

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
12 AUG 2008

1. Call to Order

President Intress called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1806 hours on 12 AUG 2008 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

LTC Robert Intress
CW5 (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz
COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm
MAJ(Ret) Carl Madsen
CW5 (ret) Richard Hathaway
Maj Rhonda Evenson
CPT Brian Winters
1LT Joe Hennessy
MAJ (ret) Bob Beutler

3. Administrative Announcement

Four total scholarship entries were received. Two as dependent of a military member and two who are military members. Tentatively only one of the dependents and one of the military members are confirmed paid NGAMN members or family of an NGAMN member.

4. Insurance Report:

No update for group sales. Group reps are asked to coordinate to have briefings conducted in the upcoming month.

5. Secretary's Report

Minutes from the JUL meeting were reviewed and approved.
Secretary's Report approved.

6. VP Report: Air VP – LtCol Paul Cummings will be returning early September and will be present at the National Association Meeting. Army VP is deployed forward to Kuwait.

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 \$87378.00, with Total Outflows of \$71015.40. Net worth: \$49408.58. Outstanding liabilities: Tax preparation fee of \$155.00. 2007 NGAUS check from last year \$3200 and 2008 per soldier credit of \$3400. Treasurer's Report approved.

8. Legislative Report

Lt Col Scott Chambers not present. Carl Madsen informed the board that he spoke with LtCol Chambers and will act as the alternate for LtCol Cumming when he is unavailable. Carl will attend a meeting with the MAG (Military Advisor Group) on Thursday, 14AUG08 at the Capitol Complex. Discussion was held regarding the development of a legislative agenda/plan in support of state and national issues.

9. Executive Director Report.

Prepping for audit of our books and financials. Taxes were accomplished being done for the association. Discussion about National Conference in SEP regarding MN Delegation and reservations of hotel rooms. Executive Director will provide a copy of the billing associated with 2007/2008 (twenty five cent) fee. Executive Directors report accepted.

10. Web Master Report

Website payment option was down for approximately a month. It now works properly and remains secure with the small padlock icon. LTC Intress reports that he has provided the president's message to Carl and it was posted to the website.

11. Corporate Report

Awaiting opportunity to observe the National Conference and to obtain information on methods to support the development of the Minnesota Corporate Membership opportunities.

12. Group Reports

1st BCT: Annual Training ongoing. Support to RNC as additional mission. Reintegration of 2-135 from Kosovo. Awaiting the fielding of 53 M1A1AIMS tanks.

RSG: No Report.

Division: No Report

JFHQ: No Rep Present. RNC is primary focus. Reduced/off-site manning for full-time force is under consideration.

133rd AW: Deployments upcoming. AEF scheduled and deployment readiness processing this upcoming weekend with a family day. Eve of Hope, General Miller Scholarship is being boarded this weekend too.

148th FW: ORE was conducted last month. This is in advance of upcoming AEF rotations. Expecting to continue these deployments with primary fill coming from volunteers. 148th will be supporting RNC with air security.

CBT AVN: No Report

Troop Cmd: TF-32 in support of RNC. Working with primary and secondary local law enforcement. Engineer Companies beginning reintegration. Working with future deploying units in the areas of pre-mobilization training.

Company Grade Officer Report –
Membership committee created in order to support a membership drive and improvements to membership webpage on the website.

Retirees: Have selected personnel to attend nationals and represent the retirees during multiple committees at the national conference.

Warrant Officers: 184 of 224 positions filled. FY-09 objective of 200 WO's has been submitted to the recruiting force. Spoke with Mr. Novak regards to reimbursement from the AG/MMAF fund in support of the twenty five cent tax. .

13. Old Business-

LTC Intress engaged MN ANG Senior leaders to ensure that Air Guard will fund 2 company grade officers for the National Conference. BG Cossalter endorsed to his subordinate wings and supported funding three personnel for attendance.

14. New Business:

Scholarship information update:

Four total scholarship entries were received. Two as dependent of a military member and two who are military members. Initial research supports only one of the dependents and one of the military members are paid NGAMN members or family of an NGAMN member. Board considered a motion to evaluated all four as active members or active member dependent. Motion failed. A second motion was considered to consider all four applications, they will be reviewed and a finalist would be selected based upon member. If not recorded as a paid member, the finalist will be contacted by the president to confirm or deny current membership. If not confirmed, the second applicant will receive the scholarship.

Motion carries.

Active members/Active Life Member: CPT Helgestad and CPT Wolf. Discussion on merits were held. CPT Wolf was selected as the finalist. LTC Intress will contact regarding membership confirmation.

Dependent of Active members/Active Life Member: Rachel Miller, daughter of LTC Thomas Miller and Joseph Pasquarella son, of Cheryl Pasquarella. Discussion on merits were held. Rachel Miller was selected as the finalist.

Discussion was brought forth from CPT Alvin Graham in regards to encouraging attendance at the state conference in IDT status. The conduct of an OPD program in conjunction with current conference agenda would be required. The Association can support the facilities but the subordinate organizations would need to support the training.

CPT Alvin Graham and the company grade personnel will develop the Minnesota Greeting for the National Convention.

President Intress will be contacting 2-135, Ryan Kelly, providing the board a briefing during the 18NOV08 meeting regarding the 2009 conference.

Next meeting to be held on 30SEP08 at the officer club. Membership meeting to be held 1700.

During the 18NOV08, a conference time and place committee will meet at 1700 hours with the primary meeting to be held at 1800.

Retirees Christmas party to be held 05DEC08 at the Ft. Snelling Officer Club. Social begins at 1800 and meal is served at 1900.

15. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1940 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by LTC Robert Intress.