

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
WWII Historical Reenactment Society
28 March 2017**

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Board Members:	President:	Jon Stevens,
	Vice President:	Chuck Bolanis
	Treasurer:	Wayne McCulley
	Secretary:	Ron Kapustka
	American Rep:	Corey Vaughn
	Commonwealth Rep:	Brian Jones

Other Members Present: Matt Rademacher, Dave Overschmidt, Dave Goodwin, George Renke

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the March, 2017 Meeting was amended by Corey Vaughn with the addition of the 33rd Armor to the Vice Presidents Report. A motion to accept the Agenda, as amended, was made by Wayne McCulley, seconded by Corey Vaughn, and after a Board vote, were accepted.

Reading of February Meeting Minutes

The February, 2017 Minutes, were read by Wayne McCulley. Ron Kapustka motioned that the minutes be approved. Corey Vaughn seconded. The Minutes were approved by a majority vote of board.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Chuck Bolanis

New Charters: A discussion was had regarding the 33rd Armored Regiment, Easy Company, and their intention to adhere to the standards of the WW2HRS. Specifics, the removal of the "pin-up" which is a magnet and would be removed; facial hair standards will be followed. Corey Vaughn spoke with Ray Krueger who is working on their paperwork, who also confirmed that the Unit will be revising their charter so that it conforms to WW2 HRS standards. Chuck reported that there were enough votes from the S&A Committee, but the Unit asked for another month to revise their paper charter and resubmit it. Chuck asked that the vote on the charter be tabled for one more month. Wayne mentioned the wearing of cavalry boots, and Chuck confirmed that the Unit absolutely wants to follow the standards. The unit will be wearing coveralls because of a safety issue. Corey added that he spoke with Craig who has historical evidence of tankers wearing coveralls. Jon mentioned that the unit may want to address the coverall/safety issue in their revised charter.

End of probation review: 10th SS Jon Stevens led the discussion on the 10th SS Charter. Jon mentioned questions about crew members uniforms, which was confirmed by Chuck Bolanis. Jon asked for questions about the 10th SS, which there were none. Jon made a motion to accept the 10th SS as a fully chartered unit, which was seconded by Wayne and Corey. A vote was taken and the 10th SS was added as a full chartered unit.

Dissolve:

Probation (under 5):

#10 British Commando: Brian Jones spoke with Carl Bogar a year ago and was told he was going to get the membership in line. Brian would try to contact Carl one again. Chuck made the motion to put them on a one year probation, seconded by Wayne, Ron and Corey. A vote was taken and the Unit will be put on a one year probation.

2nd US Inf Div, 23rd Regt. Corey e-mailed the unit on March 9th with no response. Chuck made the motion to put them on a one year probation, seconded by Ron. A vote was taken and the Unit will be put on a one year probation. Chuck asked if because that was David Jameson's unit, would that affect his position with the Society. Jon answered it wouldn't because he would still be a member of the HRS.

Treasurer Wayne McCulley

TREASURER'S REPORT	
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY	
MARCH 2017	
ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 28TH 2017	
PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$9,102.57
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$47,460.83
Account Totals	\$56,563.40
INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 2017	
Membership Income	\$4,431.99
Interest from Money Market Account	\$1.46
Total Income	\$4,433.45
EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2017	
Eventbrite Service Fees	\$659.08
Military History Fest Table supplies	\$20.93
WW2 HRS Promotional Banner	\$107.99
Military History Fest table staff admissions	\$50.00
Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Illinois Secretary of State Annual Report	\$10.00
Total Expenditures	\$860.80
2017 Membership Income	\$4,431.99
2017 Interest Income	\$5.13
2017 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00

2017 Total Income	\$4,437.12
2017 Expenditures	\$7,927.70
2017 Total Income less 2017 Total Expenses	(\$3,490.58)

Secretary – Ron Kapustka

Ron reported that there were 133 new members in March, 2017 for a total to date of 792. That includes 14 Minors and 1 Associate membership.

