

# **THE VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF EASTTOWN AND TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIPS MINUTES**

**MEETING:** Thursday, January 17, 2013

## **PRESENT:**

Bill Bellew, Nancy Ward, Tom Aichele, Bill DeHaven, Rick Groves, Gene Williams, Tom Toscani, Jack Ansley

## **ABSENT:**

Fred Nudy, Matt Connelly, Jim Oram, Sean McCauley

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The Association meeting was called to order by the Chairman Bill Bellew at 6:25 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- According to the ByLaws of the Association this being the closest business (as opposed to Christmas revels) meeting to Veterans Day 2012, the Chairman declared it to be the yearly General Meeting of the Association.

Although there was an attempt to pass on the Officer positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary to others there was a general motion from the floor to retain the current positions as is and the Chairman's motion was dismissed in favor of retention.

Therefore, the Chairmanship for the current term of 2013 is Bill Bellew, the Treasurer position will continued to be held by Tom Toscani and Nancy Ward and the Secretary position by Jack Ansley.

## **JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING**

- There were no minutes from the November Meeting.
- There was a brief discussion of the status of a deceased veteran, US Army Specialist Andrew Todd Tallman, a 2003 graduate of Conestoga High School. Further research is required so this was tabled for the moment.
- Website Coordinator. Bill Bellew suggested that Fred Nudy work with Paul Piombino to update and clean up the current website. One method of drawing attention to the website is keeping up the posting of the new material. The minutes will be added monthly as a newsletter of activities of the Association. Suggestions for the website should be directed to Fred.
- Legacy Funding. There was a continuing discussion of handling funds in the future event of the end of the Association. The desire is to be sure that the what funds are on hand are put into some type of Legacy or Endowment for the continued maintenance of the Memorials established by the Association in both townships.

Presently, the Treasurer will set up an account within the Treasury as an Endowment Account with \$5000. It has not yet been determined whether an annual amount or a percentage of funds will be put aside to build this account. Currently, the ByLaws provide for Treasury funds to go to Easttown Township for continuing maintenance in the event the Association no longer is active. The procedures for the Endowment Account will have to be worked out to include the Memorial established at Wilson Farm Park in Tredyffrin Township and other matters of "maintenance". Further issues surrounding an Endowment Account will be discussed at future meetings.

- Future Projects. At this point there are no expenditures for other veteran projects in the works. There probably will be another outlay for Jay Raffeto but how much or when is yet to be determined. There was a brief discussion of the possible cap on gifts in the event the Association is overwhelmed with requests for veterans aid. It was decided that since all expenditures of money for aid are considered and voted on by the Board of the Association on each case, there is no reason to establish a cap.

We will award a plaque to Bobbie Marovich at Malvern Federal Bank for her assistance over the years for the Victory Run. Bill Bellew will get the name and details to Jack Ansley to put together a framed award.

- Berwyn Victory Run. Bill Bellew delivered a brief report on the current status of the run preparations. Jim Oram has the Township participation. Pretzel City will time and run the race for the usual \$600 fee. Devereux has given permission for the use of their property for the finish of the race. The sponsor letter, sponsor form and race application will be added to the website. Bill Bellew went over the donor list from the shirts used in the past races to put together a list to be compared and combined with Nancy Ward's donor list. Nancy will work out how she wants to handle the list and what help she needs with contacts.
- Berwyn Devon Business and Professional Association Wellness Day. The business association was interested in possibly combining an event in Berwyn with the Victory Run but after a luncheon discussion they decided it work better as a separate event at another time.
- Memorial Flag Needs. Matt Connelly was unable to attend so Bill Bellew will contact him about what flags and material are needed.

MEETING ENDED: 7:28 PM