

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ohio Charities

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

Opening

Chairman Wiley called the VFWOC Zoom board meeting to order on March 14, 2024, at 1630.

Present

John Wiley, Chairman
Iris Foster DeNieuwe, Executive Director
Colleen Wiley, President
Kari Pfeifer, Sr. Vice President
Mike Milam, Jr. Vice President
Ray Schafer, Judge Advocate
Jose Torres, Surgeon
Chris Haynes, 1-year Director
Tom Leininger, 2-year director
Jim Hordinski, 3-year Director
Steve Duncan, 4-year Director/Secretary
Jon Greene, Advisor
Chris Cline, Advisor

Absent

Steven Atwood, Advisor
Pam Robinson, Treasurer

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Chairman Wiley turned the floor over to ED Iris Foster DeNieuwe regarding the new voucher system for charity checks. She explained that all checks were unnecessary; only the checks required more clarification, such as reimbursing the posts. ED Foster DeNieuwe sent information to the field agents to further clarify.
2. Steve Duncan made a motion to revise the new check voucher system to align with ED Foster DeNieuwe's recommendation. Only checks that fit specific criteria (sent to the field agents) are required to be on the voucher list. Ray Schaefer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. The board entered an executive session with legal counsel, and dissemination was restricted due to attorney-client privilege.
4. A discussion was held about whether the board should be restricted to not include the VFW Department Surgeon and Judge Advocate (Article VII - Board of Directors, Sections 3, 4, and 5).

5. Steve Duncan made a motion to remove the VFW Department Surgeon and Judge Advocate as directors, amending Article VII Section 3 of VFWOC by-laws. Jose Torres seconded the motion. Motion passed.
6. A discussion was held about whether the advisors to the board should become voting members.
7. Chris Haynes made a motion to include language from Article IX, Section 4 to Article VII, Section 3, including two more voting members to be approved by the board of directors for a four-year term. Steve Duncan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charitable Donations

None.

Closing

1. The meeting adjourned at 1737 on March 12, 2024.

Minutes submitted by: Steve Duncan

Approved by: