Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE	August 5, 2026 - MPR
TIME	1:00 PM
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Don Larsen, Sr. –President

IN ATTENDANCE:

*Please see the attached sign-in sheet. **Please note that if a Recreation Committee Member is to be excused from a meeting, please write "excused" where their initials would go.*

Don led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ricoh led in Prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Don asked if everyone received a copy of last month's minutes and has signed in. Motion to accept minutes as amended for organizations updates. Motion accepted and adopted.

TREASURER REPORT

Balance is currently $6081.61. after expense of $3857.00 for picnic and $200.00 for Member Enrichment, previously referred to as Eat Out In. Motion to accept treasurers report as presented, subject to audit. Motion accepted, subject to audit, and adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

- *2nd Fishing Event:*
  - Dana counted a show of hands of who could volunteer on September 25th between 9:00a-3:30p. We can use help all or any part of the day.
  - Dana asked if volunteers can be told to bring their own filet knife and maybe cutting board as we ran into an issue last event with having enough.
  - The biggest issue currently is that we are not getting tents donated from the group who has in the past, due to them not having the time to put them up for us.
  - The pop-ups were suggested around the tank to create shade.
  - Tent rental is an option if group wants to sponsor. Dana will get information from a couple of companies, on this option and email a few members who mention the cost to their organizations for potential sponsorship.
  - Ricoh can bring 3 canopies.
  - The potential issue with canopies and pop-ups is the possible damage and/or blowing away if storm or windy.

- It was agreed that we want to continue with the volunteer lunch. MaryEllen is unable to cook for this upcoming event. Beverly is willing to pick up Subway or some sandwiches from nearby restaurant. It was mentioned that one year large sandwiches were purchased from Piggly Wiggly and cut into smaller sandwiches. Pizza was also suggested as an option. Dana will do some research to see what she can come up with. Ball park figure of volunteers was for approximately 50 volunteers for roughly $300-400. MaryEllen baked the desserts herself. VFW 7924 will donate $500 to use for the fishing event for whatever needs to be covered. The items that in general, require being paid for, are the company that supplies the tanks, poles etc,, the company that supplies the fish, the tents and volunteer lunch.
- If anyone is working on details for this event, make sure you bring them into the next meeting in September because it will be just a couple of weeks out from the actual event. Please communicate anything you find to Dana at any time prior.
- The other issue we are working on is leftover fish. Dana reached out to Fairchild Hall and Tiny Homes of Racine but neither can take fish. DNR can't restock, nor can we legally put any into any water source that is public. Volunteers can take fish home whole or gutted to consume. We can order less fish but we run the risk of less fish biting. Members talked about bringing their own coolers and we can provide ice.

- *Picnic July 11:*
  - Grills will be moved next event, to a location that they will be easier to push/move, rather than on a slight incline in Gates Hall parking lot.
  - Some volunteers started taking down tables and chairs but we will make sure that doesn't happen again going forward as it looks bad on our behalf.
  - The band's speakers didn't seem to be working properly. Dana will talk to the band members.
  - MaryEllen wanted to know why all 16 umbrella tables weren't put out. Dan (Maintenance) was not available to answer. Dana will talk to Dan to find out.
  - It worked out well to have the volunteers that were serving food, to ask the families and members what to put on plates, so that families could helped their loved ones get to table. Volunteers also helped carry plates if necessary.
  - Dana has the bills for the overage of the event, that was approved last month for $800. It was already paid so it was a reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dana read August Special Events.
- Our choir accompanist is back so we are no longer looking for a piano player.
- ALA Dept of WI and 375 have Member Enrichment meal covered for this month. UAW and Bobbleheads (Muskego) will cover September & October. For the months that aren't covered, funds are being used from VFW 7924.
- Don read a thank you letter from the Activities dept to the Homes for their sponsorship of tent rental from Top Choice Rentals.

AROUND THE TABLE

- Members mentioned various events for their groups.
- Commandant mentioned a 5 year plan being talked about:
  - 3rd floor is opening and our waitlist is growing. By week of August 17, we should have 2 or 3 members up there.

    - We are looking to have a Memory Care stand-alone building construction as well as some other buildings on the grounds. Look up Brewster Village in Appleton. We want it to look like a neighborhood.
    - Patio construction starts 2027 and will be done near end of 2027 or early 2028.
    - Flagpoles will go in (no concrete date given).
    - Windows will be replaced.
    - Flooring will be redone in Boland Hall.
- Doc mentioned the treasure balance being the lowest it's been a long time. The big expenses that came at the same time were the Tovertafel and the fishing event.
- Ricoh talked about Dana being Employee of the Quarter and how well deserved it is. She received a round of applause. She gets a prime parking spot for the quarter as well.

NEXT MEETING

September 2nd , 2026 in MPR (basement of Boland Hall) at 1:00 PM

Veterans Home at Union Grove – Recreation Committee Meeting Sign-in

****PLEASE PUT YOUR CELL PHONES IN SILENT MODE****

INITIALS	NAME	ORGANIZATION
	Amborn, Carol	AMVETS Post 911 Aux
	Amborn, John	VFW 7924
	Amborn, Wayne	AMVETS Post 911
VB.	Busse, Tom	AMVET Riders
EXC.	Cramlet, Brad	American Legion Kenosha Post 21/AL Dist 1
	Crandall, Mary Ellen	ALA Dept. of WI Rep @ UG / ALA Aux Pewaukee Post 71 -Pewaukee
	Davidson, Oliver	DAV Dept WI
	Davidson, Owen	American Legion Post 552
	Dentice, Doc	UAW VETS WI
	Deschler, Glen	40 et 8
	Fischer, Mike "Tanker"	The Bunker
	Hamilton, Maureen	BSM SE WI, Chapter 2
	~~Heim, Mary~~	~~ALA Unit 71 Pewaukee~~ Remove
	Henningfield, Marian	ALA Unit 171 Union Grove
	Jahn, Dan	VFW Post 11038
GAK	Kamenick, Carol	ALA, Unit 71 Pewaukee
	Kerkman, Dale	VFW 7924 Kansasville
	Larsen Sr., Donald	Racine DAV #9
D.J.M.	Marifke, Dennis	UAW VETS WI
	Morris, Shane B.	American Legion Post #20 – Waterford
	Oberst, Ricoh, Cmdr.	American Legion Post 171

JR	Razdik, Joe	UAW VETS WI
	Rettig, Diana	Blue Star Mothers, Chap 2, President
	Rhode-Hillman, Beverly	ALA Dept. of WI Rep @ UG / ALA Unit 375 Mukwonago, VP
	Rybar, Jon	VVA 767
CR	Stapleton, Chari	ALA Unit 71- Pewaukee
	Steffens, Bernice	ALA Unit 171 -
	Turner, Tom	Sons of the American Legion 171 Union Grove
VS	Van Swol, Joan	Blue Star Mothers, SE WI, Chapter 2
	Yetter Jr., Jack	American Legion Post 310

	Beaumont, Lauren	Commandant
	Isermann, Beth	UGVH & Rec Committee Secretary
	Jacobs, Sara	Deputy Commandant
DK	Kugler, Dana	UGVH Activities Coordinator
DS	Sivilotti, Dan	Building and Grounds Supervisor