

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
16 May 2006

1. **Call to Order**

President Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1810 hours on 16 May 2006 at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club.

2. **Roll Call**

The following were present:

President Kevin Gutknecht
Executive Director Walt Schultz
Treasurer Al Timm
Secretary Brian Winter
Group 2 Trista Martinson
Group 4 Jeff Merricks
Group 5 Paul Jacobsen
Group 6 Scott Chambers
Group 8 Steve Shoemaker
Group 9
Group 10 Carl Madsen
Richard Hathaway
CGO Rep Dan Dobler
CGO Alt Niels Gott
Lt Col Paul Cummings, JFHQ
Maj Jim Swanson

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13 June, 2006 at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club.

4. **Insurance Report**

Nothing to report

5. **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from 11 April 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**

State membership for 2006 is currently at about 47%. President Gutknecht decided that a membership committee should be put together to develop a plan to increase membership. Members of the committee will be Gutknecht, Walt Schulz, Trista Martinson, Tim Kojetin and Brian Winter.

8. **Legislative Report**

The state legislative session ends Monday.

9. **Webmaster's Report**

Carl changed the layout of the website. Some suggestions to improve the website were discussed including making the corporate sponsors names more visible. Email Carl any suggestions at cemadsen@visi.com

10. **Group Reports**

1 BCT: Brigade is getting settled into its "day-to-day" routine in theater. Three troops were wounded in action, a CPT, Sgt and Spc.

34th DISCOM: DISCOM is still DISCOM. Supported the VP Cheney visit yesterday. The chem company is back and BSB is ramping up for deployment.

34th ID: Division is still "dividing" and is looking to do more joint training with the Air side. They're working with the 133rd AW, 148th FW and 934th AW (AF Reserve) to make it happen.

133rd Airlift Wing: UTA this weekend. The wing is having a military ball on 11 June at the Radisson in Mpls. Vice President Cheney was on base yesterday.

148th Fighter Wing: UTA this weekend also. The Wing will be conducting Phase 2 Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) in preparation for an inspection next year.

JFHQ: UTA is 2-3 June, ancillary training in August.

Aviation Bgde: Drill this weekend. The Chinooks are prepping for a possible deployment.

Retirees: Nothing to report.

11. **Company Grade Officer Report**

New CGO rep and Alternate, Capt Dobler and Lt Gott were present. Nothing to report at this time. President Gutknecht encouraged participation in the association by all CGOs as they are the future of the Guard and the association.

12. **Corporate Report**

We received \$8500 from the National assn. for corporate sponsorship dues.

13. **Executive Director's Report**

Registration forms for the National Conference are now available on the NGAUS website.

14. **Old Business**

CPT Merricks reported on the results of the State Conference. The goal was to break even and the association ended up making about \$6000. There was a loss on the First Lady's Brunch as only 42 of the 96 registered spouses showed up. It was very enjoyable for the spouses and there were several suggestions for other spouse events including an "acronym" day. The silent auction was a huge success, raising \$2762.00.

There was some discussion for the association to match the \$602.00 collected at the conference for the MN Military Family Foundation. There was a motion to set up a committee to review and recommend future options for philanthropy/charitable giving on behalf of the association. The motion carried. Members of the committee will be Jim Swanson, Trista Martinson, Walt Schulz, and Al Timm.

15. **New Business**

There was some discussion on the credit card surcharge fees the association pays in order to have billing available via the website. A motion to add a surcharge of \$2.00 to each web transaction to offset these costs was withdrawn after discussion.

The time and place of the 2007 State Conference was discussed. It was decided that the March dates for the Duluth conference are won't work as the 1st BCT will still be deployed until the end of May and the 148th FW in Duluth (co-host) will be deployed on its AEF rotation. These factors will negatively impact the attendance at the conference. A motion to find an alternate location and dates for next year's conference was carried. Some proposed dates were discussed and the three best options in order are: 8-10 June, 1-3 June and 29 June – 1 July 2007 somewhere in the Twin Cities. LT Martinson is going to research the dates and some possible locations. The Duluth conference will be worked back into the rotation for a future date.

The board reviewed the Executive Director's position as is required by the by-laws at the end of his term. It was decided to extend Walt's term and raise his salary from \$800 to \$900/month effective 01 June 2006.

Walt is looking into a possible MN NG History book fundraiser.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 13 June at 1800 hrs, at the Ft. Snelling Officer's club.

16. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1945 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian C. Winter