**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**Executive Council Meeting**

**Pierre, SD**

**11:00 CST, February 5, 2015**

**Lewis and Clark Room**

Call to Order President Siemonsma

Pledge of Allegiance All

Roll Call Secretary Trygstad

* Roll call was conducted by Secretary Trygstad.
* 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, and Treasurer Miller were not in attendance. Twenty executive council members were present for the meeting.

Old Business (Reports)

Approval of Minutes Secretary Trygstad

* MAJ Martin Yost made a motion to approve the minutes and LTC Brendan Murphy 2nd the motion.

Treasurer’s Report Kevin Miller

* Report was not given due to the absence of Treasurer Miller. President Siemonsma will give a report at museum Mid Winter Meeting.

Membership Report Eric Borah

* Achieved 88% of the national membership goal for South Dakota. Current established national goal is 494 of the 582 officers. Total numbers of members paid towards the national goal is 436.
* As of 4 February 2015 the state has collected over $30,046 of the $44,241 of dues.

Insurance Report Dave Burr

* Dave Burr has signed up 15 additional personnel for the $10,000 policy.
* The association lost their not for profit status due to not filing taxes for 3 years. The association is working to regain this status.
* Currently have four people who will lose their program at 65 years old within the next year.
* Currently working on information in the enlisted association newsletter.
* Mr. Burr is working on a plan to attend the officer and enlisted convention.
* Letters were sent out to the all the commanders with information on the program and a request to be able to present in front of their unit.

Corporate Sponsorship Report Quenten Johnson

* Requested assistance from executive council members to increase the number of sponsors.
* Need to review tiered system yearly to ensure the program established provide adequate options for corporate sponsors.

Museum Report Steve Siemonsma

* LTC Siemonsma is the President of the Museum Board. The current board is a result of merging the two committees together.
* Large scale improvements have been completed at the museum. Modernizations and lighting improvements were completed on the east gallery this past year.
* Explained the membership program and how units receive certificate for donation the museum receives.

Warrant Officer Report Sandra Norris

* Recommended the warrant officer and officer recruiter attend the enlisted conference every other year.
* Committee recommended the approval payment Veterans March Team registration of $150.00.

Retire Report Jerry Duba

* Committee is continuing to look for ways to reach out to retirees on attendance the conference.

Other Old Business President Siemonsma

* Nothing to report

New Business

2015 (NGASD Conference) Tom Wilcox

* Raffle tickets were handed out to all MACOM and BN AO’s to sell prior to the convention.
* Conference schedule will be different this year to allow for a more condensed and quality conference in hopes of increased attendance.
* Schedule:
  + Thursday: hospitality room
  + Friday: committee meetings, JOPD, business session, and dueling pianos
  + Saturday: 5K run, business session, sporting events, spouses luncheon, and Dining Out
* JOPD will have a panel of personnel available to talk to during their event.

Website Update Rebecca Trygstad

* Updates have been completed with the most current info on the website. Working with Treasurer and site developer to ensure dues payment optioned is turned. Directions will be forwarded out to association members for future use.
* Secretary Trygstad requested more pictures for the website.

Call for By-Law Changes President Siemonsma

* Request was submitted to change the by-laws to not require mailed correspondence from the association to each member year. The change will save the association over $1,400 in mailing costs. Will be using email and facebook to get information out if approved.

Nominations Brian Maschino

* 3 nominations on the floor right now. Will continue to take nominations until Friday of the Officer Conference in Huron.

Executive Director’s Report Steve Sewell

* National Conference is in Nashville, TN in the Gaylord Hotel from 10-13 September 2015. Executive Director talked about the attendance of a national conference and what is required of an attendee.
* Registrations forms need to be submitted as soon as possible to book hotel. Registration form is currently available on the state and national website.

Other New Business President Siemonsma

* Food Drive barrels will be placed throughout the state to collect food for the reservations in each units area.
* Discussed the importance of Feeding South Dakota and how similar the program is to the association program.

Admin Announcements/Next Meeting

Adjournment President Siemonsma

Submitted by: Approved by:

Rebecca Trygstad Steve Siemonsma

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Secretary President