

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
17 JUN 2008

1. Call to Order

Past President Dahlquist called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1810 hours on 17JUN 2008 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

Lt Col Donald Dahlquist, Past President
CW5 (Ret) Walt Schulz, Executive Director
COL (Ret) Al Timm, Treasurer
MAJ Rhonda Evenson, Secretary
LTC Tom Miller, RSG Rep
CPT Brian Winter, 148 FW Rep
2LT Joe Hennessey, 148 FW Rep
CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway, Warrant Officer Rep
MAJ(Ret) Carl Madsen, Retiree Rep
MAJ(Ret) Bob Beutler, Membership Rep

3. Administrative Announcement

None.

4. Insurance Report:

Insurance trust meeting to be held 30-31 May. Copies of books passed around. \$4200 check from the trust. Need to distribute a portion to Enlisted Association. Next years meeting in Maine. Report Approved.

5. Secretary's Report

Minutes from May and June to be reviewed next meeting. Secretary's Report tabled. COL Timm will consolidate the Conference notes and submit.

6. VP Report: Both are deployed-No Report. Need to define a succession plan with the current OPTEMPO.

7. Treasurer's Report

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report and covered the financials with the group. Total Inflows YTD were \$77,277.28, with Total Outflows of \$46793.98. Overall Total: \$30483.30; Net worth: \$63529.28. Outstanding liabilities include remainder of state dues to NGAUS, fees for the 130th conference, .25 cent per member fee from 2007, and trust shares to the enlisted association. No inflows currently expected. Recommendation was to coordinate with Mr. Palmer, Mr. Novak, or Scott Johnson to conduct an audit of the association's financial records. Treasurer's Report approved.

8. Legislative Report

Rep not present. Mr. Hathaway provided a letter from the MN House of Representative providing information regarding legislative actions in support of military members/issues. Information will be uploaded to the website, and our legislative representative will be asked to provide additional details and explanations. We will provide comments for the VIKANG news and via email burst to demonstrate the importance of the associations lobbying efforts. Legislative Report approved.

9. Executive Director Report.

Requested authority to sign a contract to reserve 135 rooms for Mankato for the 2009 Conference.

Membership report was provided and is as follows:

BCT	56% (+.05)	RSG	76% (+.02)	DIV	48% (+.01)
133AW	57%	148FW42%		JFHQ	26% (+.01)
34CAB	37% (+.01)	84TC	35%	NGAMN	49%

Registration for National Conference needs to be received NLT 10 Jul. 13 registrations received thus far. Trust meeting information was provided to the board. Executive Report approved.

10. Web Master Report No report.

11. Corporate Report \$8675 in corporate memberships still active. Corporate report approved

12. Group Reports

1st BCT: No Rep Present. No Report

RSG: MAJ Joe Sharkey will be replacing LTC Miller who will be deploying with the Division. The 347th Personnel Services Detachment will complete their redeployment from OIF on or about July 12, 2008. The 34th Military Police Company and the 34th ID Band continue to go through pre-mobilization training at Camp Ripley during fourth quarter 2008 and first quarter 2009. Annual Training is being conducted for many of the 347th RSG units during the last week of August and first week of September. The 258th Military Police Company will conduct a number of Overseas Deployment Training (ODT) events during 2009 and the 204th Area Support Medical Company will begin pre-mobilization training in 2009.

Division: No Rep Present. No Report

JFHQ: No Rep Present. No Report

133rd AW: No Rep Present. No Report

148th FW: Finished “Big Bang Week”. Hosted AFSO 21 Conference with significant amounts of 35 General Officers present (Process improvement movement). LTG McKinley, Director Air National Guard awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit award to the wing. Governor and Senator Coleman visited with OSHA reps along with Assistant Director of the Air Force to award the “OSHA VPP Star award”. 148th is the first Air Force unit (active/reserve), and possibly first military unit to receive this award whose primary focus is on safety. Continue preparing for ORE process during the July/August period and ISO of next summer’s PH2 evaluation. Continue preparations for another AEF rotation planned for the end of the year.

CBT AVN: No Rep Present. No Report

Troop Cmd: No Rep Present. No Report

Company Grade Officer Report – No Rep Present. No Report

Retirees: Significant email traffic regarding legislation. Number of events that MOA and AUSA are hosting were shared. Retired Officer Report Approved

Warrant Officers: Current Strength: 182/226 Warrant Officer Positions filled for a state strength of 81%. Mn has hired the first ever Warrant Officer Recruiter fulltime: WO1 Glenn Fietl (previously enlisted recruiter and a “Chief’s 50” Winner). He will work to fill critical shortages in the Warrant Officer Corps in the fields of Field Artillery, Signal Corps, and Military Intelligence. In the development of a MN Warrant Officer History display case which would tentatively be placed at the RTI (home of the WOCS Course). CW5 Barry Larsen, CCWO, was reassigned to the Mil Per Tech position with the J1 and CW5 Steve Wensman assumed the duties at the “full-time” CCWO effective 01APR. Warrant Officer Report Approved. In the May issue of the USAWOA Newsletter there is a paragraph that discusses a 15% discount for Sprint/Nextel users for USAWOA members. Document was provided. Warrant Officer Report Approved.

13. Old Business-

Review of previous meeting new business activities. No action items defined, but topics tabled for offline discussion to develop action plan on a number of topics to be brought forth at the next meeting.

14. New Business:

Train the Trainer Workshop in Washington, DC – MAJ Bob Beutler (Ret)

- Provided handouts regarding NGAUS activities (Museum, Muster, Strategic Plan, Tricare Reserve Select)
- Discussed our opportunity to be a lobbying voice via membership
- National Congressional Delegation Visit discussed the importance of providing input to our legislators/senators. Key congressional leaders

basically assess the numbers of letters in support or against an issue. Whether it's a form letter or not doesn't matter.

- Membership meeting provide a number of messages that can be used to support
- Received a briefing from JAG of OK guard to as a dissenting voice regarding undue influence
- New member opportunity at state officer producing programs – WOCS/OCS
- Maintain visibility of retirees whether member or not
- Look at my space or other like program for younger members
- Corporate membership focused on minority or veteran owned companies can get national connections thru state to national.
- Utilize Officer Development Program
- Facilitate more contact (weekly) with “attaboy” or successes
- TAG Support Letters
- Website review – GA/MI

Recommend president engage TAG regarding LTG Blum authorization for travel to National Conference.

Recommend the development of a membership committee.

Recommend we facilitate a method to obtain involvement from senior leaders support plan.

Recommend review Bylaws to define unfulfilled requirements.

2 ea \$500 Scholarships for FY2008 – No applications received and committee required to review in July. Detailed information regarding this needs to be provided to the Webmaster and Group Reps. Recommend extension of application deadline to 01AUG08.

15. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting 08JUL08 (T) per president approval. Meeting adjourned at 1936 hours.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Evenson.