

**National Guard Association of Minnesota**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
13 June 2006

1. **Call to Order**

Secretary Brian Winter called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1810 hours on 13 June 2006 at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club.

2. **Roll Call**

The following were present:

Executive Director Walt Schultz

Treasurer Al Timm

Secretary Brian Winter

34<sup>th</sup> ID Rep Jeff Merricks

Troop Cmd Rep Gary Mundfrom

Retiree Rep Richard Hathaway

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 July, 2006 at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club.

4. **Insurance Report**

Monte Nelson, the agent currently selling policies in MN, has sold over 300 so far. More to report next meeting.

5. **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from 16 May 2006 were approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report and went over it. The Cash Flow Report was approved.

7. **Membership Report**

No change, state membership is holding at around 48%. Warrant officers are still lacking as a part of the total membership. Walt will try to do a break out of other areas we are weak in for opportunities to target specific groups.

**The Membership Committee will meet on 11 July at 1700 prior to the regular meeting to develop ideas for driving membership.** Members of the committee will be Kevin Gutknecht, Walt Schulz, Trista Martinson, Tim Kojetin and Brian Winter.

8. **Legislative Report**

No report. CPT Merricks has some information from the recent TAG brief he will share at the next meeting.

9. **Webmaster's Report**

No report. Past minutes need to be updated on the web. The last minutes are from Nov 2005.

10. **Group Reports**

34<sup>th</sup> ID: The Air Force Blue Flag exercise ID was slated to support was cancelled. They're looking to replace it with a JTF exercise with the Navy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet at Norfolk, VA and Ripley.

148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing: The Wing is preparing for another Phase 2 Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) in August in preparation for an inspection next year.

Troop Cmd: Currently in the middle of AT. 1/151 is at Ripley and is hosting some Croatian officers.

Retirees: Dick has a couple of articles he'd like to have added to the web regarding retiree appreciation days. Upcoming events are at Camp Ripley (26 Aug), Duluth (29 Sep), and Minneapolis (30 Sep).

11. **Company Grade Officer Report**

No report.

12. **Corporate Report**

We received \$1000 from Boeing, totaling \$9500 this year in corp dues.

13. **Executive Director's Report**

The deadline to register for the 2006 National Conference is 10 July. Registration forms for the National Conference are now available on the NGAUS website. Get pin ideas to Walt. Some ideas discussed were the state seal, 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MN NG seal and others.

14. **Old Business**

Dates for the 2007 state conference were discussed. It was decided that 8-10 June would work the best depending on location/hotel availability. MAJ Mundfrom has asked Col Cossalter from the 133<sup>rd</sup> about the possibility of having the business meeting there. Some other ideas were to utilize the 133<sup>rd</sup>'s hangar for a banquet or possibly use facilities at Ft. Snelling or do an outdoor banquet there.

Walt is going to continue to look into a history book fundraiser.

15. **New Business**

Dick Hathaway brought up the discussion on bringing back a print newsletter, maybe quarterly. There was some discussion on who it should go to (members, non-members, all officers). It was decided that this should be brought up again at the next meeting.

Discussion on other way to get our name out there to MN officers including partnering on events with the Association of the US Army (AUSA), advertising the Military Book Club night at the Roseville Barnes and Noble on the web (Mark Wienes may be a good contact

for this), and sponsoring the JFHQ Garrison Officer's luncheon. Tabled until next meeting.

16. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1954 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian C. Winter