

Nebraska National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary

Minutes of the NNGEA Auxiliary Meeting
7 November 2005

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary was held at 6:30pm on Monday 7 November 2005, at the Penterman Armory in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Executive Board

President	Pam Whisenhunt	P
Vice President	Vacant	
Secretary	Kelli Ten Hulzen	A
Treasurer	Amber Steffen	P

Meeting Called to Order

President Pam Whisenhunt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Last Months Minutes

The secretary wasn't in attendance and minutes of last meeting were not provided.

Old Business

Ribbon Program was discussed. Pam discovered old magnets can not be exchanged due to the long period between the last purchases. We will have to sell what we have.

Non profit status was addresses. IRS was supposed to call today and hadn't. Pam will follow up with them in the next week to find out the status of the Auxiliary application.

Pam has an email out to Dianne Williams about getting an appropriate Auxiliary emblem to use on a banner. Once we get that we will order a banner.

The Haunted Armory was a success for the FRG. The Auxiliary donated a set of Douglas Theatre Passes for a door prize. We also had a coloring station. We discussed having a large give away or a free raffle next year. We also discussed having a coloring contest.

New Business

The membership was to vote to fill vacant positions but did not feel we had enough membership in attendance. The President and Treasurer decided to do the voting during the Spring Conference as it states in the Constitution.

We revisited what the Auxiliary will pay for when officers attend conferences. Pam brought up the National Conference and how it was more of a social event. She didn't feel the Auxiliary should pay for lodging as discussed in other meetings. If a member is attending the actual caucus, paying the registration fee will be discussed at that time. Pam stated her vote would still be "for" the Auxiliary paying half the lodging (as agreed upon in a prior meeting) when it come to the Legislative Workshop. The reason for her vote was due to the learning nature of the Workshop. Amber said she agreed on both issues.

We discussed the Spring Conference will be the 29th of April 2006. It was agreed the Auxiliary will put together a Silent Auction for the Conference like last year. We will also ask the Officers Association for time on the floor to present this years Scholarship winners.

Pam talked to LTC Murphy about starting to attend the Officers Association Meetings. He agreed this would be a great idea and said we were more than welcome to attend. This will give the Auxiliary a more inside track to what is going on in State Legislation and other Guard activities. Pam also offered the Auxiliaries assistance with the Legislative Breakfast coming up February 10th 2006.

Pam shared information on her meeting with MAJ Drey Ihm and Jeanne Felker on Family Readiness Issues. Pam told them she would like to see a State Family Readiness rep attend all the Auxiliary meetings. Drey and Jeanne agreed they would have someone attend the next one. Jeanne invited the Auxiliary to speak at the next RDO meeting as well as attend the upcoming State Family Readiness Christmas Party in December. They also encouraged us to meet with Family Readiness Groups. This would give us an opportunity to present the Auxiliary and how we can assist their groups.

Committee Reports

Treasurers Report was given by the Amber. Amber turned in a report for filing.

Membership Report was given by Amber. No new members have joined since last meeting. Renewal letters need to be sent out to members for 2006. Amber will do this by email and by USPS for those with no email. Pam will

run a new list of Enlisted Association members to get an Auxiliary letter to their spouses. Pam will attend the next RDO meeting on 18 November to encourage new membership. Pam will also try to attend and do an Auxiliary presentation at Troop A 167th Cavalry's Thanksgiving Meal this next Sunday. New color Brochures need to be made. It was agreed, it will be nice to have some good brochures to send out to the Family Readiness Groups and have at any booths we have. Pam will look into some options. Life membership fees were discussed. Pam will contact the National office to see if we need to have a one time fee and if potential life members would pay for the Scholarship for the years they are paying for life membership dues.

Legislative Report was given by Pam. She will be calling LTC Bohac soon to discuss their legislative program and how to better ours. Legislative Breakfast will be in February and LTC Murphy would like to see the spouses involved/attend. Jeanne Felker mentioned (prior to this meeting) it might be helpful to put on a legislative workshop/"How to" Seminar. Pam and Amber agreed this is a great idea and should be done soon.

Family Program Report was given by Pam. Meeting minutes and newsletters will be sent to the State Family Readiness Office for distribution. Pam received a current list of RDO's but needs a military point of contact list for the non deployed units. Pam has had several inquiries from units for monetary assistance from the Auxiliary. It was discussed we want some type of membership from a unit before we "hand out" money. If at all possible we want to get to a FRG meeting to "present" the Auxiliary before or shortly after donating. Pam will be setting up a Booth and Raffle for the FRG Christmas party from 11:45-4:00 at the Spirit of 76 Armory December 4th. She will possibly attend the Christmas with Cody in North Platte. Jeanne Felker and Drey Ihm had asked if the Auxiliary would be interested in sponsoring a Summer Carnival this year. Amber and Pam discussed it and though it would be feasible as long as we were just sponsoring and not putting the whole thing on. We agreed, with just the three of us we would only be able to sponsor.

Ways and Means Report was given by Pam. We discussed some possible options for upcoming fund raising events. The only two that we could agree on was a possible pitch tournament and a wine or tea lunch/brunch with a speaker. Pam said she would check on a couple locations for the pitch tournament to include Brewsky's.

Scholarship Program Report was given by Amber. She said she would start working on the letter for 2006.

Meeting Adjourned

President Pam Whisenhunt adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 7th possibly in Omaha/Bellevue.
Time and location TBD. Upcoming meetings May 7th and August 7th.

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela R. Whisenhunt