

2020 Fall Meeting
Reconnect Committee
September 16th 2020

Opening:

The meeting of the Reconnect Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Department of Michigan Zoom Account
Chairman Tanner opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 6 committee members signed in and 3 guests.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 2020 Winter Conference were read. It was moved by Ken Pierce and supported by Catherine Buckley to approve the minutes as read, subject to corrections. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Chairman Tanner requested input from Adjutant Runyon regarding the Reconnect Committee Rules of Procedure and the amended constitution and by-laws. The committee will adapt the current ROP to incorporate the addition of the Homeless Veterans Subcommittee to be sent to Internal affairs for review and approval.

The Schutze Award will not be presented for this year due to covid restrictions hampering activities. It will resume for the 2021 year. Nominations will be requested and accepted for the award to be presented at Annual Convention in June 2021.

New Business:

Alicia Burton led a discussion about Veteran Court Volunteer opportunities and Catherine Buckley discussed the progress and issues facing the Homeless Veterans subcommittee.

The Committee is working to implement a new Warrior Clown program under the Reconnect Committee and following the passing of a warrior clown had requests from donors wanting to contribute to the program funding in Mike O'Connor's name. The committee requested clarification on these prospective donations from the Foundation. President Avie indicated that this would not be possible until the program is formally recognized by the DEC.

Chairman Tanner, on behalf of the committee, requested clarification on program donations and the process for requesting additional funding from donations received in case program funds begin to run low between now and June as they did last year. Many annual fundraising events had to be canceled due to the Covid quarantine and social distancing limitations leaving the committee well behind their normal fundraising totals this year. This will have a dramatic impact on the reconnect programs this year. Adjutant Runyon suggested a meeting to review this information and process.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Earl Lash and supported by Alicia Burton to adjourn at 7:30pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Tanner, Chairman