**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**Executive Council Meeting**

**Pierre, SD**

**1000 CST, February 4th, 2016**

**Call to Order Vice President Johnson**

* President Wolfe unable to attend meeting due to family emergency.

**Pledge of Allegiance All**

**Roll Call Secretary Gilberti**

* Roll call was conducted with twenty executive council members present.

**Old Business (Reports):**

**Approval of Minutes Secretary Gilberti**

* Motion was made for approval of the minutes by Jim Linn and seconded by Chad Wika.

**Treasurer’s Report Treasurer Miller**

* $1,500 insurance rebate and $5,300 dues rebate (to be discussed later).
* $1,200 from corporate sponsorship program to date.
* The online payment option for officer dues has included some inconsistencies with the fees, however it is a small amount of money so the council agreed on leaving the fees as is.
* Accounts are still in good standing
* Line 215 will see an increase by $150.
* If needed, money may be taken out of line 221(Sewell).
* Treasurer report was distributed to council members.

**Membership Report Steve Sewell**

* Eric Borah was not present for report.
* We are slightly behind at 60% versus 75% paid the same time last year. March 15th is the early bird deadline to get the rebate.
* Eric Borah will step down as the membership chair and the council is in need of someone to replace this position.
* Current paid dues status: RSG-51%, JFHQ-69%, ANG-59%, RTI-31%, MEB-69%

**Insurance Report Dave Burr**

* Collected $65K in premiums, $14K in rebate for total income of $79K. Fees and expenses totaled around $67K, with $11K leftover.
* Mr. Burr is concerned about the insurance program since numbers continue to decline. Current membership is 399 with another anticipated 13 losses this year. If the decline continues, we could lose the rebate.
* Mr. Burr wants to get into the units to present a short 15 min brief as well as getting into the RSP program (twice per year). Will also continue promote through the Echo, the Dakota Pack and through drill letters.
* $10,000 policy exists for anyone new coming into the SDNG, but they have to sign up for it.
* Non-profit tax status reinstated, and they are currently addressing the issue of the missing $25K by Jim Peterson.
* If there was a ‘magic number’ or goal for membership that wouldn’t threaten the refund and tax status, that number would be at least 500 members.

**Corporate Sponsorship Report Quenten Johnson**

* Currently have only one corporate sponsor ($1,200).
* This program is declining, the last few attempts have not been successful. Quenten Johnson recommended someone else being the corporate sponsor chair in attempt to try to raise sponsors, or to not continue the program if the money isn’t needed.
* It was noted that corporate sponsors desire face to face time with NGASD members the most.
* There was discussion about sponsors of the state conference taking charge of the corporate sponsors, but it was generally agreed upon that this was not appropriate.

**Museum and Warrant Officer Report removed from Agenda**

**Retire Report Jerry Duba**

* There is a retiree brunch at 1000 on Friday, April 22nd at JFHQ.
* Information sent out to retirees regarding reduced rates.
* Jerry will send email to Steve Sewell for distribution to units regarding retiree info.

**New Business**

* Rebate Increase Proposals **Steve Sewell**
  + There was a lengthy discussion on how to spend the rebate money this year and until change needed. The discussion revolved around two items:
    - 1. Use the money to help junior officers attend the state and national conference. It was decided that it is more important to focus on getting SDNG junior officers to the state conference and that this should include officer candidates, warrant officer candidates and cadets. The rebate money will be used to pay for all WO1/2LT/1LT/WOC/OC/Cadets state conference fee and one nights lodging.
    - 2. Use the money to improve the quality of the conference. It was discussed that giving a small amount of that money ($2,500) could be used to supplement the state conference quality. Current and prior state conference hosts agreed that this could have, and will help improve conference events, venues..etc.
  + Motion was made by Chris Long to use the rebate for these two items was seconded by Rebecca Trygstad. All members voted in favor.
  + This discussion let into other discussions of how to get better participation to state conferences, and suggestions were to consider the timing of the conference, start day (Fri or Sat vs. Thurs), and family participation.
* **61st NGASD Conference** **Joe Jacobson**
  + This year’s theme is “Rock of Ages.”
  + Social will begin Thursday night (APR 21st) and joint conference begins Friday at 1300. The President of NGAUS will do a town hall meeting on Friday afternoon. Friday night there will be a band at the Ramkota, and the 109th requests attendees dress up as their favorite musician, band, music genre..etc.
  + Saturday will include a 4-lenses event with spouses outside of the normal business sessions and activities. Saturday evening will be a business casual dinner with a guest speaker (TBD).
  + Day care available and there will be a youth ‘lock-in’ on Saturday night.
  + Raffle tickets were distributed to MACOMS and are $2.00 each.
* **Website update** **Rebecca Trygstad**
  + National conference pictures are not correct size, they need to be resized before being posted on website.
  + Executive council committee sheet was passed around to ensure updates and changes were documented and updated.
  + Needs JOPD update on agenda for the state conference.
  + Link to National Conference info on website.
  + Registration form for state conference on website.
  + Motion was made by Jim Linn to leave the pay pall fees ‘as-is’ on website, motion was seconded by Wyatt Hansen. All council members in favor.
* **Call for by-law Changes**: (none).
* **Nominations Brian Maschino**
  + The only current nomination is Kevin Curly as 2nd Vice President. Will call for nominations at the 1400 meeting.
  + Small discussion on whether or not to remove the campaign manager from nominees, and instead have them talk for themselves. The council generally agreed on letting the candidate choose to either speak for themselves or have a campaign manager.

**Other New Business Vice President Johnson**

* Tom Wilcox asked for clarification on whether or not deployed officers get their dues waived. Joe Jacobson clarified that they are not waived. The council agreed that deployed Soldiers are able to pay.
* Kevin Miller proposed a request from the SDANG for $500 to support their dining out. Kevin Miller made a motion to approve this request, Dana seconded the motion, however a majority of the council opposed the motion and motion was denied.

**Adjournment Vice President Johnson**

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Jodi Gilberti Tracy Wolfe**

**CPT, SDARNG MAJ, SDARNG**

**Secretary President**