

**National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes**

14 November 2006

1. **Call to Order**

President Kevin Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1806 on 14 November, 2006 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. **Roll Call**

The following were present:

President Kevin Gutknecht
Vice President "Air" Donald Dahlquist
Executive Director Walt Schultz
Treasurer Al Timm
34th Sustainment Bde Trista Martinson
148th FW Rep Scott Chambers
Troop Cmd Rep Timothy Kojetin
34th Div Kent Porter
Retiree Rep Carl Madsen
Retiree Alt Dick Hathaway
CBT AVN Bde Steve Shoemaker
CGO Dan Dobler

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at the Ft. Snelling Club on 1 December 2006 at 1700 hrs.

4. **Insurance Report**

Insurance Reps will go out to units to give an insurance briefing if they are contacted to do so. Boards Reps should contact the Executive Director to schedule dates and locations this briefing.

5. **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from October meeting approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report for 1/1/06-11/13/06. Total inflows equaled \$90,305.25, total outflows equaled \$81,040.76, net total cash flow equaled \$9,264.49. The assn's net worth equals \$32,911.91. Treasure's Report approved.

7. **Membership Report**

Current paid membership for 2007 is 77, and is at 6%.

8. **Legislative Report**

The TAG will have a meeting with some of the Board members to discuss his legislative package and agenda. Members to attend this meeting are: Gutknecht, Schulz, Madsen, Chambers, Martinson, Kojetin and Dahlquist.

Gutknecht plans to draft a letter which will be submitted to all of our Congressional Representatives. Ideas on some piece of legislation that our State Association should consider are to be submitted to Gutknecht.

9. **Webmaster's Report**

Nothing new to report

10. **Group Reports**

1st BCT: Still deployed, with 2 WIA's this month and now starting to focus on Reintegration. The unit has moved to the Bloomington TACC..

RSG (Regional Support Group), formerly DISCOM: unit has moved from Bloomington to Roseville and is standing down the Finance Battalion. 21 soldiers from the Finance Battalion have returned home from Iraq. Deactivation of the DISCOM will take place in December.

133rd AW: Still prepping for our AEF next year. Change of Command for the new Wing commander will take place in the near future.

148th FW: Preparing for a 120 day Deployment

Trp Cmd: Now at their new location in North Mpls. with COL Jeff Bertrand as the new Commander.

AVN: COL Huddleson is now the new State Safety Officer. Black Hawk Simulator is due in.

Retirees: The "Officers Holiday Dinner" will be held 01 Dec 06 at the Ft Snelling Officers Club, sponsored by the retirees. BG Kennedy will be the guest speaker for the event.

34th DIV: DISCOM left the Division on 1 Nov. A Dinning-In is scheduled and will include a number of Veterans from WWII.

Warrant Officer Report

No report

11. **Company Grade Officer Report**

Funds may be available for up to 5 Junior Grade Officers to attend the next national conference for professional development. Nominations are to be submitted to Board of Directors IN January and final selection will be made in February. A motion was made to use the following criteria for the nomination and the final selection process: 1) Officer must have been involved in a deployment, 2) have not attended any prior national conference/s, and 3) must be a 1^{LT} or below or equivalent Warrant Officer rank. Motion carried.

12. **Corporate Report**

Nothing to report

13. **Executive Director's Report**

Will publish a Viking News in January or February.

We will distribute membership cards to all paid members

****GROUP REPS, please email group reports to Walt prior to next meeting.**

14. **Old Business**

The 2007 Conference will be held 01-03 June at the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington. The group discussed the status of the taskers assigned from previous meetings (see taskers notes). The Conference Subcommittee will continue to present other ideas at subsequent meetings

15. **New Business**

\$1,000 was donated by Richard Delorenzo from Hurley, NY to be used toward the benefit to soldiers of the MN Army National Guard. Discussed the possibility to use it for the Re-Integration effort for soldiers/airmen returning from Iraq.

Motion was made to donate the entire amount to the Re-Integration effort for the Family Readiness Academy to be held on 9 Dec 2006. Motion carried

16. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1930 hours. The next meeting will be at 1700 hours on December.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Al Timm.