

## WWIIHRS Board of Directors Meeting 19 July 2007

Attending the meeting via conference call were President Elliott James, Vice President Greg Lee, and Secretary Jonathan Stevens.

Elliott James opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

The 2008 National Battle was determined to be held by the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Div and 353<sup>rd</sup> Infanterie Div at the Joliet Training Area on October 19, 20, and 21. No other units offered to host the event.

Charters reviewed included the 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division and two units of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division unit CO needed to be contacted to give some further information on the unit. Both 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division units would be ready to vote on at the following meeting after confirmation on minor issues.

The First SAS was officially disbanded. No members were reported this year.

An issue was raised about the Antigo event and safety and authenticity checks. However, reportedly this was the final year for the event.

A member inquired about reimbursement from the HRS for bringing vehicles to events. The response was that the HRS does not pay for vehicle transport to any events.

Some positive responses were recorded in regards to charging non-HRS members a fee for entrance to events according to Elliot James. A further point mentioned that "free lance" units and individuals with no organization affiliation might be charged an extra fee at events. The extra fee would help cover insurance costs for an event.

Scott Atchison of the 6<sup>th</sup> SS had inquired if his unit would need a charter to include a German army impression as an alternate to their SS impression. The unanimous opinion was that no further charter was needed.

Another member had inquired about post 1945 impressions for living history events to be covered by the organization

insurance. Some discussion on this point ensued but it was determined to be beyond the charter of the WWIHR.

Greg Lee gave a brief report on the Stolen Valor Act pertaining to WWII reenacting. A response from his senator's office clarified that the law mainly referred to fraudulently portraying oneself as a combat veteran. While the act does not mention reenacting directly the intent does not seem to apply to reenactors. However, some caution should be used when wearing uniforms to and from events.

Jonathan Stevens asked in response to a member inquiry why the Treasurer's bond had not been renewed? According to Dave Jamison who had discussed this with EJ this was not necessarily needed. Further clarification was needed.

EJ reported that the Audit was going to be in the next issue of the Edge as was the financial reports from Treasurer Dave Jameson.

JS reported that the society had 785 members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.