

SDNGEA Executive Council Meeting
21 September 2007
Deadwood, South Dakota

The Executive Council meeting was called to order by President Fokken at 1600 hours on 21 September 2007 at the Comfort Inn in Deadwood, SD.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Gary Kafka to accept the minutes of the last council meeting as printed in the Summer ECHO. Seconded by John Ball. Motion carried.

Nancy Ausland presented the Treasurers report and she is looking for an income voucher for a deposit that was made on the 5th of July (\$200). Please be sure to turn in deposit slips for any moneys you deposit to the accounts as this makes it difficult to track if you don't. Nancy informed all present to please turn in membership dues as soon as possible so we can get the checks cashed in a timely manner for our members. Motion was made to accept treasurer's report by Roger Hanson and seconded by Bob Funk. Motion carried.

Committee Members at Large Reports

Josh Wermers and Dallas Vallery reported that the membership drives are well underway in their areas. They will help monitor the transformation of the Army Guard so all current and potential members will be contacted.

Committee Reports

Athletics – Motorcycle Rally was a success and you can read the article in the ECHO for details. Softball Tournament had only three teams participate, but fun was had by all.

Legislative – Report will be printed in the ECHO.

Membership – Jim Poppen reported that he has received all the data from MSG Arntz and is currently working with the National office to correct a few discrepancies. He has sent out the USAA application to both the Army and Air Guard POCs. 215 memberships have been received so far and 3 USAA applications. He will be attending a membership workshop in October to learn about the new online membership database. The membership form will be revamped once again and will be available soon.

Web Site – The new webmaster is Kim Chase. She will be replacing Jenny Butler. Please address any concerns about the website directly to her. Her contact information will be in the next ECHO.

Publications- Nancy Ausland will be assuming the editor duties again and acknowledged that the last ECHO had a few typos and needed some corrections. Please forward all information directly to Nancy by 1 October for the next issue.

Young Heroes – Two presentations were done recently at the Air Guard in conjunction with Make-A-Wish. Please contact Cathy Anderson for information or assistance.

Old Business

State Conference 2008 – Registration form is on the web site and will be in the next ECHO. Full report and agenda will be given at the next Executive Council Meeting in February. Memorial stand for state conferences is about 95% complete with special recognition to Brian Vanhill for item procurement and Al Weinacht for woodworking.

BHVHM reported having approximately 120 marchers preregistered and 31 mile marker sponsor signs sold. The BHVHM committee needs to be more involved and a very active POC is needed for the Black Hills area to help with the organizational necessities and promotion of the event. The event is growing as it was started in 2003 with 7 participants and since then had 47 participants in 2004 and 90 participants in 2005. Next year's March will be held on the 20th of September so mark your calendars to participate or be a volunteer to help out. POC will be listed in the ECHO for information throughout the year and a SOP will be developed for future use. Funds generated from this event need to be designated by the SDNGEA for a specific use and added to the policies in the Constitution and By-Laws.

National Conference – President Fokken submitted a bid for consideration for hosting the 40th Annual National Conference in 2011. Our state will be evaluated and a recommendation will then be made by the National Time and Place Committee as to the status of our bid. We have not committed to anything yet but have just started the process for consideration. More to follow next year. For info on this year's conference please contact Bruce Anderson or Wayne Fokken or see the report in the next ECHO.

2010 State Conference – The 2010 state conference is supposed to be “co-located” with the NGASD in Rapid City. The council recommended that the Association Presidents get together to discuss details ASAP so that we can ensure we're on the same page as the Officers on this.

Membership drive – The Army Guard is undergoing a transformation which means that the association and membership chairman will need everyone's assistance to ensure that all current, retired and potential new members are contacted. Any senior NCO that is retiring because of the transformation will be eligible for the retired rate. Also units that are deploying need to collect dues before leaving for their assignment. The Air Guard drive will be in full operation starting with the October UTA. Please turn in all dues as soon as possible after guard drills.

Next Executive Council meeting will be in Pierre, SD on February 14th at the Ramkota in conjunction with the Legislative Dining Out.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Kafka. Seconded by Ben Lamp. Motion carried.