

## Minutes of the Board Meeting October 18<sup>th</sup> 2007

Meeting was held by way of a conference call.

Present:

Board            Elliott James,  
                      Greg Lee  
                      David Jameson  
                      Jonathan Stevens  
                      Carl Bogar

Members        Marilyn Fornell  
                      Tim Scherrer

Apologies      Mike Hayes

### **Matters carried forward from prior meetings:**

**401<sup>st</sup>.** Greg Lee reported that this unit has resolve the outstanding issue in that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne had no problem with them being accepted. Greg Lee proposed and Carl Bogar seconded that the unit be accepted into the HRS. The motion was passed without decent.

**11<sup>th</sup> Panzer.** Greg Lee reported that this unit has resolved the outstanding issues regarding uniform and weapons to the satisfaction of Mike Hayes. Elliott James reported that he had talked to them at Rockford and they appear to have made considerable progress during the last twelve months. Greg Lee proposed and Carl Bogar seconded that the unit be accepted into the HRS. The motion was passed without decent.

**OKW unit.** Greg Lee reported that the unit had to resolve exactly what role it would fulfill within the HRS since we wanted to avoid having a unit that was top heavy with senior officers. The matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

### **Finances**

David Jameson reported that the society currently had a balance of \$19,461 at the bank and outstanding liabilities of \$1,713. The treasurer had three cheques returned for insufficient funds and the matter was being pursued with the members involved.

Certain other issues with regard to cost of running the organization were raised by the Treasurer. It costs approximately \$7.00 dollars a year for insurance at present. The insurance premium is likely to be increased in 2008 because our premiums were based upon 600 members, but we are now approaching 1,000. This is certainly an improvement on the prior premium where we were only insured for 300 members and 5

events a year. It also costs about \$1,000 an issue to produce a copy of the Edge. In these circumstances the Treasurer expressed the view that the Family membership was a drain on the organizations resources.

After discussion it was decided to table the matter of family membership.

### **Complaint against the 4<sup>th</sup> SS for public executions at Rockford IL**

Elliott James reported that a formal complaint had been made against the 4<sup>th</sup> SS for a public execution at Rockford and formally recused himself from consideration of the matter.

Marilyn Fornell reported that the organizers had already take action against the 4<sup>th</sup> SS by denying them access to the police station for 2008 Rockford and that the event had a history of public executions at the event.

The board agreed that the matter was to be put before the Safety and Authenticity Committee to draft new guidelines outlawing public executions.

### **Allied Representative**

Brian Ogstad has now resigned as Allied Representative. He had been increasing inactive since April. The board had already received four candidates:

- Ronald Kapustka                      101<sup>st</sup> AB, 502 PIR
- Troy LeFaye,                              36<sup>th</sup> Cavalry
- William Sheets,                        101<sup>st</sup> AB
- Joseph Sparacino                      70<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion

The board decided to call for further applicants in the next issue of the Edge.

### **Questions from Marilyn Fornell**

Certain specific questions were raised to the Board:

#### **(1) Why did the Board consider incorporation in Illinois considered onerous?**

The Vice President explained that Illinois law covering non-profit organizations was onerous because it stated that the state law was to take precedence over the by-laws of the society. In addition it did not have assumptions protecting the board as amateurs operating in good faith. The rules for states such as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas,

Missouri and Iowa had such assumptions and allowed the bye-laws to be the basis of government for the society.

**(2) Why had the insurance coverage been changed?**

The Insurance had been changed based upon cost and coverage. The new policy covered more events and members because the old board had understated both. In addition the old policy had a per claim deductible not a per incident deductible. This if eleven claims arose from an incident we would have had eleven deductibles, now we had one. In addition, the old policy had understated both the number of members and of events that would have potentially invalidated the insurance coverage.

**(3) Why was the Audit authorized?**

The current Board of Directors did not authorize the audit. The decision was taken by the prior Board under the Presidency of David Fornell. In April of 2006 David Halseth had approached Elliott James to ask if he was willing to carry out an audit. He had declined on the grounds that he would not have been regarded as independent. When appointed to the Board he was again asked and had declined for the same reason, he did however, find a suitably qualified firm of accountants to do at reduced rate.

Marilyn Fornell stated that she wanted an audit conducted covering the period June 2006 and for 2007.

**(4) Why was the Treasures Bond Cancelled?**

The Treasurer explained that the new policy would cover the Treasurers Bond. He further explained that the prior insurance agent had refused to cooperate with him in any way.

No details of the prior Bond policy were provided by the old board to either the current or former Treasurer.

**Branson Update**

Provision for a the Board to address a meeting a Branson had been made for the Board to address a meeting

The town was helping with fortification,

A USO dance had been organized

Five pieces of armor and a spotter plane would be present.

## **Annual Meeting**

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would be held at Ft Custer in December.