Commonwealth Rep-Brian Jones

Brian had nothing further, other than what he mentioned about

American Rep- Corey Vaughn

Has been in contact with those units that had less than 5 members. He spoke with members of F 2/5 USMC, 1st Canadian Parachute Batt; 4th Armored Div, 704th Tank Destroyer Batt and all are either working on or have met the minimum member number. Corey also asked if non-Hrs events can advertise their events in *The Edge*. Jon said that if there was an HRS connection, they can advertise in *The Edge*. Chuck mentioned that requests will be dealt with separately on a case-by-case basis. All Board members agreed. Corey's last comment was that Custer went very well and was well run, it being the first Regional Event.

Axis Rep No Report, tabled until April.

Staff Reports

No staff members present.

Committee Reports:

S&A Chuck Bolanis reported all is quiet.

Unit Commanders Jon reported all is quiet.

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten No report, tabled.

Civilian Committee – Nicole Fornell No report, tabled.

Old Business:

Membership Coordinator – Jeff Skender - assist Secretary to create a membership database.

Jon led a discussion on this whereby Jeff would work on creating and maintaining the database, which would greatly assist the Board. A motion was made by Ron to accept Jeff Skender which was seconded by Dave Overschmitt. A vote was taken and Jeff was accepted as the Membership Coordinator.

New Business:

WW1 Event request for insurance

Jon Stevens discussed the WW1 Event request made by Dave Fornell for insurance. Corey discussed the survey question made of the membership. The votes were: to do only WW2 37%; WW1 was 28%; Korean War was 17%; and Vietnam was 16% of the vote. George Renke discussed the need for the HRS to support WW1 based upon the Centennial of WW1 occurring in 2017 and the intertwining of WW1 and WW2. Matt Rademacher added that most conflicts are connected and that the WW2 HRS should "stick to what it knows" and stay with WW2. He brought up the issue of unit patches and other issues in which WW2 differs greatly from WW1. In addition, there are no WW1 Standards of Authenticity. He suggested that the WW2 HRS act as a "parent" organization for WW1 reenacting. Jon mentioned that the main reason for the alliance is the providing of insurance for Midway Village. Chuck said that his

concern is that while we are supplying the insurance, the WW2 HRS has no say in the safety aspects of the WW1 event and no ability to police the safety issue at the WW1 event. Chuck agreed that we should support the event but that the HRS needs to be involved more with management of the safety aspects. Jon asked whether adding that the safety inspections be overseen by HRS safety members, if that would help. Chuck mentioned possibly a review of the WW1 safety and authenticity standards by the HRS. Corey suggested that the HRS "partner" with the WW1 event. Chuck reminded that the event is reimbursing the HRS for the insurance. Brian added that having HRS members at the event is a good thing. Ron added that it would be a good idea that HRS S&A members attend and assist the event staff with their inspections. George said that, in his opinion, the WW1 safety inspections seem to mirror those of the WW2 events. Jon reported there were 1200 at the September, WW2 event and George compared that to 200 at the WW1 event, and that the amount at the WW1 event is a more manageable number of reenactors to be inspected. Jon wrapped up the comments and asked for a vote on insuring the WW1 event at Rockford, but that the safety inspection must have HRS representatives who are designated by the HRS and are solely responsible for performing the inspections, with the \$300.00 reimbursement from the event. Chuck added that the HRS members were managing the safety inspections. A motion to accept was made by Chuck, which was seconded by Brian. A vote was taken and the vote passed.

A discussion was held about events where HRS S&A members do not attend. Chuck mentioned that he has asked the committee members to always get involved and assist the event staff at any event they attend. A suggestion was that every Unit have a designated S&A officer. It was confirmed by Jon and other members of the BOD, that one of the requirements of a charter was to designate a Safety officer for every unit.

Open Comments:

Dave Goodwin reported on WeldonKrieg which had 237 attendees and 37 vehicles with no incidents or issues. He will be sending a formal report to the BOD in the near future.

Announcements: The next meeting will be April 18, 2017.

Adjourn Chuck made the motion, seconded by everyone. A vote was taken and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.