

**Montana Defense Alliance - Executive**

**January 5, 2015**

**Chamber Video Conference Center**

**Alliance Members Present:**

David Weissman Steve Malicott Len Watkins Jeff Millhollin

Steve Grooms Joe Briggs

**Alliance Guest:**

Cheryl Ulmer

**Chamber Staff:**

Tom Alfrey

**Review of Minutes:**

🟔 **Motion was made and seconded to approve the December 1, 2014 Minutes as distributed. Motion carries.**

**Federal Delegation:**

⦿ Cheryl reported on the following items from Senator Testers Office:

* December 18th meeting with the MTDA.
* Senator Tester had a meeting with Governor Bullock; they had a very good conversation about the MTDA and the need for statewide support, perhaps an advisory committee – follow-up will take place.
* Senator Tester will invite Congressman Zinke to the Wednesday Breakfast Meetings.
* There have been some staff changes; Jamie Weiss is the Chief of Staff.
* A white paper on Tester Legislative Victories was distributed. See attached

**Treasurer’s Report:**

A. Reviewed November Financials

1. Account Balances are: Checking - $22,058, MTDA Base Funds - $88,947, MTDA Reserves - $40,012.

2. Currently good on Income vs. Expenses.

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**Business:**

I. Trip/Activity Reports:

A. No Trip report for December.

II, Future Trips:

1. Working on a meeting with General Quinn

**ACTION: David to schedule the meeting with General Quinn and will invite Alliance members to participate as available.**

1. A on a MTDA meeting with Col. Wilcox – date to be determined.
2. Working a date to visit the Federal Delegation and the Pentagon. Possible in February.
3. David and Joe to attend the Annual Nuclear Summit in DC, February 17-20
4. David and Greg to attend the ADC Conference in Monterrey, CA, March, 2015.
5. Other potential Trips
   1. Strategic Deterrence Coalition meeting at Whiteman AFB – Date to be determined, looking at April/May time frame.
   2. STRATCOM meeting with General Kowalski in the next 12 months.

III. Update on Action Plans:

1. Malmstrom (Missiles)

1. Letter to counties have been sent – follow-up with Teton, Lewis & Clark and Choteau Counties

2. County fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

3. Non-missile counties will be $500 – prepare letter to other counties

B. MTANG:

1. Construction is ongoing

C. Update on P4 Discussions

1. An Executive Committee has been created and will meet monthly; membership will meet quarterly.

2. A Memo of Understanding has been completed and approved.

D. Working on meeting with the Helena Chamber for January

E. Paid Position – Work in progress

F. Website is up; Executive Committee Members were asked to review and provide input

IV. Other:

A. Executive Committee Nominations

**ACTION ITEM: Executive Members to forward names of potential nominees for the MTDA Executive Committee to David.**

The next MTDA Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015 at 3pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Alfrey