

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
8 January 2008

1. Call to Order

President LtCol Dahlquist called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1815 hours on 8 Jan 2008 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

President Lt Col Donald Dahlquist
CW5 (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz
COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm
Col Paul Cummings
LTC Tim Kojetin
CW5 Steven Schoemaker
MAJ Matt Vatter
Lt Col Robert Niesen
MAJ(Ret) Carl Madsen
CPT Joseph Sanganoo

3. Administrative Announcement

The next Board meeting will be held at 1800 hours on 12 Feb, 2008 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club. The Conference Planning meeting will be held prior to the regular Board meeting with a start time of 1700 hours.

President Dahlquist will be out of state from 25 Jan 2008 to 10 Apr 2008. The April Board meeting will be held at the Fort Snelling Officers Club on the 15th of April, with a 1700 hour meeting for final conference information/planning and the Board meeting will start at 1800 hours.

The Theme selected for the upcoming State Conference will be “The American Family”.

Of the 5 pending awards to be presented, one was awarded today, 8 Jan, to State Representative Kahn. There are still 4 awards that have not been presented to the respective recipients (Governor and Mrs. Pawlenty, Eugene Sit, and Vickerman). Vickerman is to receive his award on Monday January 15th at 9:30 AM, with the remaining awards to be scheduled at a later date.

4. Insurance Report:

Walt provided the Board with handouts that detailed the status of our insurance trust funds (see handouts). We also received a check from The Shuey Agency for \$2,525 for insurance sales for our new insurance program “Level to 50 Plan”.

5. Secretary's Report

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved.

6. Treasurer's Report

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report and covered the financials with the group. Total Inflows for 2007 were \$83,284.22, with Total Outflows of \$93,602.82. The Association Net Worth on 31 December was \$33,045.98 a decrease of \$10,318.60 from the previous year.

7. Legislative Report

COL Alness is to send the Governors' 35 initiatives to the Board for consideration. The board will need to identify what initiatives we will support and would like the TAG to pursue.

The group representatives are tasked to bring back ideas from their respective groups for our consideration.

8. Executive Director Report.

We need to focus on our 2008 membership; we are at a very low level so far for this year.

Walt will be attending the NGEDA conference in Baltimore, January 27- 30.

9. Web Master Report

The new registration form has been entered on the Web. However, Carl needs at least 2 members to make entries to test the functionality. Dahlquist and Cummings volunteered to make the test entries.

10. Corporate Report

Walt is going to revise the existing corporate sponsor letter. Once revised, the letter will be mailed to all potential sponsors.

11. Warrant Officer Report – No Report

12. Group Reports

1st BCT: No Report

RSG: No Report

Division: Currently emphasizing association membership for 2008 and attendance to the upcoming State Conference.

JFHQ: Planning continue for Homeland Security events. Exploring new missions for the Air Guard. Remember the 1200 soldiers/airmen still deployed in Iraq.

133rd AW: The Pending rotation for "Joint Enterprise" has been cancelled. The Director of the Air Guard will make a visit sometime in April or May.

148th FW: Still in Hawaii.

CBT AVN: The unit is 5 months out for the next deployment. 2/147 is due back in state in August. If anyone is interested in riding with the flight crew, flights are done every week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Proper forms must be completed prior to the flight.

Troop Cmd: 151 will be receiving a Unit Citation Award for combat service in 2004 - 2005.

Retirees: Remind all newly retired and retired folks that life membership for retirees is \$125 for national and \$50 for state.

Company Grade Officer Report – No Report

13. Old Business-

The upcoming Vikang Newsletter will be published soon; articles are due to Walt by 1 Feb.

Membership Committee on hold.

Time and Place Committee includes Schulz, Martinson, Intress and Kojetin. The committee needs to bring back a plan for the next 5 years.

14. New Business:

None

15. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1925 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Al Timm.