

Veterans Association of Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships
Minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting
January 5, 2012

The 2012 Organizational meeting took place January 5, 2012. Board members were called to order at 6:23pm. Present were: Jim Oram, Bill Dehaven, Nancy Ward, Matt Connelly, Bill Bellew, Tom Aichele, and Jack Ansley.

Major Business:

Election and confirmation of officers for a completion of a three year term with two year extensions. The officers elected are as follows:

Chairman: Bill Bellew
Secretary: Jack Ansley
Treasurer: Tom Toscani/Nancy Ward

A motion to confirm the officers was made by Bill DeHaven and seconded by Jim Oram followed by unanimous approval.

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Members present were the same as the organizational meeting with the addition of Tom Toscani and Webmaster---Paul Piombino

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the November 2011 meeting were approved. No meeting was held in December.

New Meeting Facility:

The Chairman introduced the idea of meeting at the Easttown Library in one of their meeting rooms at no charge on the third Thursday of the month. The board agreed to pursue the idea. The Chair will follow up.

Website Update:

The Chairman would like all board members to participate in the update of the Association website, and be prepared to do a final review at our next meeting. We want the website updated by March 2012.

Our success over the past 10 years has brought us to a point where we need to expand our ability to reach out to the community. The board discussed ways of doing this with Bill Bellew, Tom Aichele, and Paul Piombino concentrating their efforts in this regard.

Paul suggested the publication of the minutes in a way to provide fresh content. We will also post a quarterly newsletter recapping events and pictures.

Wilson Park Site Update:

The Garrison flag at Wilson Park was destroyed by strong winds creating a series of horizontal tears. The cost of replacement is approximately \$800.00. The Tredyffrin Public Works Department and Police keep Bill Bellew informed of the site conditions. This coming Spring we will add additional mulch to the site and replant as necessary.

Berwyn SEPTA Station Site:

We need to protect the GOLD SAR MOTHERS tree at the station from snow plowing damage. When SEPTA has the station plowed following a snow storm, the plows push the snow up onto the tree area. This is damaging the tree which is showing dramatic growth. Matt and Nancy will arrange the erection of snowfencing around the site to help remind the snow plow crew of how fragile the tree is.

Financials:

Tom Toscani presented the current financial balances in our accounts. We need to maintain a constant balance to support our on going efforts with the community.

Potential New Projects:

A number of new projects were discussed for the future including support of a local veteran injured in the Iraq War. These will be discussed in more detail in future meetings.

2012 Berwyn Victory Run:

The date for this years run will be Saturday May 19, 2012---Armed Forces Day. We will be using a new Race Management company that the Chairman will arrange. We anticipated continued race sponsorship with Malvern Federal Savings Bank which is celebrating its 125th year of service to the Chester County community.

Due to structural changes to the Public Works Department made by Easttown Township, we will review the potential impact these will have on the race.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM