

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Fokken at 1604 hours at the Comfort Inn, Gulches of Fun in Deadwood, SD on 22 September 2006.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and roll call was taken.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

John Mimmack made a motion to deviate from the agenda and Bjorn Henstein 2nd that motion.

There were 2 guests present, Diane Kafka and Tara Vallery from the Auxiliary. Since there were a lot of new council members, everyone introduced themselves and their position.

Ed Revell made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the ECHO. Pat Jones 2nd that motion. Motion was carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Wayne Fokken since Nancy Ausland was unable to attend. There was discussion about how to fill out the vouchers and what was paid by the Association and also the reduced cost of the ECHO. Getting rooms in advance for the National Conference was also discussed. Ed Revell made a motion to accept the report as given and Ben Lamp 2nd the motion.

Committee Members at Large

Tashie Moore reported that she is sending out letters to 1SG's in her area about membership drives.

Other Committee Reports

Jr. Council Report – Pat Jones talked about his interest and concern about getting information out to the other Army units and talking to their Jr. members about being involved. Wayne Fokken stated that the purpose of the Jr. Council is to educate soldiers and airmen on the benefits of the Enlisted Association. They discussed how Pat Jones needs to contact the Members at Large, BN Reps and unit reps to get a Jr. Representative for each unit and get them involved in the Enlisted Association. Also need to get officer voted on and sworn in for the Army Jr. Council. Pat Jones has also been approached by Nationals to submit a letter of interest to run for the co-chair on the National Jr. Council.

Old Business

Legislative Report – Don List sent the report. They are still working on getting TriCare cost share reduced for members and early retirement bills. These will be posted on the website at www.sdngca.com under Legislative if you want to read more on these bills or go to eangus@eangus.org to view the issues that are being worked at the National level.

State Conference Recap was conducted by Ben Lamp. He also stated that the executive council needs to take a more active role with the cities hosting future conferences by explaining what the council needs and expects for the conference. Wayne Fokken, Bruce & Cathy Anderson, & Jenny Butler updated the State Conference SOP so it can be used for the next State Conference.

National Conference Recap was conducted by President Wayne Fokken. He said it was a good conference and the great thing is there were at least 2 or more people running for

each of the executive council positions this year. The new council members can be found at eangus@eangus.org.

The Black Hills Veterans Honor March (BHVHM) report was given by Ben Lamp and Ted Deloy. This year the total number of marchers doubled from last year to 93 marchers. We did get a lot of registrations just in this past week, so we need to start advertising the March earlier in the year. At next year's conference in Huron, we will have a booth set up to start taking registrations. They may also give a discount to Marchers who register early. Over all the March this year will be a success but in the future we will need more volunteers so even if you don't want to march, there is plenty to do before and on the day of the March to help out. Next year's BHVHM is scheduled for September 22, 2007.

Website Report – everyone on the committee needs to look at the website and update the information. If anyone sees something that needs to be updated, please contact Scott Schmitt at scott.schmitt@sdsiou.af.mil for the Air Guard or Roger Hansen at roger.e.hansen@us.army.mil for the Army Guard. You can also send updates to Jenny Butler at Jennifer.butler1@us.army.mil. We will in turn send the updates to Lori Hoop. We also need to add the website to the bottom of each page of the ECHO.

New Business

Area V meeting will be May 18-20, 2007 in Des Moines, IA. At least 3 people need to attend. If you are interested, please contact President Wayne Fokken.

Membership Dues – It's that time of year again. Please get your membership dues sent to Gerry Arntz as soon as possible after each drill. Don't hold on to them. Gerry sent out a spreadsheet to each of the MACOM's. We need to fill this spreadsheet out and email it back to him. All we send him in the mail are the USAA sponsor sheets and a check. He does not need the applications, so the unit can retain those for each year. The goal is to have the process quicker and easier. If you do not have the spread sheet yet, please contact Gerry Arntz at gerald.arntz@us.armymil.

The name plates for the executive council can be expensive and are hard to keep up with the changes. Wayne Fokken has decided to have sticky tags at each meeting that everyone can write there names on. This way everyone will have name tags and it will be at a reduced cost to the council.

The next Executive Council meeting will be Thursday, 9 February 2007 at 1330 hours at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre, SD. This will be held before the Legislative Dining Out. Wayne Fokken will be gone for October – December, so if you have issues to address, please work with the 1st or 2nd Vices, Gary Kafka or John Mimmack.

Meeting was adjourned at 1736 hours.