

**National Guard Association of Minnesota**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
08 Aug 2007

**1. Call to Order**

President LtCol Dahlquist called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1803 on 10 July 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

**2. Roll Call**

The following were present:

President Lt Col Donald Dahlquist

VP Army Maj Robert Intress

Executive Director Walt Schulz

Treasurer Al Timm

Secretary Trista Martinson

148<sup>th</sup> FW Rep Brian Winter

Retiree's Rep MAJ (Ret) Carl Madsen

Company Grade Rep CPT Dan Dobler

Div Rep MAJ Kent Porter

Maj Robert Niesen

Lt Col Scott Chambers

Cw5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway

Col Larry Burda

Maj Paul Jacobsen

**3. Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at the 1800 on 14 Aug 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club 2007.

**4. Insurance Report:** Rep is available for unit visits

**5. Secretary's Report**

Minutes from May's meeting approved.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report. Total Inflows \$74, 587.07, Total OutFlows \$67,996.23, Overall Total \$6,590.84

Association Net Worth equals \$49,955.42. Treasure's Report approved.

**7. Membership Report**

-no change-

**8. Legislative Report**

Discussion on presentation of Plaques to Rep Kohn and Vickerman etc. by Lt. Dhalquist.

**9. Webmaster's Report**

Benefit for 1SG Winckler posted on Website.

Hot News portion of the site on Top of website send suggestion to Webmaster.

Tribute to Fallen Soldiers since last conference send to Webmaster for posting.

**10. Group Reports**

**1st BCT:** Troops returning over the next 10 days. Welcoming troops back from 2 year deployments. CH Morris article in St. Paul Paper regarding redeployment. Welcome home celebrations at BN level and below. 2/135 preparing for a Kosovo deployment in August. 1/194<sup>th</sup> Security Co. is forward deployed.

**RSG:** Finance Deployed to Kuwait and PSB deployed to Afghanistan, PSD deployed to Kuwait. RSG's main focus is on handing reintegration for the returning deployed soldiers.

**133<sup>rd</sup> AW:** 2 Aircraft in Germany @110 pax. Rest Wing unit compliance inspections commander's conference at CRTC.

**148<sup>th</sup> FW:** All back from deployment looking for new Aircraft.

**Troop Cmd:** Attending AT, Standing up CERF-P.

**Retirees:** looking for recruits, please assist in contacting retired officers.

#### **11. Company Grade Officer Report**

Dan Dobler passed out the list of the five nominations for the National conference in Puerto Rico, they are (DIV), LT Chris Grupe (DIV), 1Lt Jason Hull (133<sup>rd</sup> AW).

**12. Corporate/Executive Director's Report:** Reminder to register for conference through Walt

**13. Old Business-** none

**14. New Business:** New President's philosophy to increase membership. We need to reach out to our members to grow our organization and be relevant. We need to get them engaged. Let's add value. We have a lot to offer and they have a lot to offer us.

Carl Madsen Made a motion to "Reinstitute Viking News Quarterly mailed to the membership."

Discussion: Problem with reaching new membership with already paid members.

Need a blurb from Commander's

Strategic Planning to determine what the best approach to reach our members and to gain new members.

Amendment: "To Send out 2 copies of Viking News a year" LtCol (Ret) Burda

Table: Come up with a strategic plan on recruiting and Communication.

President will appoint a Strategic planning committee. Walt will send on an email to discuss strategic plan.

Discussion of Items for Puerto Rico National Conference  
Pins, Walt made a motion to purchase pins for Conference.  
Discussion to find out how many old pins we have.  
\$150 Roll Call Presentation set. Will purchase Candy Bars from Pearson's Candies.  
Shirts have been selected Cost \$35.00 Each  
26 Delegates attending.  
Committee's assigned will follow up at next months meeting.  
Motion to spend \$1,000 for hospitality room. – approved  
Motion to provide a \$250 stipend to any company grade officer that attends on own  
dime up to first 10 that register. NLT 15 July 07.

### **15. Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1915 hours.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Trista Martinson.