

Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting for 19 April 2007

President Wayne Fokken called the meeting to order at 1403 hours on 19 April 2007 at the Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center in Huron, SD.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.

Guests present were State Command Chief Lane Munger, State CSM Bekeart, CSM Leo Stirling and Sgt Maj Gordy Kotab. Nancy Volmer the president of the Auxiliary was also present.

Dale Greenfield spoke for a moment and did the Early Bird Drawing. The winner was Darold McElroy.

A motion was made by to deviate from the agenda by John Mimmack and seconded by Josh Wermers. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Nancy Ausland to accept the minutes as printed in the ECHO from the winter meeting. Seconded by Roger Hanson. President Wayne Fokken discussed a few items from the past minutes which will be expounded on during the business sessions. Sponsors for this conference are Barry Hirschman, Jody Clark, Brian Van Hill, & Kate Neuharth. Time & Place Committee will have more discussion on joint conferences in the future. Motion carried.

Nancy Ausland gave the Treasurers Report. The Investment Committee did make a \$7000 investment into a 12 month CD as determined by last meeting. The ECHO cost a lot more for the spring issue due to accidentally running the back cover of the ECHO in color. Motion was made by Don Stewart and seconded by Josh Wermers to accept as printed. Motion carried.

Committee Members at Large Reports

Nothing to report since last meeting

Committee Reports

Awards – Gary Kafka explained that they got all the plaques taken care of for Soldier of the Year, Airman of the Year and NCO of the Year. We have 39 units for 100% membership. Also have the new Retiree Awards for this year.

Budget – presented at conference.

Athletics – Not present.

Insurance – presented at the business sessions.

Constitution & By-laws – Need to talk about area for the new Area 5 Rep.

Time & Place – Spearfish for 2008 Conference. Theme is “Our Past is Our Future”. 17-19 April 2008. Chairs will be Jody Smith, Lorrie Cressy and Jim Ball. The registration form is on the website already.

Credentials – nothing to report

Resolutions – Will be discussed at a business session.

Position Evaluation – nothing to report

Ways & Means – nothing to report.

Publications – Lisa Bambas and Nancy Ausland are looking at moving the publishing dates to coincide with other events better. Everyone needs to try to sell more ads. Need to get a draft copy prior to publishing, but with this being the first one that we've done with this editor, it has gone well.

Nominations – anyone that wants to run or if you currently hold a position, you need to turn in those nominations to Ben Lamp.

Young Heroes – Cathy Anderson & Wayne Fokken spoke with the Make-A-Wish Foundation about getting more involved with that program. More recipients will be submitted for this award.

Legislative – Don List gave a synopsis of the bills currently in legislation. Don will give a more detailed report at the business meetings. All these are available for viewing on the website.

Parliamentarian – John Ball is acting as parliamentarian since Tom Eichacker is not able to make it. Nothing to report.

State Conference State Sponsorship Program – Bruce Anderson named the four sponsors for this year.

Scholarships – Winners were selected for each of the scholarships. They were selected on Monday by John Mimmack, Ben Lamp, Nate Moore and Wayne Fokken. The winners are: Vanessa Sween-\$1000.00 Duke Corning scholarship, John Brende-\$1000.00 Duke Corning scholarship, Jennifer Simmons-\$500.00 USAA scholarship, & Garrett Kirkpatrick-\$100.00 Mallow scholarship (Officers)

State Conference Committee Chair – Dale Greenfield discussed some of the events that will be happening this weekend.

Historian – Al House was added to the history committee. There was a new digital camera purchased by the association for the History Committee. The camera will be in possession of the President and brought to all of the events.

Audit – nothing to report.

Membership – membership is up this year. We have 11 new life members and our number is up 165 so we broke 3000 this year. Life membership cards will be sent to each person once EANGUS receives the application. There was some discussion on the number of new life members, but they will discuss that later. Don List made a motion that when the metal life membership cards run out; we procure plastic ones. Ben Lamp explained that the plastic one from EANGUS is the one with the benefits and the State one is for ceremonial purposes. Roger Hanson seconded the motion. John Mimmack stated that leaving the card metal is more prestigious and more for looks and display than for use. Unless the metal ones are too expensive he would like to keep the state card metal. Motion failed. This issue will be brought to the member's attention at a later time.

Investment Committee – there was an investment made about two weeks ago for a 12 month CD. Bruce Anderson transferred \$7000 instead of \$7500 for 12 months at 5.2%.

BHVHM – Ben Lamp wants to do a presentation on Friday during the conference about it.

Website – Getting updated and also need to update the responsibilities and duties of each. Several people that would normally run this march will be deploying; so we need a lot of people to start stepping up and taking over some of the duties.

New Committees. Please get any information you want posted to the website to Jenny Butler.

Old Business

Legislative Issues – nothing new.

Area V Caucus – Bruce Anderson, Ben Lamp and Don Stewart are planning on going. Frank Leaver, National EANGUS President will be attending.

National Conference Preparation. – We don't have any rooms at this time and did not pre-register anything either. Nancy suggested that at the Area V Caucus, discuss who is going and what the Area is doing. John Ball sat in on the EANGUS Workshop in Gulf Port, MS. Area V will be at the Marriot Hotel while the conference will be at the Sheraton, which is in the same place. The room rates will be \$99. They need to have your credit card by 15 June to hold your rooms. There will be a Site Visit on 8-10 June to plan for this. Nancy Ausland made a motion that we send John Ball to be our representative. If you are going to the National Conference and are a Delegate, you need to make sure that you attend all meetings, etc. If you plan to go, let the President know. If you want to pre-register, go ahead, but let Nancy Ausland know so we don't pay for you again.

ECHO Deadline - To be discussed.

New Business

Per diem policy – It is currently \$.15 /mile plus lodging plus \$15 per day in areas considered regular per diem rates for military. The president does have discretion to change this based on economic factors, etc.

Air Guard Membership Chairman – Wayne Fokken would like to add the Air Guard Membership Chairman as a co-chair so that they can receive the same benefits as the Army Membership Chairman. The membership chair is appointed by the President, not voted on. You can have a co-chairman but all the documentation still needs to go through the Chair. As a co-chair they can receive mileage, etc just like all the other executive council members. There was some discussion about who should be reimbursed for expenses or not.

John Mimmack explained that Lisa Bigge from the Army Band in Mitchell was a little upset they were cancelled and didn't know it until she called to confirm. There seemed to be some mis-communications about the situation.

Speakers for the conference have been constantly changing. Senator Thune will be here since he won't be needed for a vote on Capitol Hill. Bruce Anderson's cell phone rang and will be fined \$5.

Command Chief Munger presented a report for a committee to host the Motorcycle Rally this year. He does have a proposal from the Air Guard to sponsor and host this year. He doesn't feel he needs an advance to get it started. It is set for the 25th of August in the Black Hills. It will be about a 200 mile ride with registration starting at Camp Rapid. Camp Rapid is trying to be accommodating for lodging also.

Paul Scholten wrote a song and wanted everyone to listen to it and vote on it to be the National Guard Song. It is called "We Are The Guard" and was written by Paul Scholten and sung by Marlene Kotab, & Rich Herrick with accompaniment by Jonathan Tscaaggfrie & Derek Jenkins. It will be voted on by the body this weekend.

Ben Lamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Don List seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 1524 hrs.