BTYR Moorhead Minutes 14 November 2012

President Hunt called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Tom Figliuzzi, Tom Dubbels, Gary Olson, Vern Nolting, Jeri Vaudrin, JoAnn Grewinski, Vince Dicks, Brenda Oistad, Brad Hurajt, Dan Hun, Les Bakke, Lisa Roesch and Tim Haugen.

Secretary's Report: approved as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

October 1 to October 31, 2012

Opening Balance \$2,733.47 Income \$ 350.00 Expenses \$ 265.09

Ending Balance \$2,818.38

Veterans Service Officer Report: Figliuzzi updated the group on recent activities including a stand-down, several seminars, attending local veterans' organization meetings. The VSO has created a working committee to develop and manage a referral list for the BTYR Moorhead. He provided an update on office changes to include BTYR Moorhead information. He is providing information for local veterans' organization newsletters. He reported on staff activities. General discussion followed with several suggestions on our referral list. The Moorhead Business Association is very supportive of our activities they do not want to list individuals or services but will help on referrals. Hunt, Chadwick and Bakke attend the weekly MBA meetings and will serve as referral individuals.

Recent Help to Veterans: Hunt reported on recent help provided to local veterans; tires and car repair for one and a bed for his son for the other.

National Guard Report: Hurajt reported on upcoming Guard activities including a change in command ceremony in December.

Christmas Party Update: Hunt provided an update, with Haugen offering support from the American Legion. On December 1 at the American Legion we will have a party for families and children in the afternoon with a more adult event at the VFW in the evening.

Veterans Day report: Nolting, Haugen and Hunt reported on Veterans Day activities. Attendance was lower than previous years, primarily due to being on Sunday.

Overseas Packages Update: Hunt reported on the VFW Junior Girls Auxiliary will be making packages on Sunday at 1:00 pm.

Education Fair Update: Hunt reported on Roesch's work for our Education Fair to be held on December 15 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead. This is a program for veterans and service members to learn about benefits and educational options.

Veteran Entrepreneur and Business Networking Event Update: The Small Business Development Center is sponsoring a two hour event on starting or managing a business. Reservation is required.

Old Business: None

New Business: Hunt reviewed the process we used last week on taking care of needs and dispensing funds.

Olson/Vaudrin moved to authorize the majority (3 of 5) of the executive committee to approved fund expenditures. Motion carried.

Nolting/Oson moved to authorize \$200 toward the Childrens' Christmas Party sponsored by the American Legion, VFW and BTYR Moorhead. Motion carried.

Bakke/Oistad moved to authorize a maximum of \$400 toward the overseas package project. Motion carried.

Olson/Oistad moved to authorize a maximum of \$1,000 toward the BTYR Moorhead Christmas Party. Motion carried.

Our next meetings are: 6 December at 7:00 am for the Executive/Working Committee and 20 December at 8:30 am for the entire committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary