

**National Guard Association of Minnesota**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
14 May 2008

**1. Call to Order**

President Intress called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1806 hours on 14 May 2008 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

**2. Roll Call**

The following were present:

LTC Robert Intress, President

Lt Col Donald Dahlquist, Past President

CW5 (Ret) Walt Schulz, Executive Director

COL (Ret) Al Timm, Treasurer

MAJ Rhonda Evenson, Secretary

LTC Tim Kojetin, Troop Command Rep

Lt Col Robert Niesen, 133 AW Rep

2LT Joe Hennessey, 148 FW Rep

CW4 Peter Panos, 34<sup>th</sup> CAB Rep

CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway, Warrant Officer Rep

MAJ(Ret) Carl Madsen, Retiree Rep

**3. Administrative Announcement**

LTC Intress addressed the board.

**4. Insurance Report:**

Insurance trust meeting to be held 30-31 May. Will provide report at next meeting.

**5. Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the Officer Convention were unavailable. Secretary will obtain products from LT Trista Martinson and MAJ Kent Porter for consolidation and presentation.

Secretary's Report tabled.

6. VP Report: Working on Scholarships. Will discuss during old business.

**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 \$68391.41, with Total Outflows of \$30863.42. Overall Total: \$37527.99; Net worth: \$70573.97. Outstanding liabilities include state conference expenses and NGAUS dues. Inflows expected from remaining silent auction payments. Treasurer's Report approved.

**8. Legislative Report**

President Intress reports that we will need to replace LTC Mark Weins and has had a recommendation of Lt Col Scott Chambers. Options for email distribution of legislative

topics and legislative action requests were discussed. Assessment of a method to provide a non-mn.ngb account is ongoing. Legislative Report accepted.

### **9. Executive Director Report.**

Membership report was provided and is as follows:

BCT	51%	RSG	74%	DIV	47%
133AW	57%	148FW	42%	JFHQ	25%
34CAB	36%	84TC	45%	XXX	XX%

Registration for National Conference needs to be 10 Jul. Executive Report accepted.

### **10. Web Master Report**

Improvements continue on the website. A reminder that add space is available on the side of the base webpage. A spot for advertisers on the website is \$250. Contact Walt Schulz for add spots on the website. Web Master Report accepted.

**11. Corporate Report** No report.

### **12. Group Reports**

**1st BCT:** No report

**RSG:** No report

**Division:** No Report

**JFHQ:** No Report

**133rd AW:** Eagan Joint Emergency Management Exercise 21-22 May. Conducting multiple ESGR flights in the upcoming weeks. Providing Base and Facility support to RNC. Pending replacement for Lt Col Niesen during his mobilization is Paul Jacobson.

**148th FW:** Provided F16 to Air Museum on 16MAY08. Preparing for upcoming deployments and ORE Ph2. Participating in Canadian Snowbird Airshow July 08.

**CBT AVN:** Preparing for large mobilization with a deployment ceremony scheduled for 31MAY08 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Additional preparations to support the return of the 2-147 Assault Battalion in late July. Continue to work on membership

**Troop Cmd:** 849<sup>th</sup> EN Co has completed their redeployment from Iraq. Now preparing for the return of the 851<sup>st</sup> EN Co in July. Preparing for the upcoming mobilization of the 1-151 and E deployment in early Spring of 09. Recently received new communication equipment (JSICC) in support of homeland security national defense operations.

## **Company Grade Officer Report – No Report**

**Retirees:** Recruiting new members and need assistance. COL Tom Anders, 133<sup>RD</sup> retiree was nominated as a possible resource for Air Guard personnel. The next holiday gathering for the retirees is Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1800 hours at the Ft Snelling Officer Club. An RSVP will be required.

**Warrant Officers:** Per Chief Wensman: 126 of 180 warrant positions are filled at a rate of 80%. We are ranked in the top 13% nationally for percentage of fill. Have 11 Warrant Officer candidates projected for FY-08 with a goal of 21 and 35 respectively for FY-09 and FY-10.

### **13. Old Business-**

#### **14. New Business:**

Review of State Conference

- Recommendations for improvement received and discussed. Information passed to 2-135 for the purpose of preparation for next year. Secretary was directed to obtain the SOP from LT Martinson.
- Need to improve the attendance of junior leaders. Recommend mid and senior grade mentors/leaders engage junior personnel about attendance and importance of belonging and participating.
- Need to have initial briefing from 2-135 for 2009 Conference during the November 2008 meeting.

President will request an Office visit with the Adjutant General to discuss previously established talking points. Possibilities are: membership, conference participation, legislative support

Discussion regarding visiting states who meet 100% NGAUS membership.

Chief of the National Guard Bureau published a memorandum endorsing “official travel” for up to 9 personnel to attend the National Conference as an Officer Development Program event. The president is to engage the TAG to obtain a full or partial endorsement and to earmark funding information.

### **15. Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Evenson.

