



MINUTES

of the South Dakota Enlisted Association
Executive Council Meeting

15 September 04

Cedar Shores Resort • Deadwood, SD

President Ben Lamp called the meeting to order at 1130 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

A motion was made by President Lamp to deviate from the agenda if necessary.

Everyone introduced themselves because of the large number of new members to the council.

Minutes of the 15-17 April 2004 meeting were approved as printed in the Summer 2004 ECHO.

Bruce Anderson gave treasurer's report for Treasurer Nancy Ausland. This year's dues collection is well underway, but this year's business will be handled slightly different than past years. Unlike most Enlisted Associations, the SDNGEA has always turned in dues the year before it is due. This has caused us to dip into the Savings and CD's resulting in continually operating in the red. This year, we will hold off turning in dues until the year it is due in order to straighten out the books. This report was accepted as given.

Committee Members at Large:

Area 2 Representative Josh Wermers reported he has contacted all his regions and dues are starting to be collected.

Area 4 Representative Scott Schmitt reported that dues packets have been organized and sent out to the units. He expects the 1st month to be slow, but it should pick up the next two months (October and November).

Area 1 Representative Dan Regan reported that his units are highly mobilized, but his units are starting to get more organized and he expects a good turnout.

Area 3 Representative Dale Greenfield was absent.

Awards Committee: Wayne Fokken will be getting together with President Lamp with up-coming events.

Athletics Committee: Josh Wermers reported that this year's softball and golf tourneys didn't happen due to lack of interest. The motorcycle rally was small scale due to poor weather. The Snowmobile ride is in the works. A suggestion was made to hold more of these activities during conference time to increase participation. It will be looked into.

Constitution/By-Laws Committee: John Mimmack referred to Bruce Anderson who asked for a final head count who wanted Red Books. All items can be accessed on-line on the SDNGEA website, eliminating the need for most Red Book requests. Anderson also had a hard copy of the updated Constitution and By-Laws updates from this spring's conference in Deadwood. They will be posted to the website.

Position Committee: Nothing to report.

Budget Committee: President Lamp reported that right now the budget reflects a lot of lines. But, it is in review to make sure everything is right.

Insurance Committee: Nothing to report.

Time and Place Committee: Wayne Fokken will be writing a report for the ECHO with detailed information regarding the upcoming events. The 2005 conference will be held in Pierre; the 2006 conference will be combined with the officers only for evening activities (handled by John Mimmack); the 2007 conference will be held in Huron (handled by Josh Wermers); and the 2008 is yet to be announced.

Resolutions Committee: Nothing to report.

Ways and Means Committee: Dan Regan referred to Bruce Anderson who

suggested looking into 501c3 and whether the SDNGEA could benefit from this status. Lamp, Anderson, and Nancy Ausland will be reviewing this at greater length.

Publications Committee: Kim Chase submitted her report through President Lamp requesting a cover for the next ECHO (which will be the picture of Morris Winterstein's presentation).

Young Heroes Committee: Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian Committee: Nothing to report.

Scholarship Committee: Wayne Fokken urged the need for more applicants. It seems there is a lack of interest for scholarships. He encourages everyone to get the word out to all college students.

Historian Committee: Nothing to report. We will be looking for an ambitious individual to take over this position.

Membership Committee: Gary Kafka referred to President Lamp for his report. He has requested that dues collectors not wait until the last minute to turn in dues. A suggestion was made that once a month, dues should be turned in to eliminate last-minute, all night efforts to submit all dues before the deadline on 31 December.

Nominations Committee: Nothing to report.

Legislative Committee: Donavon List reported there have been 12 CALLS so far this year. The Auxiliary has again done a wonderful job submitting 17,784 letters, calls, emails, etc. The Auxiliary is our loudest voice when it comes to contacting our Legislators. Kudos again to our Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Committee: President Barb Kocer is pushing to increase its membership to continue the outstanding numbers of submissions to our Legislators.

State Sponsorship Committee: Bruce Anderson referenced the experience of our two most recent sponsorship recipients, Amy Defonce (HHB 147th FA) and Josh Stroschein (114FW). Both individuals raved about the exceptional job the EA does for them as guardsmen. They both realized how much they benefit from the actions of this association.

Audit Committee: New members were appointed: Tashie Moore and John Ball.

Old Business:

Wayne Fokken talked on the Junior Enlisted Council (JEC). At this time, the Air Guard has established its membership, but proceedings are at a stand-still. They are hoping to revive the body by installing a technician on the council. At this time, the Army is still working on establishing its membership.

Dan Regan reported that the state conference went very well. Deadwood was a gracious host.

New Business:

Area V Chairman Ed Revell reported that the National Conference went very well. The SDNGEA had 14 delegates present. Ed Brown has been elected the new President and has tasked each area to increase membership. Also during the conference, the ECHO received 1st place for its publications efforts.

President Lamp talked about the Membership Drive Video, what we want to accomplish with this video, and who will appear in the video (to include the President and the Junior Enlisted Council).

President Lamp reported that the next meeting will be 10 February 2005, 1330 at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre, SD.

John Ball moved to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Josh Wermers. Meeting adjourned at 1610 hours.