



WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2012

ROLL CALL:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
President:	David Jameson	YES
Vice President:	Jonathan Stevens	YES
Treasurer:	Charles Gallagher	NO
Secretary:	Ronald J Kapustka	YES
Allied Representative:	Bill Sheets	YES
Commonwealth Rep:	Bryce Seyko	NO
Axis Representative:	Rich Russo	NO
Newsletter Editors:	Mike Kaczorowski	YES
	Jeff Skender	NO

Unit CO's and Members Attending:

Rey Ramirez	Mike Kaczorowski	Rey Rameriz
Scott Bacon	Yarow Howski	
Yuri Soroka	John Colyer	
Dan Overschmidt	Eric Runge	
Wayne McCalley	Steve Sloane	
Jeff Berkmeier	Dustin Strong	
Vito Abbinante	Ian Baker	

Reading of the April Minutes

The minutes for April, 2012 were read and approved. A Motion to approve was made by Jon Stevens and seconded by Bill Sheets. A vote was taken and the Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Regional Event Requested Funds: No new events.

Rockford reimbursement – *not completed*. Charlie needs to be contacted with regard to this issue.

Scholarship Funds: payout – *completed*.

PAHA: Nothing new at this time.

New Business

Unit Charters

New charters:

SS Gebirgsjaeger Rgt 7: This Unit has passed the S&A Committee. A motion was made by Bill Sheets, seconded by Jonathan Stevens. A vote was taken and the Charter was approved. The Unit was accepted as a new Probationary Unit in the HRS.

40th Guards Rifle Division: Further information was received which answered all questions the S&A Committee had. A Company designation was chosen, 111th Guards Rifle Division, Weapons Company. The Unit has passed the S&A Committee. A motion was made by Bill Sheets, and seconded. A vote was taken and the Charter was approved. The Unit was accepted as a new Probationary Unit in the HRS.

H Co., 506th PIR, 101st ABN: Further information was received which answered all questions the S&A Committee had. The Unit has passed the S&A Committee. A motion was made by Jonathan Stevens, and seconded by Bill Sheets. A vote was taken and the Charter was approved. The Unit was accepted as a new Probationary Unit in the HRS.

10th Mountain Division: Further information was received, but they need to furnish further information with regard to the WACS issue. This will be tabled until next month.

3rd Inf Div, 15th Rgt: Further information was received from the Unit which provided that they will have co-commanders, Carlos and Rey Ramirez and they were going to be adopting the M-43 double buckle boot as their sole footwear. A new Application is to be submitted reflecting these changes. The Unit has passed the S&A Committee. A motion was made by Jonathan Stevens, and seconded by Bill Sheets. A vote was taken and the Charter was approved. The Unit was accepted as a new Probationary Unit in the HRS.

Defunct Units:

29th Inf Div, 116th Rgt: Bill Sheets spoke with Jim Blanton and there members who are deployed are going to be renewing their memberships and they do not want their Charter dissolved. The issue will be tabled.

Final Charter Approval:

24th Shidan Division (Japanese): Their Probationary Period is up and a motion was made by Bill Sheets, seconded by Jonathan Stevens to accept them as a full Charter. A vote was taken and their full Charter was approved.

UPA: Their Probationary Period is up and a motion was made by Bill Sheets, seconded by Jonathan Stevens to accept them as a full Charter. A vote was taken and their full Charter was approved.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer Report: None.

Secretary Report: We have 710 Applications in and cards printed as of today. Need to mail out about 100 cards yet. Waiting for reimbursement for the first expenditures.

Commonwealth Rep Report: No Report.

Allied Rep Report: No Report.

Axis Rep Report: No Report.

Edge Report: – Mike Kaczorowski reported that they are working on the AAR for Lowell and will add the AAR for Union before issuing the next Issue.

IRS Form 990-N. The form was filed and all is good for the next year.

Committee Reports:

S&A: The Committee had one Unit reported to it for various violations at Lowell, including being rude to the public and other Units and members, authenticity violations, swearing at the public, etc. The Unit was Co. C, 26th Inf Rgt, 1st Inf Div, CO is Terry Morgan. Bill Sheets will speak to Terry and the Board will follow-up that conversation with a formal letter.

Unit Commanders: Nothing new.

New Vehicle Committee: Possibly putting together a Committee to help owners of vehicles bring their vehicles into authenticity standards, helping owners get their vehicles to events, etc. This will be discussed in the future.

Kansas Safety Violation: Eric Runge and John Colyer explained the issue with regard to pyro being set off in a demilled bazooka, which resulted in a small explosion, which damaged the bazooka, right in front of a documentary film crew which filmed the entire thing. The film crew then filmed the S&A inspection of the event and allowed John and Eric to explain the normal safety precautions taken at events to check weapons, blank ammunition, etc. The Board had a lengthy discussion with regard to the issue and the footage taken by the film crew. John will try to get a copy of the film for the Board and will report back when and if he does. The two members who were involved will be dealt with seriously by their own CO. The Board will wait for additional information from Dan Overschmidt who spoke with the VA Police who investigated the issue as well.

Open Comments:

Vito Abbinante asked about an event he is working on with the Italian American Veteran's Museum. The packet has not yet distributed to the Board.

Carlos Rameriz, will be doing a live television interview with Channel 9 next Thursday, May 25th, and is asking for some information from the HRS with regard to number of Units, states where members are located, etc. Carlos also reported about upcoming events; their involvement with Honor Flight and their involvement in an upcoming movie filming event.

Rey Rameriz reported about an Event, Poland Under Attack, 1939, which will take place in September.

Bill Sheets mentioned that he just received a donation of (15) 30' to 60' telephone poles for the St. Joe, Tarawa event. Bill has also checked out the pyro for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.