

President Ben Lamp called the meeting to order at 1403 hours on 23 September 2005 at the First Gold Hotel and Casino in Deadwood, SD.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.

Paul Carroll attended the council meeting for the 1st time.

A motion was made by Nancy Ausland and 2nd by Ed Revell to accept the minutes of the 46th Annual State Conference on 22 April 2005 as printed and read by all present.

Motion carried.

Nancy Ausland gave the Treasurers Report. Ed Revell mad a motion to accept the report as read and John Ball 2nd that motion. Motion carried.

Ed Revell made a motion to deviate from the agenda and Scott Schmitt 2nd that motion. Motion carried. There was discussion about the balance sheet and what each expense and income line item included. There was also discussion about the membership dues due to Area V in year 2003. Ed Revell made a motion to stop payment on the \$981.00 check to Area V at a cost of \$10.00. John Ball 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

President Ben Lamp discussed that the next president needs to find a less expensive place to get trading pins for the National Convention made.

Nancy Ausland made a motion to cancel the phone card account since it doesn't get used very often and the cost is significant when it does get used. She also motioned to just buy a calling card if the need arises for Bruce Anderson since he is the one that would normally need one. Wayne Fokken 2nd that motion. Motion carried.

Committee Member At Large

Area 4 Representative, Scott Schmitt reported they are ready to start the membership drive.

Committees

Awards Committee: Ed Revell received an award from EANGUS for being on the finance committee.

Athletic Committee: Josh Wermers sent the athletic report. It showed that the softball tournament lost money. He also included the flyer for the upcoming bowling tournament to be held May 19-21, 2006 in Huron. It will be published in the ECHO. There was a Thank You for those that participated in the motorcycle ride. There was some discussion about not having one next year, but since it doesn't cost the association any money, they

will continue to have one. Next year they will put a cell phone number on the flyer to have a point of contact for the ride.

Insurance Committee: Nothing new to report but do encourage your units to invite the insurance rep to your briefings or SRP's to discuss what they have available.

Constitution & By-laws: Nothing to report.

Time & Place Committee: 2006 Convention will be co-located with the Officer Convention in Sioux Falls. Next meeting for this convention will be on 5 October 2005 at 1530 hours at the Convention Center room #2.

2007 Convention – Huron

2008 Convention – Black Hills unit will be sponsoring

2009 Convention – Mitchell is possibly looking at sponsoring

Officer Association is possibly going to present to the Enlisted Association to hold a co-located conference every year. There was some discussion as to the pros and cons of this. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was some discussion about having the Family Readiness conduct some training for spouses in conjunction with the convention in order to entice spouses to attend the conventions also. There was also discussion about professional development sessions for the younger troops attending the conventions in order to get higher attendance of the junior enlisted.

There was discussion about trying to get more people to attend the conference and some ideas included:

- Association waiving registration fee so 1st time attendee pays only for meal
- Challenge each unit to sponsor a 1st time attendee
- National Association gives states funds for new membership drives if applied for and it was brought up to use some of this.
 - o SD has applied for this for next year. We are asking for a total of \$800. \$600 in general and \$200 for the Leaders conference to sponsor a break.

Credentials Committee: Nothing to report

Resolutions Committee: Report is located on the National Association website

Position Evaluation: Nothing to report

Ways & Means Committee: Nothing to report

Publications Committee: We are planning on changing publishers due to price, but the new publisher in Brookings can not do it this issue due to increase in his customer base. There was discussion on finding a new editor and publisher for the future, but this one will be done by the old publisher.

Young Hero's Committee: If you know of a child 18 years and younger who suffers from a life threatening illness, please get their name to Craig Towns.

Legislative Report: Published in the ECHO

Scholarship Committee: It was decided to not put the applications in the ECHO, but just put the website where they are all available since all the applications that come in are printed from the website.

Website Report: There was discussion about finding someone to monitor and work with the website because Lori Hoop is busy with her regular job. They would like to find an association member who does this to give our business to.

Old Business

No legislative issues at this time.

State Conference recap was published in the last issue of the ECHO.

National Conference – SD had a full delegation with 2 proxy's. There were almost 1600 members in attendance from around the country. Next year the national convention will no longer be in Biloxi, but will still be held in Mississippi.

ECHO Deadline is September 30th.

New Business

Area V Caucus – better attended this year than in the past. Next year it will be in Fargo, ND.

Membership drive starts in October.

USAA sponsored membership runs from 1 Jan 05 – 31 Dec 05. The cost is \$5 for any member that got promoted to E5, E6 or E7 during the year.

Ben Lamp brought up discussion of changing the membership year for SD from 1 Feb – 31 Jan of each year to 1 Jan – 31 Dec to follow the National Association membership year. Randy Decker made a motion to accept this change and John Mimmack 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

We Care For America – This organization provides for necessities for any Air or Army National Guardsman if a hardship occurs with their family. They give grants of \$500 or less or low interest loans for more than \$500. This is available to any Guardsman and doesn't have to be due to deployment. They also accept tax deductible donations to help them fund these grants and loans.

Jr. Enlisted Council – consists of about 30 troops at this time. They have discussed conducting a combat dining out. Want to work more with the Army Guard to get more junior involvement. Also want to get an Air and Army Guard Junior Enlisted at each executive council meeting.

Current mileage rate was discussed. All per diem is authorized by the president. Council members can get up to \$50 for 1 nights stay if they stay overnight due to meeting.

Randy Decker will possibly be at a school during the next conference. He will know more in a month. If he can not rearrange the school, then there will be discussion of someone taking his place for the interim.

Next meeting will be on February 9th, 2006 at 1330 hrs in Pierre at the Ramkota Inn. This will be in conjunction with the Legislative Dining Out.

A motion was made by John Ball to adjourn the meeting and Ed Revell 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1730 hours.