

Present:	Larry Jelinek	Wayne "Max" Maxwell	Charlotte Ann Jones
	Raymond Taylor	Thomas Audetat	George Love
Absent:	W. Tom Zilhaver		
Guest:	Jessie Walth		

Meeting called to order at 9:15 by Larry Jelinek.

Approval of minutes deferred until next meeting, December 4, 2017.

Larry Jelinek gave report on the Town Hall meeting in Durango on Thursday, November 16. Meeting was good and discussed were:

- (1) service connected travel pay was now available for those vets going for compensation and pension appointments,
- (2) suicide rates are at 20 veterans committing suicide per day, the Crisis Hotline had added more workers and is much more effective, each person is encouraged to keep the hotline number in their cell phones, 1 (800) 273-8255, Ext 1,
- (3) the Choice program in the Four Corners Region was being used as the template for the US.

Thomas Audetat reported that the collection boxes were out for Toys for Tots. The distribution would be on December 5, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the building between Boss Hogg Restaurant and the 1<sup>st</sup> Southwest Bank. There is a need for additional wrapping paper to give to the parents.

George Love mentioned a need for donation slips for those who want to donate monies to the program.

Jessie Walth reported on the Veterans Outdoor Recreation Therapy Project. He wanted to modify the name from Program to Project. All agreed the name change made better sense. Concerns were that Dr. Kelly would not be available for trips and was reluctant to help due to insurance costs on his behalf. It was suggested that Jessie Walth contact Gary Hannemann with THERAPYWORKS for counselors and nature of the contract with the Vet Center in Pueblo. Website work continues. Jessie was encouraged to talk to the Chamber of Commerce for videos and photographs for his website. E-mail address for Jessie is [servantoffall@gmail.com](mailto:servantoffall@gmail.com).

Charlotte Jones reported on Operation Veteran Reconnect. Date should be set by Monday, November 27 after an appointment with the high school for location. Suggestion was to have F.A.Q. Sheet to save time during the Question and Answer portion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Ann Jones, Secretary

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_