

NGAND Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes  
24 May 2023  
1600-1700:

- Chris Domitrovich
- Brett Nelson
- Alan Dohrmann
- Nicholas Hanson
- Steve Hoikkala
- Matt Voeller
- Jay Sheldon
- Kristopher Jacobs
- Lucas Klettke
- Stan Brown
- Lee Teigen
- Dave Hall
- Nicolette Daschendorf
- Josh Roller
- Rachel Berg
- Dennis Hoffman
- Amanda Tang
- Jeff Steckler
- Justin Johnson
- Chris Spangler
- Josh Yri
- Waylon Tomac
- Matt Winters
- Greg Goodman
- Justin Huber
- Edward Crary
- Kim Nelson
- Shaun Carlson
- Samantha Manning
- Ryan Bergh
- Brett Nelson
- Dave Anderson
- Randy Fuss
- Jacob Danduran
- Sam Nuenthel

1. Old Business:

- a. Approve minutes from 17MAR2023
  - i. Motion – Brown
  - ii. Second – Teigen
  - iii. Discussion – None
  - iv. Vote – Unanimous Pass
- b. Approve minutes from 18MAR2023
  - i. Motion – Hall
  - ii. Second – Danduran
  - iii. Discussion – None
  - iv. Vote – Unanimous Pass
- c. Roughrider Conference Survey Results
  - i. Lucas Klettke will provide survey tool used in past to Nick Hanson.
  - ii. Nick Hanson reviewed the survey with participants and reviewed the comments provided in the survey. Stan Brown commented that the meal was good and that you always seem to get a couple that want something else.

2. New Business:

- a. Executive Director Update
  - i. Membership Drive - Trending down. Directors take note and submit up.
    - 1. Current %
    - 2. Payment Plan Reimbursements (Partial Rebates? \$125 vs. \$250)
      - Digital Life Memberships (\$250 Rebate) – Please continue to push with the rebate until that ends in June State Life Memberships (12 at this time last year)  
\*\*Current as of 23 May 2023
      - Hoikkala – Comments on 1-112<sup>th</sup> AVN mobilized at SWB, the unit will conduct a NGAUS pitch. Consider comp memberships for past members that are mobilized? Lucas Klettke disagrees based on his experience. Mob units have members 24/7. Matt Voeller sent info to LTC Sundby and agrees with Lucas. Hoikkala will continue to work mob units and grow membership in 1-112<sup>th</sup>.
      - Agenda Item: Payment Plan Reimbursements
        - Partial Rebates? \$125 vs. \$250?
        - Do we give the whole amount when payments are paid as installments.
        - Nick Hanson opened the floor for discussion.
        - Roller comments that it was not communicated up front and we should change now.

- Brown agrees and thinks we should honor the deal presented.
- Voeller asked if the payment is auto or required to opt in.
- Nelson addressed how the NGAND gets the money back.
- Voeller and Nelson back and forth with comment by Nelson states that members payments have not met the amount.
- Domitrovich comments on the verbiage an
- Brown asked if the individual reached out for reimbursement.
- Nelson said no, the rebate is automatic.
- Voeller proposed COA.
- Nelson and Domitrovich agreed.
- Hall recommends updating language to clarify verbiage to give the rebate.
- Domitrovich reads the current verbiage.
- Hall states that based on verbiage that the member is not probably technically.
- Hanson states that we should reach out to the member and explain the situation.
- Domitrovich will reach out to member.
- Hanson asked that based on discussion is there a need to change the language.
- Agreed that this is rare occasion and verbiage does not need changed.

ii. Insurance Director for SSLI

1. Travel to Trust Meeting

- Nelson discusses possibility of adding an Insurance to the Board. Provided justification for why this is beneficial. Domitrovich is willing to stay on in this role.
- Hanson comments that this would be a good idea and opens the floor for discussion.
- Hall asked if the insurance meeting is annual and discussed the cost.
- Roller states that this is not an additional cost.
- Voeller states that this could offset the costs and would need to update policy handbook.
- Hall asks if anyone sees a downside.
- Hanson states that there doesn't seem to be, and it would spread duties.

- Hall asks if we should add to next meeting or motion now.
- Voeller and Sheldon will work together to draft amendment for the next meeting.
- Hanson, tables this discussion and will be addressed at the next meeting.

iii. New POCs for Air OOH Awards

1. Lt Col Roy Thomsen & Lt Col Lee Teigen (for Col Greg McDonald)

iv. March weekend selection for Roughrider Conference 2026

- Nelson and Domitrovich are working and have the pic of the weekends. Avoid the AOY banquet. Thoughts would like to get this locked in ASAP.
- Hanson asks if there are reasons why people have not attended. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks would be consistent with past.
- Hoikkala stated that Army NG has a couple weekends that prevents attendance.
- Hanson asks if there is a schedule that far out.
- Klettke states that battle rhythm and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend has been good.
- Voeller in 2019 there was a JLC prior, and that the PD brought in a good crowd. Thoughts of freshening up the timeline and maybe doing something a little different.
- Nelson states that corporate sponsors like the timing.
- Hanson asks for a motion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend.
- Nelson says 20-21MAR26 would be ideal.
- Klettke states no objection, go for it.

