



**Montana Defense Alliance**  
**Monday, July 6, 2015**  
**Chamber Video Conference Center**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:**

David Weissman      Len Watkins      Steve Malicott      Jeff Millhollin  
Steve Grooms      John Faulkner      Greg Doyon

**COMMITTEE GUEST:**

Cheryl Ulmer

**CHAMBER STAFF:**

Tom Alfrey      Roxy Perez

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the May 11, 2015 minutes as distributed, June Meeting was canceled. Motion carries.**

**FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORTS:**

- A. Nothing new to report
- B. Hoping to receive a decision on RED HORSE soon.
- C. Daines Amendment to BAH, has been submitted.
  - 1. BAH Market Analysis will be conducted soon.
- D. Line of Sight issue has come up with the airport tower, looking for FAA to fund.
  - 1. MTANG will continue to work to obtain the best solution.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- A. May Financials Review
  - 1. Membership is down as well.
  - 2.. We have a few unbudgeted items.
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to appoint Len as the Membership Chair. Motion carries.**
  - 4. Travel – A couple of unbudgeted trips, and will exceed this year's travel budget.
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the May Financials as presented. Motion carries.**

**BUSINESS:**

- A. Trip/Activity Reports
  - 1. ADC Conference – June 21-24, 2015
    - a. Greg and David attended the conference.
    - b. Met Secretary Valentine.
    - c. Discussion on no BRAC for about 5 years.
      - i. States continue to mobilize in preparation for BRAC
    - d. Concerns with global climate change.
    - e. We are considered a Northern Tier Base.
    - f. Several sessions on P4.
    - g. Trip report will be forthcoming.

2. Met with General Quinn, General Fox and Col Hronek.
  - a. Honored Col Hronek with a photo gift.
  - b. Recommendation was made to add members from other cities to the MTDA Executive from the Army Guard.

B. Planning

1. Plan Future Trips/activities
  - a. Future Trip/Activities Planning
  - b. Discussion on how to handle reservations for upcoming trips.
  - c. Committee consensus was to compile a listing of annual trips with along with trips we must attend, such as Retirements, Changes of Command and Pin-ons.

**ACTION ITEM: Chamber Staff to prepare possible budget line items for 15-16 fiscal year.**

2. Other Potential Trips
  - a. Air Force Engineer Center San Antonio Trip is on hold.
  - b. STRATCOM w/General Kowalski Trip has been approved and pending dates.
  - c. No date set for General Kowalski Retirement.
  - d. Global Strike Change of Command Funds have been approved.
  - e. Global Strike Challenge is in the fall.
3. BRAVO 369
  - a. Event scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup> and Press Release has been sent.
  - b. Pancake Breakfast

C. Update on Action Plans

1. Malmstrom
  - a. Still need to follow up with County Commissioners
  - b. MAFB Picnic is Friday, August 21, 2015
2. MTANG
  - a. Volunteered for the picnic on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Met with General Quinn
  - c. Presented Col Hronek with a gift.

D. No update on paid position.

E. Working to update website.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Need to schedule a Strategic Planning Meeting
- B. Executive Committee Openings
  1. Nominations should be sent to David.

**The next MTDA Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2015 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxy Perez