**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**Executive Council Meeting**

**Huron, SD**

**0900 CST, April 17, 2015**

**Call to Order President Siemonsma**

**Pledge of Allegiance All**

**Roll Call Secretary Trygstad**

* Roll call was conducted will sixteen executive council members present.

**Old Business (Reports):**

**Approval of Minutes Secretary Trygstad**

* Motion was made for approval of the minutes by LTC Wyatt Hansen and second by MAJ Dana Limbo.

**Treasurer’s Report Kevin Miller**

* Additional officer dues were collected.
* Working with David Burr on the receipt of the insurance check for $5,000.
* Closed the executive director account.
* Received our first payment through the PayPal link on the state website. Working through some issues with an additional fee that was charged to this officer.
* Discussed donation to Hospice Program at the Sioux Falls and Ft. Meade VA.
* Motion was made to approve the minutes by MAJ Martin Yost and second by CPT Chad Wika.

**Membership Report Eric Borah**

* Chief Borah was not present for report.
* South Dakota has met the early bird requirement again this year.
* Discuss possible uses of the 25% NGAUS dues we will be getting back. Topic will be discussed at the business session.

**Insurance Report**

* Report will be given at the business session.

**Corporate Sponsorship Report Quenten Johnson**

* Currently have commitments for $3,300 in membership dues.
* List of current Corporate Sponsors are listed on page 15 of the conference booklet.
* CPT Johnson will be stepping down as the corporate sponsorship chair due to his fulltime job. New representative will be announced at business session.

**Museum Report Steve Siemonsma**

* A number of events have happened over the past year to include the elimination of Minute Man Fund Board. New museum board was formed with 16 members. Meeting are held quarterly.
* Current have done approximately $80,000 in work to the building with an additional $200,000 projected over the next couple years.
* Discussed the Heritage Painting Series and how it will be used as a fundraiser for the museum. The museum will be buying 100 prints to be sold.
* Discussed the museum membership options available: AG ($500), Governors ($1,000), and Governors + ($1000 +).

**Warrant Officer Report Ben Smetana**

* Board was completed with representatives from the 109th RSG, JFHQ, and 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

**Retire Report Jerry Duba**

* Discussed the ways they are getting the word out to the retirees.
* Retiree email list currently only has 400 names on it, goal would be to increase this to 1,000 in hopes to increase attendance at conferences and other military events.
* Created a link to the retiree page from the SDNG Homepage.
* Discussed how the committee is trying to find the right mix of media sources to get their information out.

**Committee Assignments President Siemonsma**

* Committee listing was handed out.

**Insurance Committee**

* No Report

**Memorial Scholarship Committee**

* No Report

**Other Old Business President Siemonsma**

* Discussed the issues and possible resolution for the 20 Year Pins
* Association is unable to find the pins previously handed out to all members reaching 20 Years.
* Discussed the creation of a committee to develop a new coin to be give out to all officers reaching 20 Years.
* Committee assigned to do research is: CW4 Dressler, MAJ Yost, and MAJ Hardin
* Line item 211 was added with $500.00 to cover the cost of a new coin.
* Executive council voted on the creation of the committee and line item 211 was changed from mailings to the 20 Year Pin. Motion was approved.

**New Business**

**2015 (61st NGASD Conference) Update Tom Wilcox**

* CPT Wilcox discussed the schedule for the weekend to include the meals and transportation to events. Page 3-4 in the conference book has the finalized schedule.

**Website Update Rebecca Trygstad**

* Secretary notes and upcoming events have been added to the website.
* Looking for feedback from the Junior Officer Committee on improvements that can be made to their portion of the website. Very limited information right now for this committee.
* Will work on the PayPal issues with MAS Media.

**Call for By-Law Changes President Siemonsma**

**Nominations Quenten Johnson**

* Current Nominations:
  + President: MAJ Tracy Heiser
  + 1st Vice: MAJ Quenten Johnson
  + 2nd Vice: MAJ Rebecca Trygstad
  + Secretary: CPT Jodi Gilberti and CPT Ross Pedersen
  + Treasurer: MAJ Kevin Miller

**Executive Director’s Report Steve Sewell III**

* Director thanked everyone for the support he has received over the past year and looks forward to the next year.
* Discussed the list of goals he would like to accomplish over the next year.

**Report on 2014 & 2015 National Conference Steve Sewell III**

* Report will be given at business session.

**Other New Business President Siemonsma**

* Discussed the move to make the conference more of a family friendly event by improving the youth programs we offer.
* Looked at a way that we could incorporate more of the Yellow Ribbon and Youth Programs.
* During the 2016 conference we will be adding some additional programming into the conference to include family friendly and youth focused event.
* Handed out a list of some possible events that could be incorporated.
* Age focus would be the 6-17 year olds.

**Hospice Donation**

* Donation was given to the Sioux Falls and Ft. Meade VA.

**Admin Announcements/Next Meeting**

* Next meeting will be held on 2 September at 1130CST on the conference line.

**Adjournment President Siemonsma**

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Rebecca Trygstad Steve Siemonsma**

**MAJ, SDARNG LTC, SDARNG**

**Secretary President**