

# Coppermine Veterans Organization Meeting Agenda

**Commander:** Alfred Long POC: 928-606-7892

**Vice Commander:** Peter Tsinajinnie

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Fern Bigman-Green

**Date:** 2 May 2024

*\*\*Notice is given to Coppermine Veterans Organization and the public that the Coppermine Veterans in District 1 will hold a regular meeting that is open to the public given this date above.\*\**

- A. Roll Call- **See attached Log Sheet**
- B. Meeting call to order: 6:15 DST  
Quorum: 5
- C. Formalities:  
1. Moment of Silence and Invocation: Harley Tsinajinnie  
2. Guests Introductions: Levina Tsinajinnie, Ranell Tsinajinnie, Linda Long.
- D. Motion to approve the agenda: Motion: Harley Tsinajinnie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Diddy Sands.  
Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 1
- E. Approval of the last CVO meeting minutes for: 18 April 2024.  
Motion: Harley Tsinajinnie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Diddy Sands.  
Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 1
- F. Old Business
1. Received new estimates quotes. \$7000 for 15 jackets is too much. Alex spoke with Valerie and her recommendation was to start over. The lowest bidder is CDMC Enterprise at \$3940.41 out of Gallup. Bitahni Boutique \$7121.52. All Aboard Marketing \$4458.00. Tribe always goes with lowest bidder. Once the company receives money they will start digitizing, it will take at least a month.  
Motion: Peter Tsinajinnie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Harley Tsinajinnie  
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 1
2. Pass Resolution of Beesh'haageed Binidaaz'baa'i (*Coppermine Veterans Organization*) affirming Peter Tsinnijinnie.  
Motion: Harley Tsinajinnie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alex Whitehair  
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 1
3. In 2008 Beesh'haageed Binidaaz'baa' Veterans Organization was formed. In 2010 the Plan of operation was approved. We as veterans always said the plan of operation can always be updated. In other veterans organizations like Kayenta their plan of operation is very thick and written in attorney language that the veterans do not understand. Unlike that we wanted ours to reflect our language and level of understanding, so all our veterans would know what their plan of operation was saying at any given time. Beesh'haageed Binidaaz'baa' Veterans

plan of operation should not be overwritten with red tape. The more complicated the plan of operation becomes the more hoops veterans have to jump through to get things done. Currently our plan of operation is six pages.

Veterans were given copies of the plan of operation with the intention of looking it over. What would they like to update or change in the plan of operation. We will discuss any updates or changes at the next meeting, June 14, 2024. We will continue to discuss until veterans feel it has been fully updated and changed to their satisfaction. It has been 14-15 years since the plan of operation has been updated.

Linda Long will bring some information to the next meeting in regard to the plan of operation.

4. Coppermine memorial will be to respect veteran's personal beliefs in how they choose to commemorate their service.

Linda Long volunteered to make baskets for the families of veterans who have passed away. Donations can be anything you would like to give, and all donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated on behalf of our fallen veterans and their families. Point of contact is Alfred Long commander of the Beesh'haageed veterans.

5. Read and reviewed the September 2023 meeting minutes. September 2023 there were \$22,907.22 in the veteran's funds. As of 2 May 2024, there is \$9.00. We would like for someone from western agency to explain to us where the money went. How did our funding go from \$22,907.22 to \$9.00 in eight months? Many of our local veterans only received \$400 total for the year. There are also 43 Coppermine veterans. Who are they? We only have 27 verified members from our end.

G. New Business

1. Apply for full amount October 1, 2024. There are 27 confirmed veterans in our area. How did the number of veterans go up to 43? And who are they? We would like to close the gates to funding unless every veteran comes before the Beesh'haageed veterans organization and goes through the proper channels to become a part of the organization so this \$22,907.22 to \$9.00 does not happen to our local veterans again in the future.

Alfred Long will talk to Gabby and see how there can be more accountability for funding especially for those who go through the proper channels to be a part of the Beesh'haageed veterans organization.

Alex will stop by western agency and talk with Ferlin for a finance update. Will give report at the next meeting.

H. Reports: Commander, Vice-Commander, Secretary.

1. Color and honor guard is a volunteer basis. There is already a resolution for this. If a veteran volunteers to do color or honor guard attach the resolution to a claim sheet to get paid.

I. Announcements

1. CLUPC, Chapter officials and ASU representatives will be recognized for rural planning, at the next chapter meeting.

2. Next Coppermine planning meeting: May 7, 2024 @5pm DST.

3. Next Coppermine regular meeting: May 13, 2024 @5pm DST.

4. Next WNVA Commanders Meeting: June 18, 2024 @10am DST.

5. Next CVO meeting: June 14, 2024 @6pm DST.

J. Adjournment: 7:20 pm DST.