

**2/3 VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION
SOUTH PORTLAND MERRY MANOR INN
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Art Ward at 9:05am with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag given by all, followed by opening prayer from Randy Shierman.

Roll call of officers:

President – Art Ward – Present

Vice President – John Fuller – Present

Treasurer – Art Ferguson – Present

Secretary – Ed Krieser – Present

Assistant Treasurer – Dennis Chandler – Present

Assistant Secretary – Ron Poness – Present

Minutes of last year's meeting minutes of Saturday, September 29, 2018 were distributed. Moved by Ron Poness to accept the minutes. Seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Financial Report given. Motion by Dennis Fields to approve financial report. Seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Mick Hughes Moved to have a sunset date of the association be in 2034 with the understanding that the date could be changed in the future as the membership decides. Seconded. The motion Failed.

Paul Fitta moved to suspend regular order of business to proceed with nominations of new officers. Motion was seconded and passed.

President Art Ward opened nominations for Association President. Dave Regal Nominated John Fuller for President. There were no further nominations. Paul Fitta moved to close nominations for President and to direct Secretary to cast unanimous ballot for John Fuller. Seconded and passed.

Nominations opened for Vice President. Mick Hughes nominated Randy Shierman for Vice President. There were no further nominations. Paul Fitta moved to close nominations for Vice President and to direct Secretary to cast unanimous ballot for Randy Shierman. Seconded and passed.

Nominations opened for Treasurer. William Snodgrass nominated Art Ferguson for Treasurer. There were no further nominations. Paul Fitta moved to close nominations for Treasurer and to direct Secretary to cast unanimous ballot for Art Ferguson. Seconded and passed.

Nominations opened for Secretary. Ron Poness nominated Ed Krieser for Secretary. There were no further nominations. Paul Fitta moved to close nominations for Secretary and to direct Secretary to cast unanimous ballot for Ed Krieser. Seconded and passed.

New Business:

Mick Hughes moved to form a committee to review any proposed amendments or changes to the Bylaws. The committee to make recommendations to the membership before a vote is taken. Seconded and passed.

Mick Hughes moved that the Association pay the Member Reunion Registration fees next year for Members who have dues paid for this year and next year. Seconded. The discussion morphed into spending association funds on a 2/3 Memorial at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico. Ron Poness moved to table the issue until next year when we can get a ballpark cost of the Memorial. This motion was seconded and passed.

It was mentioned that we have a contract for the reunion next year will be in St. Louis, Missouri. Tour choices are not available at this time, they will be put up on the website when we get them.

The next issue was the 2021 reunion sites. There were issues with the two proposals from the Armed Forces Reunion company. Minneapolis, Minnesota and Kansas City, Missouri both being in the Midwest as well as the 2020 reunion being St. Louis, Missouri. We want our reunions to be on a three-year cycle; East Coast, Midwest, West Coast. We will contact the Armed Forces Reunion company that neither Kansas City nor Minneapolis are acceptable for 2021.

Randy Shierman gave closing prayer and meeting was adjourned at 9:58am

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Krieser, Secretary