



December 2023 – Executive Committee Minutes

- Welcome – Meeting was called to order at 10:46 am
- Pledge of Allegiance:
- Roll Call: Attendance was taken Marti Crockett, Bob McLaughlin, Pat Hammon, Ralph Bozella, Shelly Kalkowski, Tom Yagley, Dennis O’Carroll, Steve Kjonaas, Brian McCain, Laurie Kuntz, Sarah Tobin, Frank McCurdy, Ida Tholen, Jim Stanko, Rich Lewis, David Sieman, Bill Hanna, Dennis Orr, Mike Wheaton
- Treasurer’s Report: Tom Yagley reported as of November 30 the balance was \$59,443.57 with two outstanding bills for December.
- Reports from UVC Committee Chairs:
 - Legislation Updates: State and Fed – Shelly Kalkowski reported that in a session earlier that morning that the goals were discussed. The 4 goals were discussed. Goal 2 to restore interest in veterans trust fund may be pushed down on priorities primarily due to financial reasons. Goal 4, Support for free camping days may also be a challenge as it has a direct impact on the funding for Parks and Wildlife.
 - i. A new goal was presented: Colorado Purple Star Program – the program to with military children – Shelly will provide an additional detailed write up. Dennis Orr made a motion to add the goal to the legislative agenda, seconded by Steve Kjonaas, discussion from Ida Tholen on if it would help get students into school faster, and response is it would not that was a different bill that was presents, unanimous in favor. It was noted that this may move up to goal #2 in priorities.
 - ii. Information was provided on a possible bill for jurisdiction of juveniles who commit a crime on a military base to be tried off base. There is no action required at this time.
 - iii. Steve Kjonaas presented the VA Claims Shark Bill where it would stop prying companies from charging veterans to help process claims. Under Title 38 the VA claims would be processed through a credited service officer. A motion was made to move forward with support from Dennis Orr and seconded by Ralph Bozella, unanimous in favor.
 - iv. General session begins January 9, 2024.
 - Budget – Marti reported that she would be meeting with Bob McLaughlin and Deb Osborne to discuss next week. Shelly expressed the importance of approval to fund the breakfast she was planning.
 - Veteran Connections & VP updates – Bob McLaughlin gave an update on Vet Connections and the positive impacts it has seen as it grows throughout the state. Through Mt Carmel, Bob has received funding to pay half the salaries of the team members. Due to time constraints regarding meeting space all VPs were unable to give an update.
 - Membership – No report available.



- 501(c)4 Status – Laurie gave report on finding that the c4’s status was in revocation. It was discovered when collecting data. The last 990 report that was filed was in 2018. Documentation is currently being worked on to be submitted prior to the end of the year. The expense of approximately \$800 will come out the c4 operating account.
 - Realignment – Mike Wheaton discussed the restructuring of the c3 and c4 organizations and the vision moving forward. It was stated several times that the c4 organization would not change the Lobbying that it has always done but the c3 would take a larger role in growing membership, fundraising, education, etc. Much discussion was had. A request for additional information and proposed bylaws was requested before a vote. A motion was made for “permission” to move forward to bring additional information to the executive board. It was moved by Laurie Kuntz and seconded by Bob McLaughlin, majority vote to approve permission for continued discussion. Three voted no.
 - Meet and Greet – December 21, 2023, The Angry Clover in Aurora.
- Schedule of upcoming UVC General Membership and EXCOM Meetings:
 - General Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of Month Next meeting January 9, 2024 - 0900
 - Other items, other business – No time.
 - Hand Salute
 - Adjourn at 11:40 am