

**South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association
Executive Council Meeting
1400 MST, 16 September 2022
VFW, Deadwood, SD**

Call to Order **Derek Jaeger**

Pledge of Allegiance **Derek Jaeger**

Introduction of Special Guests **Derek Jaeger**

- Area V Director Nate Hedin, Past President Jerry Eisenbraun, Past President Kathy Anderson, Auxiliary Area V Director Edna Steinberg

Roll Call **Courtney Tyrrell**

- Roll call of Executive Council was conducted with the following members present: Derek Jaeger, Tabby Carr, Jerico Witte, Nate Hedin, Courtney Tyrrell, Rick VandenHoek, Kelsey Lambert, Michael Rollag, Rorie Gregor proxy for Karen Tucker, Tabby Carr proxy for Megan Krahn, Jerico Witte proxy for Charles Butler, Nate Hedin proxy for Kayleigh Cihak, Rick VandenHoek proxy for Sarah Callies, David Frock, Neil Harris proxy for Bob Aiken. Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes **Derek Jaeger**

- The minutes from the last meeting are posted on the website and there was no discussion about them. A motion to accept them as posted was made by Tabby Carr and seconded by Bruce Anderson. Motion carried.

Treasure Report

- No official report.
- Two recent raffles at the AG Golf Tournament and Air Guard Fishing Tournament raised some additional funds for the organization. Filed as presented.

Membership Report **Helen Juelfs**

- Drop of 369 from last year. One unit has hit 100% and statewide we are at 48%. The membership forms have been updated and will be sent out to the Executive Council and SGM channels.
- The BHVMM committee has volunteered to pay the national portion of the dues (\$11) for anyone who signs up for a SDNGNEA membership during the BHVMM packet pickup on 16 Sep. Filed as presented.

Area V Committee Member At large Report **Rick Vanden Hoek**

- Discussed the goals for the next year. Face to face interactions seem to be the best route to share information and will be the focus for this year's membership drive. Filed as presented.

Young Hero

Kelsey Lambert

- The committee would like to do more fundraising to improve the tokens for the young heroes. If anyone has any ideas or connections to resources, please let Kelsey know.
- Please continue to send nominations for Young Heroes. Filed as presented.

Publications Report

Rick proxy for Sarah Callies

- Committee is continuing to look for volunteers to help with the publications.
- Deadline for Fall echo is 1 October. If you have articles or photographs that you would like included, please send them to Sarah. Filed as presented.

Combined Conference Discussion

Edna Steinberg

- Discussion started in September of 2021 and current suggestion is that we only have a combined conference every 5 years.
- Neil Harris remembers the 1994 combined conference and even then, the SDNGEA seemed to get over shadowed and this has continued. The SDNGEA conferences are more business focused, while the NGASD conference seems to be more social focused. Neil was on the 2022 combined conference committee and has continued to ask for a follow-up meeting to go over finances and AAR but has not been able to make it happen. Nate Hedin reached out to the Executive Director of NGASD to help facilitate this meeting. Filed as presented.

BHVMM

Josh Wermers

- Largest event to date, 367 participants with volunteers.
- American Legion Auxiliary out of Spearfish will serve food at finish line.
- Veteran organizations that will be present to receive donations include the following: SD Veteran Service Animals, Final Salute Inc, Black Hills National Cemetery, and Black Hills Veterans Hospice.
- Looking for additional volunteers to help year-round with planning. Filed as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Council Vacancy

Tabby Carr / Nate Hedin / Derek Jaeger

- Looking for additional committee members to fill voids in our Executive Council.
- Looking at changing some positions in the EC. One suggestion is to eliminate the Area Committee Members at Large and replace them with a marketing chairperson, Sponsorship chairperson, and refine some other positions. Suggestions due to Tabby Carr by 1 Nov. Filed as presented.

Tax and Accounting

Nate Hedin

- The business that has completed our taxes the past 2 years, Northern Hills Business and Tax, is willing to do all our books. They would come to the state conference to give a report and would send a paper report for the other EC meetings. This would cost around \$100 per month but should eliminate IRS penalties.
- Changing the treasurer's duties on the EC would be a by-law change. Much discussion about the duties of the treasurer and audit committee and the BHVMM. Proposal and additional information will be published in the ECHO prior to the next state conference.
- Suggestions should be sent to Nate Hedin by 1 Nov. David Frock volunteered to help and Neil Harris volunteered Bob Aiken to help as well. Filed as presented.

National Conference Update

Derek Jaeger

- Resolutions can be found at EANGUS.org then go to library, conferences, 2022 Little Rock, Committee Reports, Resolutions Committee.
- One controversial by-laws change was regarding a free digital national membership, which will be pushed down to the states to manage how they see fit, if at all. The SDNGEA EC does not necessarily support this, we instead would like to have long-term members, and avoid short term fixes with long term tracking nightmares. This would be a by-law change with additional information to follow.
- Dues increase failed at committee during the national conference.
- Kelsey Lambert is now on the National EANGUS Fitness Committee.
- Legislative workshop in Washington DC will be quarterly now, two events in person and two virtual events. Next workshop in Washington DC is scheduled for 16-17 Nov 2022. Filed as presented.

Virtual Career Fair

Nate Hedin

- EANGUS is putting on a virtual career fair and this has the protentional to be a large benefit to our members. SDNGEA and EANGUS membership is not required. Please share with anyone you know that would benefit from this event. Filed as presented.

2023 Conference

Barb Boyer

- Wilbert Square Event Center is reserved. It is a newer venue with great meeting rooms, hospitality rooms, and ball room. Block of rooms is available at the Comfort Inn and Suites.
- Fundraising is starting and the theme of the conference is "The Great American Cookout". Looking into dueling pianos and a comedy improv for entertainment. Filed as presented

Future State Conferences

Derek Jaeger

- 20-22 April 2023 – Brookings – Barb Boyer
- 2024 – Chamberlain – Tabitha Carr and Courtney Tyrrell
- 2025 – Sioux Falls or Deadwood – Combined Conference

Future National Conferences

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- 2023 – Rochester, MN
- 2024 – Detroit, MI

ADJOURNMENT

The date and time of the next Executive Council Meeting will be at Legislative Dining Out in Pierre, SD on **2 February 2023 at 1400 hours.**

With nothing further to discuss, Courtney Tyrrell motioned for adjournment and Rorie Gregor seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1548 hours.