MINUTES February 17, 2015 Board Meeting-Bismarck Airport Bismarck, ND

- 1. Chair Bill Butcher, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Board members present: Mike Stensrud, Dennis Bullinger, Rick Schuh, John Shorey, Darcy Fossum, and Jerry Kemmet. Others present: Executive Director Francine Johnson, NDPISB Office Assistant Cheryl Kruger, Representative Kim Koppelman, Joe Shorey, Nancy Miller with Evans Investigation, Edward Erickson and John Tyler from the AG Office. Mike Stensrud left the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.
- 2. The minutes from the November 2014 were reviewed. Mike Stensrud made the motion to accept the minutes. Second by Darcy Fossum. M/S/C
- **3.** The financial report was presented by John Shorey. As of January 31, 2015, current checking account balance was \$98,473.99 and cd's were \$120,373.56. The total assets were \$215,313.95. The net income was \$-2,907.14. Motion was made by Jerry Kemmet to approve the financial report. Second by Mike Stensrud. M/S/C.
- 4. Representative Koppelman addressed the issue of House Bill 1126 regarding Bail Bondsmen. He suggested NDPISB license bounty hunters and felt it was a better fit for this board to license them rather than the State Insurance Department. Francine Johnson stated that the State Insurance Department currently handles the bail bondsmen and should handle bounty hunters as well as they are similar in their functions. Bill Butcher stated that NDPISB is not funded by the state and is not familiar with the activities of bail bondsmen and bounty hunters. Board member, Darcy Fossum, is currently a bail bondsman and also indicated that the bounty hunter conducts similar activities as a bail bondsman. The board recommended to Representative Koppelman that the Insurance Department should remain the agency handling these professions.
- **5.** John Tyler reviewed the Stipulation draft for Armored Knights and GARDA. Motion by John Shorey to approve the Stipulation subject to any changes made within the next 10 days. John Tyler will be notified directly by board members of any changes. John Tyler will send the NDPISB office and Bill Butcher a final draft. The Stipulation will be sent to Armored Knights and GARDA for signatures by February 27, 2015.
- 6. Edward Erickson gave an update on Richard Anderson. Richard Anderson would like to pay a lump sum of \$250.00 instead of having a garnishment of wages for \$100.00/month until his debt plus interest is paid in full. It was noted that Richard Anderson hasn't made a payment to the Board since January 2014. Jerry Kemmet made a motion to move forward with the original garnishment of wages. The garnishment will follow Richard Anderson from employer to employer. Second by Darcy Fossum. M/S/C. Edward Erickson and Francine Johnson will notify Doug Anderson with the Attorney General's office of the Board's decision.
- 7. Edward Erickson gave his opinion regarding law enforcement working as security officers or registered investigators. He stated that the word "licensed" and "registered" are interchangeable in Statute 43-30-05.2. The wording states that active law enforcement cannot be registered security officers. The Board historically has allowed active law enforcement to be registered security officers. Active law enforcement officers cannot be license holders in the security or investigative field nor can they be

registered investigators. There was a discussion to change the wording in Statute 43-30-05.2 to clarify the intent of the Board. Edward Erickson will draft an amendment to present to Representative Koppelman during this legislative session. He will send the amendment to the Board for approval. Bill Butcher will then present the amendment to House Judiciary Chair, Kim Koppelman.

- 8. The 2 year license renewals were discussed. Francine Johnson stated that armed registrations must be renewed every year, so a 2 year renewal would not be efficient or legal in terms of the armed certification qualifications and requirements. It was suggested that the NDPISB potentially absorb the criminal record search fee costs in an effort to reduce fees and utilize current funds. A cost analysis will be presented to the Board at the May meeting for review and discussion.
- 9. Francine Johnson informed board members that an armed instructor, Kirby Sandvik, provided his student a copy of the weapons exam after administering it. The board was informed that the instructor was reprimanded and the exam was returned to the board's office. The instructor was also put on notice that all exams are to be administered and returned promptly to this office.
- 10. Bill Butcher gave a report on representation of the board by Deputy Attorneys General regarding compliance officers and investigations. Bill spoke with Chief Deputy AG Tom Trenbeth and was informed it is in the process for legislation and it depends upon the funds they receive for hiring additional staff. There is no further information to report at this juncture. There may be further updates at the next meeting as to status and it will be monitored by Bill Butcher.
- 11. Francine Johnson gave a report on complaints against Drayton Investigation and Joe Uzdavinis. These individuals may be providing investigative services in North Dakota without a proper license. Currently, the office is awaiting their response to our request for information and clarification.
- 12. The Board discussed the previous meeting directive to send a letter of clarification of duties and requirements to the security industry. The board determined that no letter was to be sent and no further action is required.
- 13. There was discussion about legal representation of the board and Francine Johnson confirmed that several state boards are represented by private attorneys rather than by the ND Attorney General's Office. The board directed her to make additional inquiry in this regard and to provide further information on the subject at its next regular meeting.
- **14.** Dennis Bullinger informed the Board that he is retiring from the Mandan Police Department at the end of the year. He would like to remain as a board member if possible. The board will review the rules/statute to determine if he can remain as a board member once he has retired.
- **15.** The next meeting scheduled for May 26, 2015 was rescheduled for 11:00 a.m., May 19, 2015 at the Bismarck Airport.
- **16.** A motion by Darcy Fossum was made to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rick Schuh. M/S/C Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Chairman

NDPISB Office Assistant

Date

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