

**MINUTES**  
**Thirty-Fourth Montana Annual Conference**  
**EANGUS Auxiliary**  
**Whitefish, Montana**  
**April 29, 2006**

President Pro-Tem, Becky Buckmaster, called the meeting of the Auxiliary to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana to order at 9:30 a.m. on April 29, 2006 at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Montana. The members present were First Vice President Becky Buckmaster, Second Vice President Cindy Sowa, Secretary Jan Smith, and members Anita Heppner, Sue Giskaas, Theresa Johnston, Micki Bennett, and Paul Heppner.

Secretary Jan Smith read the minutes of the last annual meeting. The minutes were approved with a correction to change the initials HAFC to Helena Armed Forces Reserve Center (HAFRC).

A letter of resignation from President, LuAnne Gustafson, was read and submitted to the membership. Anita Heppner made a motion to move First Vice President Becky Buckmaster to President, and Second Vice President Cindy Sowa to First Vice President. The motion was approved. Past-President Anita Heppner installed Becky and Cindy to their respective offices.

In the absence of Treasurer Bonnie Larsen, Jan Smith read the Treasurer's Report. The report was received and filed.

2004 beginning balance.....	\$1,853.74
Revenue.....	424.09
Expenses.....	598.44
Checking Balance.....	575.41
Savings Balance.....	1,315.98
Check Nat/Membership not cashed.....	212.00
2005 Total Monies.....	<u>\$1,679.39</u>

An audit committee consisting of Cindy Sowa, Jan Smith and Micki Bennett will audit the books after the close of the meeting.

Guest speaker, Paul Heppner, retired Air Force and active EANGUS and Auxiliary member, brought the membership up to date with an informative presentation on the Life Insurance offered to the guardsmen and families.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership Report:

Chairperson Barb Hamburg was absent and Secretary Jan Smith read the membership report.

Auxiliary total membership for 2005 was 39 members, which included three associate members, five less than the previous year, and the Association acquiring several new Auxiliary members; however, they did not let Barb know of the new members until several months later. The Association's membership begins from the date the membership is issued for one year. The Auxiliary's membership begins January 1 of each year and ends December 31. The Auxiliary discussed the need to resolve the on-going difficulty of obtaining Auxiliary memberships

received by the Association; resolving that the membership chairpersons need to find a way to keep in contact with each other to remain updated. The report has been filed.

Scholarship Report:

Chairperson Donna Lantz was not present with a report. Sue Giskaas volunteered to put the information about the availability of the scholarships into the Family Readiness Group Newsletter.

Continuity Report:

Chairperson Marge Fehrer was not present to give the report.

Ways and Means Chairperson, Anita Heppner, reported that the Auxiliary made \$146 on the Silent Auction and \$75 on the 50/50 raffle giving us a total of \$221. Monies are on record in the Treasurer's Report.

Family Readiness Group (FRG) Report:

Sue Giskaas volunteered to be the Air Force liaison. Jan Smith reported that on the Army side, FRG members have been very active with the deployment of so many Montana soldiers. All units are required to have an active Family Readiness Group.

Legislature and Newsletter Reports:

Chairperson Becky Buckmaster had no report for the newsletter as she did not have any information to send out in a newsletter. Becky asked that we send thank you letters to our representatives for their participation in the Caucus' for the National Guard.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

The next National EANGUS Conference is to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 20-23, 2006 at the Salt Palace. Two silent auction gifts are needed for a representing of Montana. Buck Buckmaster will make a wine holder out of horseshoes. Theresa Johnston will ask a Kalispell artist to carve us a military bear for the auction.

The Auxiliary chose a theme of "Country Barn Dance" for the 2007 State EANGMT Conference to be held in Helena. The date will be announced at a later time. The theme needs to be approved by the EANGUS membership.

Becky Buckmaster won the drawing for the door prize; she will refill the basket and bring it to the 2007 conference for a new drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jan Smith