

VAC MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Copple. Secretary Roach called the roll with 11 present and 4 absent. 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 Carl Rhodes and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The fiscal year begins in December. The report is from September 2019. November and December is not current. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report by Louis Lewey, seconded by Joe Cerny and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended the County Board meeting and participated in the Marine Corp birthday celebration. He had 62 referrals, 75 client contacts, 124 phone contacts and 3 equipment loans.

Claims paid included 1 for transportation, \$20.00, 2 for food, \$333.00, 1 for utilities for \$243.98, 2 for shelter for \$1200.00 (2 months at \$600.00 a month), 2 for water/sewer for \$118.76 Total claims paid \$1915.74. Assistance with forms/applications 110, new clients 22, and 4 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Ray Kellenberger, seconded by Leroy Hartel and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: The County Tax levy was approved as requested.

Old Business: Dave Stromatt has not received an answer regarding liability insurance for the VAC equipment loans. Carl Rhodes reported the weather was too cold for the Veterans Parade in Nokomis. However, they drove from the Legion Post to the high school. Mr. Nelson gave a speech at the memorial. After the speech, all went inside for coffee and doughnuts.

New Business: NONE

General Discussion: The IACVAC meeting will be held in January 2020 in East Peoria. Bill Cope brought to our attention that the " U.S. Veterans Assistance Commission" called him. When he checked with the Better Business Bureau he discovered it was a scam. Tell people not to donate to them, they have a D- rating.

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 March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Joint Conference room. Bill Cope made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Copple at 1:00 p.m. Secretary Roach called the roll. Mr. Cope was excused for a doctor's appointment and neither Rick nor Dave could get ahold of Lewis Lewey, therefore there was no quorum. Mr. Lewey then called to notify he had a doctor's appointment as well. As a result, the Officers monthly meeting became an informational meeting.

The IACVAC meeting will be held January 16 and 17, 2020. There was a discussion about Blue Water that will be discussed at length at the next meeting. This informational meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Copple at 1:00 p.m. Secretary Roach called the roll with 3 present and 1 excused absence. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our guests, Lenny Earnest and Ray Kellenberger. A motion was made by Bill Cope to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Fred Roach and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: None

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended the IACVAC Annual Winter Meeting. He had 46 referrals, 54 client contacts, 95 phone contacts and 1 equipment loan. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 2 for food for \$332.00. Total claims paid equaled \$352.00. He assisted 26 new clients and collected 10 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: The IACVAC was held January 16 and 17, 2020. The insurance will cover equipment loans.

New Business: In regards to the Appointment Delegates, the forms for the delegates and alternates have to be in by March 2, 2020.

General Discussion: A Blue Water Vietnam Vet claim has been decided in Illinois, 1 in Lake County and 1 in Montgomery County is being decided.

The next Full Commission Meeting will be held June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room, courthouse annex. The next Officers Meeting will be April 6, 2020 at 1:00 pm. in the Joint Conference room, courthouse annex. A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Cope, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Copple at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Roach called the roll with 10 present and 2 excused and 4 absent. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our guests, Jeremy Jones and Mr. Sneed. A motion was made by Ray Kellenberger to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Bill Cope and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$157,794.58. Lewis Lewey made a motion to accept, Joe Cerny seconded and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt had 58 referrals, 37 client contacts, 101 phone contacts and 2 equipment loan. Claims paid included 2 for transportation for \$61.00, 1 for food for \$182.99. Total claims paid equaled \$243.99. He assisted 12 new clients and collected 2 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Committee Reports: The first Finance Committee Meeting will be held April 3, 2020 at 1300 hrs. The final meeting will be April 17, 2020 at 1300 hrs.

Old Business: The insurance will cover liability with equipment loans.

New Business: Delegate appointment requests are out. The Irving Post 425 has not returned their request. ALP 299 in Raymond has not returned their forms either.

General Discussion: April 20,21 and22 will be IACVAC meeting. There will be classwork on Monday. The Gulf War Wall will commemorate soldiers KIA from 9/11 forward. Mr Sneed reported that the new roof of the courthouse annex is under the umbrella of the county and they will be responsible for replacing the roof.

The next Full Commision Meeting will be held June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room, courthouse annex. The next Officers Meeting will be April 6, 2020 at 1:00 pm. in the Joint Conference room, Courthouse Annex. A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Roach, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Copple at 1:00 p.m. Secretary Roach called the roll with 3 present and 1 excused and 1 guest. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our guest, Joe Cerny.

Treasurer's Report: None

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt participated in all COVID-19 conference calls. He continued remote work until safe to reopen office space slated for June 22, 2020. He had 30 referrals, 15 client contacts, 66 phone contacts and 0 equipment loans. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 1 for food for \$182.11, 1 for utilities for \$123.38, 1 for shelter for \$418.00 and 1 for water/sewer for \$63.69. Total claims paid equaled \$807.18. He assisted 45 clients with forms/applications, 18 new clients and collected 0 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: The Finance Committee completed the fiscal year budget proposal for 2021 for submission to Full Commission for approval.

