

**TREA Chapter 115  
Central Minnesota  
Meeting Minutes – 3 November 2012**

Call to Order: Chapter 115 President Ralph Donais

Invocation: Dell Fuller

Pledge of Allegiance: Ralph Donais

Treasurer's Report: \$932.25 in checking and \$2,071.86 in savings. Motion by Dell to move funds from savings to checking. Motion rescinded since a motion isn't needed to move funds.

Legislative Report: Ralph Donais

- 2011 / 2012 session there were 54 House bills and 69 Senate bills introduced
- Many bills were to build more veterans homes around the state
- Bill to cover Phase 3 at the Mpls Veterans Homs didn't pass. \$13M had to be given back to the federal government because of that.
- Next MAG meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup>. Pushing for the Military Tax Exception and funding for the veterans home.

Membership Report: 259 members per September roster

Presidents Report: Ralph Donais

- Work is being done to get the initial VA Claims down to 120 days. Our region takes in other region claims since our processes the claims quick.
- Whipple Bldg now has the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors being reconstructed.
- AF Reserve (934 AW) closing is off the books for now
- Mpls VA Hospital will be starting the parking ramp either in the fall or spring. Will take a couple of years. It will include a skyway to the hospital.
- St. Cloud VA Hospital – MRI unit delivered but now they need to build a building around it. Geothermal being finished. Wind turbine not working yet. Cafeteria for residents being moved to a new building. Existing area converted to more appointment area. Overall budget is fine for next year.
- TRICARE being transferred to a new provider.
- New Superior, WI clinic is opening.

**OLD BUSINESS**

AFRAD (25 Aug 2012)

- 165 pre-registered; 26 walk-ins; 175 – attendees. \$764.78 expenses and \$925.21 profit. Attendees liked the 1 day session. Had a problem with the sound system.

TREA Convention (19/22 Sep 2012)

- Board didn't follow rules to remove the President. Had to reinstate him and then voted in a new president.
- 25 of 52 chapters present
- Upcoming locations are: 2013 – Colorado Springs; 2014 – Norfolk, VA; 2015 – St. Louis, MO
- There were changes to the By-Laws

- Still paying the company to mail items
- Food was okay
- Ralph presented information on the MN Yellow Ribbon program and Military Coalition (Children)

#### Other RADS

- JRAD at Mystic Lake - Mark reported 18 plaques sold. Twin Cities BX talked about selling them at the November UTA
- Rosemount RAD – 275 registered and about 250 attended. That is up about 25 from last year. ID Card had some issues getting up and running. Rental fee for the building went up this year.
- Black Bear Casino – Speakers didn't follow timings. Small screen in front of room. CVSO speakers. Vendor tables in a tight hallway.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Chapter Officers – No candidates came forward. Present officers aren't running again.

Motion for Executive Board to take responsibility for closing TREA Chapter 115 in a timely manner according to Section 7 of the National By-Laws. Motion passed.

Benediction: Dell

Motion by Rod, second by Dell to adjourn. Passed

Possible next meeting on 12 Feb 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hammer