



2001 CVC BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

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Date: April 16, 2001

Location: Everett Naval Station

Present:

Ray Lewis, Whatcom
Penny Brown, Skagit
Tim Sewell, Snohomish
Joel Estey, King
Ric Price, WDVA/King
Mark Masco, Pierce

Announcements:

- Joel Estey reported on the King County retreat held yesterday
- Ray Lewis reported in Whatcom County the persons who administer the VAF are not County employees, they are contracted through the VVA.
- Tim Sewell stated that Snohomish County is actively recruiting new members.

Discussion Items:

- How to make up boards and councils.
- Ray requested that at some future meeting the CVC go over the RCW as related to the VAF.
- Joel will call Vern to determine if CVC should do a presentation at this year's State Auditor's meeting.

CVC Conference Planning:

The purpose for having the 2000 CVC Conference in Coupeville was to provide an enjoyable location. A location in Central Washington would be preferable for 2001. Yakima or Ellensburg are the most logical choices.

Date: June 20, 2001

Location: V.I.E.W., Fife, WA

Attending:

Penny Brown - Skagit County VAF
Mark Mascho - Pierce County Veterans' Bureau
David Mitchell - CSO, DAV Chapter 47, Oak Harbor
Dorothy May - Adjutant, DAV Chapter 47, Oak Harbor
Sally Robins - Kittitas County Veteran
Billy Robins - Kittitas County Veterans
Charise McArthur - WDVA - Community Outreach
Kent O'Connor - Tacoma Mayor's Veterans Task Force
Woody Woodruff - Snohomish County VAF
Ray Lewis - Watcom County VAF
Ric Price - WDVA - King County Veterans Services
Tim Reid - WDVA - Community Outreach

Discussion Items:

History of the CVC

CVC Project Reports:

Pilot Database Project Purpose: Identify fraudulent use and user. Track how funds are being used. Standardization of process and procedures. Longevity of the fund.
Discussion: WDVA'S role is to provide the centralized database for storage and access by county VAF's. Data will be available for building reports, resolving duplications, identifying fraudulent users. Individual data will not be available except to those who input it ("the owner"). If counties have database then they would be linked to WDVA database for update purposes - no reinvention of the wheel. No information will be provided / accessed that can not be provided / accessed by Public Disclosure Law.

2001 Conference Planning: Yakima will be location for 2001 Conference. Theme for this year's conference explored. Decision made to provide tabbed notebooks, name tags. Ric to obtain mailing list.

Date: July 18, 2001

Location: American Legion Post 154 Ferndale, Washington

Date: August 15, 2001

Location: Yakima, Washington

Conference Planning

Date: September 19, 2001

Location: Yakima, Washington

Conference Planning

Date: October 2001, Yakima, WA

Critique following CVC 2001 Retreat and Other CVC Business

Conference Critique

Conference Attendance: 71 (compared to 37 at last year's retreat). Need tea. Not enough coffee or chocolate! Bio's were good, more would be better. No speaker at lunch. Conference evaluations will be available at the December CVC Business Meeting

Other CVC Discussion Topics:

Definition of a Veteran
More info in VIEW Database
Line Jumpers
Logistics Review Transitional
Housing - Different uses of fund - Source and distribution of funding - WDVA contracts & How would the 501.c.(3) work? What is being provided by each county.

Pilot Project Data Discussion:

CVC to develop 3 pieces

Sample set of data that the cvc would like to see the counties collect
a sample relief form
a letter from the cvc asking each county if they would be willing to share that data

Announcements:

- WDVA has a funding request package (available electronically)
- Stevens County volunteered to host a quarterly meeting
- Kittitas went 501 to make getting grants and other funding possible

Date: December, 2001

Location: V.I.E.W. in Fife, Washington

Retreat Debrief

- Richard Stewart: Gave a "B" grade. Good conference for a young organization.
- RJ: good conference. Had people tell him the conference was an "eye opener" because they didn't know the scope of the VAF.
- Onesimo: his first conference. Made good contacts
- Mark's Critique: No noon speaker. Make workshops count more. Use pre-registration to choose workshops.

Pilot Project Discussion:

Funding opportunity being sought by King County. Don Mason suggested that the database issue be worked by the VAF administrators.

Other Discussion Items:

- Definition of a veteran: Dave Harris gave background on VLC regarding the definition.
- CVC "membership/participant"
- Development of a CVC web site
- Quarterly Workshops possibilities (Spokane or Clark County)
- CVC Goals & Objectives
- Training (seminars, best practices, round table, solution sharing, networking)
- 2002 retreat

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