waggoner will be on November 9, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The next Officers Meeting will be held November 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Joint Conference room, Courthouse Annex. The next Full Commission Meeting will be held December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Joint Conference room. Bill Cope made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Copple. Secretary Roach called the roll with 4 present. There was a quorum. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed our 2 guests, Ray Kellenberger and Bob Fuehne. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting by Bill Cope, seconded by Louis Lewey and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Not available from the County Treasurer

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended the Illinois Veterans History Project event. He had 63 referrals, 53 client contacts, 103 phone contacts and 0 equipment loans. Claims paid included 1 for transportation, \$20.00, 1 for Heating fuel for \$350, 2 for food, \$331.42. Total claims paid \$701.42. Assistance with forms/applications 64, new clients 20, and 0 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Fred Roach, seconded by Louis Lewey and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: NONE

Old Business: Officers positions remain the same.

New Business: Equipment loans will be discontinued due to the liability involved, unless the County Insurance agency can provide substantiation that there will be no liability for the VAC.

General Discussion: The Finance Committee meeting will be held November 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.. The Litchfield Veterans Day Parade line up will be 9:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather the parade will be cancelled and the program will be held at VFW Post. The Guest speaker is from Mt. Olive. Bill Cope may not be here for the December meeting.

The next Officers Meeting will be held January 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Joint Conference room, Courthouse Annex. The next Full Commission Meeting will be held December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Joint Conference room. Bill Cope made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary Fred Roach