

East Windsor Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
December 09, 2021 7pm
American Legion Post 40
7 Gardner Street East Windsor CT 06088

Call to order: 7pm

Pledge: Led by Jim Barton

Attendance: Jim Barton, Peter Sanders, Gil Hayes, Rick Webster, Ken Crouch, Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan, Bob Lyke, Mary Morgan, Bob Dynak

Absent: Ed Filipone, Vic DeCapua, Bruce Putinas

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item: NA

Secretary Report:

Motion to approve the secretary report from the 10-14-2021 monthly meeting Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor, Bob Lyke Abstain

Treasurer Report:

Net profit from the 2021 road race was \$17,000.00, a record year!

Total in the general veterans account \$38045.25. Unclaimed prizes \$740.00, Peter will call Platt Timing to get the final invoice and contract for next year.

Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Gil Hayes, Bob Dynak second. All in favor

Chairman report:

ID cards are all done, they will be passed out at the meeting, we will look into getting some lanyards for the commission to wear when they are representing the Veterans Commission. Major Seth Mastrocola wrote a part of this book he gifted me about PTSD, trauma. I have the signed copy if anyone is interested in reading it. There was a small mistake in the t-shirts so the company wanted to give us the shirts at no cost, after talking with Southern Auto, we both felt it necessary to pay for the shirts, so they gave us \$1000.00 off the total price. In the future we should pay for the shirts and have SAA pay us, to save on tax. The school wanted to interview a veteran again, so I gave the information to the American Legion.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Great job fundraising, getting sponsors for the road race.

Publicity: We need to advertise Wreaths Across America for Saturday, December 18, 2021, we have posted it on Facebook, flyers are hanging up around town. We need to add back the November meeting to wrap up the road race and make sure we are all set for Wreaths Across American., we should have advertised this sooner.

Memorial Day: NA

Cemetery- Cemetery Flags: Has everyone taken down the flags in the cemetery they are assigned to? Any issue with the smaller poles? Discussion of flags. St Catherine's cemetery had a lot of issues with flags being damaged.

Discussion of St Catherine's flags. We will talk to Andy about helping out with the flags.

Everyone needs to check on the flags during the summer months at the cemetery they are assigned to. Broad Brook flags were taken down due to damage, the smaller flags we ordered for next might help with this issue.

Service Officer: There were 2 new intakes I am working on; I am helping them get Veterans Benefits. I am finding there is a lack of information, there are a lot of benefits for Veterans but it is hard to find them. Discussion of benefits. We need to decide as a board what we are going to do with the money we raise. Motion to donate \$500.00 to Human Services for the holiday drive they are working on Gil Hayes, Bob Dynak second. All in favor

Road Race 2021: 278 runners registered; 268 runners finished the race. The donations that we had this year were outstanding. Scott Morgan was a big help with road security. We will send a letter earlier to the Broad Brook Fire Department to ensure we have enough people helping with road security. Motion to have the 2022 road race on November 5, 2022, Scott Morgan, bob Dynak second. All in favor

The day of the race I had 2 main problems. The t-shirts were handed out on top of the bibs which didn't work, we can change that for next year. The two unknown volunteers at registration cause some confusion. Next year I need a list of all volunteers and I will assign them a job. Once the day of registration is closed there will be no exceptions. Jim: we need a detailed list of all the jobs, items needed, where to get them, and who is doing the task. Jill will email the list of race items to add to. Entry fees should not require change. We now have a list of all the colors from years past to help us pick a color for next year, set the number of shirts to order, should not be a guess. We need a policy for what sponsors get, we sent a thank you letter and certificate out this year and most got t-shirts. This should be standard. We need a receptacle for bottles. We also had way too many programs. The race map needs to be updated. Feedback: one person was disappointed there were no donuts.

Wreaths Across America: wreaths will be delivered this weekend. We are getting 35 wreaths this year. We have 7 stands; the audience will participate by placing the 20 wreaths. The commission should be at the church at 11 am. There are old VFW flags that the town no longer needs. I will talk to the American Legion; Peter will talk to the Historical Society to see if anyone would like to display it.

New Business:

Election of officers:

Motion to keep the officers status quo Gil Hayes, Scott Morgan second. All in favor

Chair: Jim Barton

VS Chair: Rick Webster

Secretary: Gil Hayes

Treasurer: Peter Sanders

Old Business:

Correspondence: Christmas Card from Russo's

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor