



Montana Defense Alliance Executive Meeting
October 30, 2017
Chamber Video Conference Center

ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Weissman Len Watkins Steve Grooms Joe Briggs Greg Doyon
Shane Etwiler John Faulkner Dr. Tony Aretz

ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Cheryl Ulmer Robin Baker

CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2, 2017 Minutes as presented. Motion carries.**

FEDERAL DELEGATION UPDATES:

- A. Senator Tester
 - 1. Funding is going well for Malmstrom.
 - 2. December 8th is the end of the continuing resolution.
 - 3. On December 9th we could go into sequestration.
- B. Senator Daines
 - 1. Writing letters in support of the National Guard Cyber Security.

BUSINESS:

- A. News/Follow Up
 - 1. General Cotton Dinner
 - a. Topics discussed was support other communities are giving to the Air Force.
 - b. He has been approved for the third star.
 - c. Change of Command is forthcoming
 - d. Putting family first has become a priority.
 - 2. Global Strike Command
 - a. Met with General Rand in Colorado Springs.
 - b. Visited to Cheyenne Mountain.
 - c. BCA is one of his priorities.
 - d. We were given homework prior to our arrival.
 - e. Opening reception was at the home of General Goodwin.
 - f. Toured the academy.
 - g. Good trip overall.

3. Reciprocity
 - a. Need more feedback from the Military folks to move forward, on which professions are having concerns/issues.
 - b. David to follow up with Ruth at Malmstrom.
 - c. John to head this program.
4. Other:
 - a. Communication to the MTDA Membership

ACTION ITEM: MTDA Members to create a newsletter to thank current MTDA Membership. David to provide information for the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. September 2017 financials.
 1. Revenue was up. However, we came in at a negative \$2700.

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the September Financials. Motion carries.**
- B. 2017-2018 Budget
 1. Reviewed the budget.
 2. Currently looking at a loss of \$4,000+ for the year.
 3. Asking Exec members to recruit a minimum of 2 Members each.

☼ Motion was made and seconded to approve the budget presented.

 4. Discussion on budget shortfall. Increase Member recruitment and decrease travel expenses.

☼ **Motion was amended to increase Membership and decrease Travel to provide a break-even budget. Motion carries.**

The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxy Perez