

EANGMT Executive Board Meeting
5 August 2009, 5:45p.m.
Rosie's Missouri Inn, Hardy Creek, MT

OPENING ITEMS

- Call to order
- Roll Call of Members

Executive Members Present:

President – TSgt Patti Hagan
Executive Member Army – MSG Dana Lahti
Executive Member Army – 1SG Risi Stewart
Executive Member Army – 1SG Tom Sanburg
Past President – CSM Ronda Scott

1st Vice President – SFC Dennis Stoner
Executive Member Army – SFC Tim Sowa
Retired Air – CMSgt (Ret) Paul Heppner
Executive Member Air – TSgt Craig Barnes

Executive Member Not Present:

2nd Vice President – Vacant
Secretary – SPC April Ruckdaschel
Executive Member Army – SFC Nick Smith
Executive Member Army – MSG Dave Goroski

Treasurer – SFC Jodi Nugent
Executive Member Air – MSgt Scott Fink
Retired Army – John Bagley

Others Present:

MSgt Dorrie Hagan MSG (Ret) Dan Stewart
Cindy Sowa Suzie Stewart

- Motion was made for MSgt Dorrie Hagan to be a proxy for MSgt Scott Fink. The motion was 2nd and approved.
- Minutes of the state conference, 18 April 2009, were not available. Tabled to next quarterly meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Scholarship Report – 1SG Risi Stewart: the USAA/EANGMT scholarship awardees were chosen and were awarded their checks earlier today. Four applications were received, all from the 83rd CST. Two teachers helped this year in choosing the winners. The recipients this year are Justin Bailey and Kaz Odegard. Verbal and written report accepted as given.
2. Financial Report – SFC Jodi Nugent: no report was available.
3. Audit Report – SFC Jodi Nugent: tabled from the state conference. No report was available.
4. Membership Report Army/Air – CSM Ronda Scott: Ronda and Dan Stewart need to get together to scrub our spreadsheet against the national offices records on our memberships. Suggestion to look into getting a notice of bad address with the next newsletter mailing. A different address needs to be put onto the membership application as Ronda is retiring. Verbal report accepted as given.

5. Legislative Reports – MSG (Ret) Dan Stewart: nothing new to report since written report given in the June 2009 newsletter, which can be viewed on our website. Verbal report accepted as given.
6. Publications Reports – TSgt Patti Hagan: MSgt Ruth Mortag is still trying to get information on whether we can move our website to a less expensive hosting. Per Melissa Mehring, our domain access is paid through March 2009. We owe for April through June at \$35.00 per month but Bear Creek Corporation owns the domain. Ruth and Patti will continue to see if we can get our domain name or buy it. It may come to the point where will have to choose whether to stay with Bear Creek Corporation at \$35.00 per month or change our domain name in order to save on the monthly fee. Verbal report accepted as given.
7. 2010 State Conference – TSgt Patti Hagan: still planning for Fairmont Hot Springs next April. Their folder of information did not have a proposal on hotel room prices. A conference chairman and a committee to help are seriously needed in order to get the conference going.
8. 2009 National Conference – TSgt Patti Hagan: the delegates for the conference are Patti Hagan, Dan Stewart and Dorrie Hagan. CSM Bill Cooper and CCM Mitch Brush will be attending. Ryan Brubaker and Colton Sweeney will be attending on professional development orders. The national board will be bringing up three by-law changes. One to raise the national dues from \$9 to \$15. The second will be to raise the lifetime membership dues. The third is to implement a legacy membership, which will be a membership available to current lifetime members. Verbal report accepted as given.
9. Insurance – CMSgt (Ret) Paul Heppner: Paul has been traveling the state since the state conference. President Patti Hagan is requesting on how the insurance program works (i.e. what percentage is the Enlisted Association is to get and how do we know when and how much we should be getting.) Paul reminded everyone that he likes to be notified of the 45 day out final SRPs. Verbal report accepted as given.
10. Nominations – TSgt Patti Hagan: nominating Tom Sanburg for another term as executive member –Army was overlooked at the state conference. The board is also still looking for someone to fill the 2nd vice president position. Verbal report accepted as given.

