

**National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes**

13 March 2007

1. **Call to Order**

President Kevin Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1803 on 13 March 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. **Roll Call**

The following were present:

President Kevin Gutknecht
Vice President "Air" Donald Dahlquist
Executive Director Walt Schulz
Treasurer Al Timm
Secretary Brian Winter
34th Sustainmt Bgde Rep Trista Martinson
133rd AW Rep Paul Jacobsen
Avation Bgde Steven Shoemaker
Troop Cmd Rep Gary Mundfrom

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at the Ft. Snelling Club on 10 April 2007 at 1800 hrs. There will be a conference planning committee meeting at 1700.

4. **Insurance Report**

Insurance rep, Ted Schule, wants to meet w/ the TAG to discuss the legality of getting in front of troops to talk about insurance. Has a letter that allowing this, Walt will get a copy to the President.

5. **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from February meeting approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report. Total inflows equal \$18,709.81 YTD, total outflows equal \$13,882.40, positive cash flow of \$4,827.41. The Association's net worth is \$48,191.99. Treasure's Report approved.

7. **Membership Report**

State membership is at only 33% to date for 2007. Walt passed around a sheet showing the breakdown of membership by group. 31 March is the deadline to get a 5% rebate from NGAUS on memberships. How do we reach deployed troops?

****Group reps please make a push between now and the end of March to get membership dues paid.**

8. **Legislative Report**

No report.

9. **Webmaster's Report**

No report.

10. **Group Reports**

1st BCT: The OIF extension is the biggest issue for BCT troops and families right now.

RSG: Open house at MP Co in Stillwater last weekend. PSB deployed to Afghanistan, running the mail system there at 19 different locations. Finance troops prepping to deploy again.

133rd AW: 100 133rd troops returned from the AEF rotation last week. Wing CC is deployed to Baghram until April. The Aerial Port Squadron won the ANG Aerial Port Squadron of the Year Award and is set to compete for the AF award against active duty.

148th FW: Troops deployed to Iraq for AEF rotation. Lt Col Chambers working in his new position as CE commander for the month.

Aviation Bgde: 2/147th going away ceremony May 10th at the State Fairgrounds.

Troop Command: 2 companies are getting ready to deploy soon, 849th in Litchfield and 851st in Rochester. A new state mission, CERFP, has been added to their mission, 40 Army, 10 Air personnel will be attending training in Oklahoma.

11. **Company Grade Officer Report**

No report.

12. **Corporate Report**

Walt is still working on bringing in more corporate sponsorships. President Gutknecht is composing a letter for use in obtaining additional corp. sponsors. He has a couple of corporate leads he's working on. Maj Jacobsen created a power point presentation on the benefits and reasons for joining NGAMN/NGAUS he will email out.

13. **Executive Director's Report**

The hotel for the upcoming Nat'l conference will be the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, group rate is \$150/night, hospitality room will be \$400/nt.

14. **Old Business**

We will revisit the motion to look at hiring a conference planner until July, after the state conference.

15. **New Business**

Discussion on Time and Place for upcoming state conferences. Right now, this looks like the upcoming schedule: 2008 in St. Cloud, 2009 in Mankato or Rochester, 2010

unknown, 2011 in Duluth. LT Martinson will be in Mankato in early April and volunteered to look into local facilities for the event. Capt Winter will contact Lt Col Slotness about booking the DECC for 2011, and specific dates. Need to make a decision on 2009 and 2010 soon.

Lt Col Dahlquist briefed on his experience attending the train the trainer session at NGAUS recently. He brought back some great ideas on drumming up membership. Need to consider formalizing a membership committee for this purpose.

16. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1855 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Winter.