v. Capitol Summit set for 17-19 Sept 2023; Registration deadline 19 June

1. Army WO?

- Hoikkala has not attended but could find someone if he is not able to attend.
- Hanson asked about the process.
- Klettke states an OML was built and could be used to make a decision.
- Nelson states that Klettke ran the program.
- Klettke will find the OML, and he will run it.
- Hanson states requirements
- Johnson states that Blumler is the warrant on the OML.
- Hoikkala has some other names but not sure the dates work.

b. National Conference Update

NGAUS Golf Tournament--\$125/golfer Nelson offers that if there is enough interest that we could be together a team.

- c.
  - i. Attendance at National Conference – Registration & Additional Info
  - ii. Awaiting CNGB Memo (PD & Admin Leave/PTDY)
  - iii. Association pays \$180 Fee for all attendees
  - iv. Pay full costs for: EDs (Chris & Brett), Chair (Nick), Air (Lee) & Army (Stan) Resolutions, Drawing Winner (Col Keller)
  - v. Pay partial costs: Vice Chair?, Chair-Elect?, 2 Directors (Challenge)
    - 1. Reimburse cost of hotel toward airfare – if no hotel
  - vi. Unit-funded on orders: Air & Army CGO & WO State Winners
    - 1. Lt Chick unable to attend – alternate?
  
- d. Committee Updates
  - i. Membership (Hoikkala) Sent out updated slides. Reminder in the email that there are funds to membership events.
    - 1. Director's Challenge Update
  - ii. Resolutions (Teigen/Brown)
  - iii. Legislative (Sheldon)
  - iv. Planning (Hanson)
    - 1. RR Conference Hotwash Results
    - 2. Survey Results
    - 3. 2024 RR Conference Planning
  - v. Audit (Brown) Not complete, looking at June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1300 and trying to align members necessary and should have complete by next meeting. Brown, Stein, Goodman.
    - 1. Audit Complete?
    - 2. New Committee Member Goodman
  - vi. Finance (Voeller) Not able to capture all the numbers but looking pretty good.
    - 1. Quarterly Update
  
- e. Roughrider Golf Tournament 2023 Update (Flanagan)
  - i. 22 September 2023 @ Hawktree Golf Club
  - ii. Establish Golf Tournament Committee?
  - iii. Will present Diamond sponsor plaques & remaining scholarships.
    - Nelson states that the golf tournament has run in the red and that there are some sponsors. Flanagan will work the event coordination but doesn't want work the fundraising and looking for support to fundraise. There are materials available to help. Are there local people to assist with the fund raising.
    - Hanson does anyone have anyone in mind.
    - Sheldon asks question about sponsorship.
    - Nelson will send out information.

- Domitrovich states that the rate will go up to \$100 per golfer.

## Final Discussion

- Hoikkala brought up additional events to draw more people to the conference. Cornhole tournament in the conference room. The other was the possibility of a gun raffle. Working with Mark Stenberg on this.
  - Hanson states that the cornhole is cost effective event but the gun raffle brings additional requirements.
  - Hoikkala recommends bringing West Fargo VFW as a sponsor to be able to use there permits. Could we also get the speaker or events set early so that info could get pushed out farther in advance.
  - Nelson states that speakers don't set schedules that far in advance. Should start looking at this ASAP and bring ideas in AUG or SEP to start the process.
  - Hanson asks how much Danny cost.
  - Nelson states it was \$8500.
  - Hoikkala will continue to work with Stenberg and has contact with WF VFW.
  - Hanson states that he used to be on Pheasants Forever that an option to be to provide a free admission to the next year's conference.
  - Hoikkala states if VFW is a sponsor with a table, it could be beneficial for them to help with recruiting. Could also be done in Bismarck in out years.
  - Huber asks for same sponsorship.
  - Nelson will send info to Sheldon, and he will distro to all directors.
  - Johnson states that it doesn't look like CPT Kelly will be able to make the NGAUS conf.
  - Nelson describes the OML to use the funding for NGAUS.
- f. Future Board Meeting Dates: TBD September 2023
- i. Thursday night or Friday morning (before golf)?
    - Nelson provides context to what was done in past and what worked and what didn't.
    - Hanson brings for discussion.
    - Voeller states that the Thursday night worked well.

- Hall agrees.
- Hanson recommends we go on Thursday.
- Nelson asks about what time.
- Hanson
- Nelson recommends 1800.
- Hall recommends 1830.
- Agreed that 1830 on Thursday 21SEP23.

- Motion to Adjourn - Brown
- Second - Hoikkala
- Discussion – None
- Vote – Unanimous Pass