OLD BUSINESS

- Heritage Publishing: the email vote taken in May to extend our contract with The Heritage Company to sell advertisements for the state conference book was passed. Therefore, we will receive \$3,000 from Heritage again after the state conference at which time we will need to decide whether to sign a new contract or go with trying to sell our own corporate sponsors.
- Executive Director: an advertisement was in the June newsletter for those interested in being the executive director for EANGMT were to mail them to the President by 15 July. This is a non-paid, non-insured, contracted position. One resume was received. Motion made to offer a contract to MSG (Ret) Dan Stewart to be the EANGMT Executive Director. The motion was 2nd and passed. A one-year contract will be drawn up.
- Membership DVD and Powerpoint: Patti Hagan is working on a powerpoint to be used when speaking with squadrons/battalions and Tom Sanburg will work on getting a DVD started. Any ideas to put into either can be directed to them.

- Increase of Membership Dues: this item of business is still tabled until after the national conference.
- Signs/Flags/Tablecloths: Risi Stewart will look into the cost of new banners; one that just says Montana Enlisted Association and at least two welcome home banners. Tim Sowa will look into the cost of a tablecloth or two that can be used at family day picnics, SRPs, legislative reception, etc. Patti Hagan will look into the cost of flags. Dan Stewart gave costs from Carrot-Top.com but President Hagan would like to use local companies if the cost is decent. Motion to table this item of business until the next quarterly meetings was 2nd and accepted.
- State Conference 2010: as stated in the conference report, Patti is looking for volunteers to form a committee and/or a chairman to take over the planning of the state conference.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections: Tom Sanburg was nominated to fill the Executive Member Army position, a two-year commitment. Motion to elect him per acclamation was moved, 2nd and accepted.
- Tag Meeting: President Patti Hagan has spoken with BG Livingston about scheduling a meeting with BG Walsh to discuss the Enlisted Association. The meeting has not been scheduled yet due to the busy summer months. It will hopefully take place early this fall. Any items that you would like to be brought up to the TAG get a hold of Patti.
- Continuity Books: if someone does not have a continuity book get in contact with Patti Hagan. Also if you need them updated, first go to our website and if it cannot be found there then Patti will have it.
- Goals: President Patti Hagan is asking that all board members come up with a few goals for the year. They are not being required to be turned in but they do help you stay on task and getting things done for the association.
- Membership Renewals and Membership Drive Ideas: discussion of whether EANGMT should start sending out a membership renewal if EANGUS is not doing it. Need to get a definite answer on whether EANGUS is sending out renewal notices or not. Idea discussed to have a membership drive and offer something to raffle off for every membership received or renewed.
- Marketing Ideas: Patti Hagan discussed ideas of buying a promotional item in order to give out to prospective members. Some of the ideas were letter openers, lip balm, mini-flashlights. Besides a nice tablecloth to look professional, getting something free attracts people to you. If it is something someone would use, they will frequently look at it and be reminded about the association and what we do for the soldiers and airmen. Motion was made to spend up to \$1000 on a magnetic letter opener with logo and verbage. The motion was 2nd and accepted. Craig Barnes brought up marketing us at the family day picnic by

paying for the candy/toys that are needed for the Junior Enlisted treasure pit. Motion was made to donate \$100 to the Junior Enlisted treasure pit. The motion was 2nd accepted.

- Building Fund: Motion made to donate \$100 to the EANGUS Building Fund while at the national conference next week. The motion was 2nd and accepted.
- Expense Reimbursement: Dan Stewart submitted receipts for expense reimbursement in the amount of \$29.64. Motion made to pay Dan Stewart \$29.64 was moved, 2nd and accepted.
- Next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for 10 November 2009, 5:30p.m., at Rosie's Missouri Inn.
- Dorrie Hagan talked about the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program and schedule. It would be a good idea to visit the squadron/battalions at the same time. Will get the schedule from Barb Connor.
- Motion to look into a price of a new laptop for the organization was made, 2nd and accepted. The current laptop is going on five-years and is really slowing down. Tom Sanburg will look into a cost estimate for the next quarterly board meeting.
- Debit Card: Dan Stewart discussed the association getting debit cards in order to pay for things but especially for memberships. This would cause the Treasurer not to have to send so many different checks to the national office but it would also help with the membership dates as the national office does not consider them a member until the money is received. Motion made to get three debit cards to the maximum amount allowed by the credit union, to be held by the Treasurer, President and 1st Vice President. The motion was 2nd and accepted.
- The EANGUS membership workshop is scheduled for 10-11 October 2009 in Gulfport, MS. If anyone is interested in attending get in contact with Patti Hagan. A stipend is usually given to the person attending.

ADJOURNED