Old Business: The remote vote for the fiscal year budget proposal passed.

New Business: According to the bylaws, Louis Lewey must submit a letter of resignation.

General Discussion: The budget proposal was submitted in June. The Budget meeting will be held August 18, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in the board room at the old courthouse. The van is running again. We only have one driver and can only transport one person at a time.

The next Full Commission Meeting will be held September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room, courthouse annex. The next Officers Meeting will be August 3, 2020 at 1:00 pm. in the Joint Conference room, Courthouse Annex. A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Cope, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Cople at 1:00 p.m. Secretary Roach called the roll with 3 present. President Cople led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting made by Fred Roach, seconded by Bill Cope, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: As of 6/30/2020 the balance is \$130,598.10. A motion to accept made by Bill Cope to accept this report, seconded by Fred Roach, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt had 34 referrals, 26 client contacts, 91 phone contacts and 1 equipment loans. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 1 for food for \$183.00, 1 for utilities for \$139.10, and 1 for water/sewer for \$47.33. Total claims paid equaled \$389.43. He assisted 53 clients with forms/applications, 19 new clients and collected 0 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: The County Finance Committee budget hearing was held on August 18, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Old Business: We will have to have a new Treasurer by October Annual meeting.

New Business: The VA has started in person exams for rating.

General Discussion: Veterans must provide proof that they paid for the medical bills for emergency or urgent care under Wolfe vs Wilkie.

The next Full Commission Meeting will be held September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the old courthouse on the second floor. The next Officers meeting will be held October 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Full Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Cope, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Copple at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Roach called the roll with 9 present and 6 absent. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting made by Chris Gutierrez, seconded by Carl Rhodes , motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We have over \$150,000 in the bank, and the first revenue deposit has been made. A motion to accept made by Joe Cerny to accept this report, seconded by Leroy Hartel, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt had 36 referrals, 34 client contacts, 62 phone contacts and 0 equipment loans. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 1 for food for \$180.67, 1 for utilities for \$169.91. Total claims paid equaled \$370.58. He assisted 49 clients with forms/applications, 16 new clients and collected 2 phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. Recoveries for the Third Quarter were \$415,832.03 with a Fiscal Year to Date total of \$1,042,701.67 and continuing benefits projected at \$5,620,830.24. A motion to accept was made by Carl Rhodes, seconded by Bill Cope and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: The budget hearing was complete with no issues.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: CEU training will be held on September 20-24, 2020. The IACVAC general business meeting will be September 24 at 9:00 A.M. President Copple appointed Chris Gutierrez as Treasurer to fill the remainder of the term created by the resignation of Louis Lewey.

General Discussion: We discussed a situation that would require us to need our own attorney, we have decided to retain one as needed and not keep one on retainer.

The next Full Commission Meeting will be held October 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse with the Annual Meeting to follow at 7:00 P.M. . A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Cope, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Copple at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Roach called the roll with 4 present. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed our guest Carl Rhodes. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting made by Chris Gutierrez, seconded by Bill Cope and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: NONE

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended Continuing Education Training. He had 31 referrals, 31 client contacts, 65 phone contacts and 0 equipment loans. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 1 for food for \$183.00, 1 for utilities for \$113.87 and 2 for water/sewer for \$100.73. Total claims paid equaled \$417.60. He assisted 56 clients with forms/applications, 14 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: CEU Training in Peoria went well. Superintendent Strowmatt said we will never be broke. IACVAC meeting was cancelled due to illness of the President and absence of the Vice President.

New Business: NONE

General Discussion: NONE

The next Executive Commission Meeting will be held November 2, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Joint Conference room, courthouse annex. The next Full Commission Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m, December 7, 2020 in the Joint Conference room. A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Roach, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Fred Roach

VAC MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Copple at 1:00 p.m. Secretary Roach called the roll with 4 present, 0 absent. President Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting made by Chris Gutierrez, seconded by Bill Cope and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Everything is just fine. A motion was made to accept this report by Chris Gutierrez, seconded by Fred Roach and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended Continuing Education Training. He had 37 referrals, 32 client contacts, 63 phone contacts and 1 equipment loans. Claims paid included 1 for transportation for \$20.00, 1 for food for \$183.00, 1 for utilities for \$118.28 and 2 for water/sewer for \$44.40. Total claims paid equaled \$365.68. He assisted 42 clients with forms/applications, 12 new clients and collected 1 phone for Cell Phones for Soldiers. A motion to accept was made by Bill Cope, seconded by Fred Roach and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: November 13, 2020, the 2021 Budget Report will be reviewed at 1:00 p.m.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

General Discussion: The VAC is losing the VFW Post in Taylor Springs, IL. Fred Roach has been in contact with the financial officer of the Waggoner Post and they have not yet received the check.

The next Full Commission Meeting will be held December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Joint Conference room, courthouse annex. The next Officers Meeting will be held January 4, 2021 at the Joint Conference Room at 1:00 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Gutierrez, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Fred Roach