

**National Guard Association of Minnesota  
Meeting Minutes**

03 October 2006

1. **Call to Order**

President Kevin Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1807 on 03 October 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  
DISCOM Rep Geraldine Longfellow  
148<sup>th</sup> FW Rep Scott Chambers  
STARC Rep Tim Novak  
Troop Cmd Rep Gary Mundfrom  
Retiree Rep Carl Madsen  
Retiree Alt Dick Hathaway  
CGO Rep Dan Dobler  
Group 2 Rep Trista Martinson

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at the Ft. Snelling Club on 14 November 2006 at 1800 hrs.

4. **Insurance Report**

No report

5. **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from September meeting approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report for 1/1/06-10/3/06. Total inflows equaled \$84,973.07, total outflows equaled \$78,606.18, net total cash flow equaled \$6,366.89. The assn's net worth equals \$30,014.31. Treasure's Report approved.

7. **Membership Report**

No change in membership, which is hovering around 49%. Membership Committee met on this date: investigating NGAUS training for Group Reps. Incentives considered: free hospitality room at 2007 Conference for Groups with 100% membership. Reps for those Groups would receive free registration.

8. **Legislative Report**

President Gutknecht will ask Eric Alness, Col Shields replacement and our legislative contact, to attend a board meeting.

9. **Webmaster's Report**

No report.

10. **Group Reports**

1<sup>st</sup> BCT: Still deployed. Reintegration is a concern. Transformation progressing.

RSG (Regional Support Group), formerly DISCOM: unit is restaging from Bloomington to Roseville and standing down Finance Battalion. PSB and PSD ramping up for deployment. Finance detachment is returning home from Iraq.

133<sup>rd</sup> AW: Still prepping for AEF next year. Reintegration is a major concern. Col Cossalter is near promotion to BG. New Wing commander is unknown. Cossalter is highly supportive of the MN NGA.

Retirees: The "Officers Holiday Dinner" will be held 01 Dec 06 at the Ft Snelling Officers Club, sponsored by the retirees. Considering holding the December Board meeting that evening, prior to the dinner.

11. **Warrant Officer Report**

Graduated 8 warrant officers at Camp Adderbury. Would like to pin on Oct 15th at State Capitol. MN NGA will present a gift to the top graduate. All Graduates will get 14 months of free membership. New class of 11 starts November.

12. **Company Grade Officer Report**

Motion: to ask State for money for 3 Army and 2 Air officers (paid members) to attend national conference for professional development. Discussion: need to emphasize the bona fide professional development aspects of the trip. Motion carries.

13. **Corporate Report**

Nothing to report

14. **Executive Director's Report**

Will publish a Viking News in January or February.

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

15. **Old Business**

The 2007 Conference will be held 01-03 June at the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington. MN NGA has been offered attractive prices and amenities for the event. Special thanks to LTC Longfellow and LT Martinson for their work on finding the location and negotiating the details. Some ideas:

- looking at ways to shrink the time at the business meeting spent on resolutions
- focusing on "young warriors" returning from deployment instead of focusing on politicians

- including the president of NGAUS as a speaker
- hosting a “fun run” Saturday morning prior to the business meeting
- focusing on reintegration as a theme; having the commissioner of the VA as a speaker; having reintegration be the theme for the prayer breakfast

The Conference Subcommittee will present other ideas at subsequent meetings

16. **New Business**

More discussion on membership strategies.

17. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1921 hours. The next meeting will be at 1800 on 14 November.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Scott Chambers.