



WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

Agenda for the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 20 March 2018, 7:30 pm

Call to Order at 7:32 pm– Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Chuck Bolanis, Vice President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Wayne McCulley, Treasurer; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Doug Strong, Axis Rep.

Members Attending: Dave Overschmitt, John Keaton, George Reinke, Dave Goodwin

Approval of Agenda

RK motioned to approve the agenda as sent out. WM seconded. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Reading of February Meeting Minutes

The February, 2018 Minutes were read by RK. RK motioned that the February Minutes be approved as read. That was seconded by WM. The February Minutes, as read, were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President:

New Charters: CB reported that he has received two new applications. 63rd Region CCN (Italian) he met the Unit at Rockford, 2017 and the charter has been submitted to the S&A Committee. He also received a German application from Robert Hodel. That was just posted to the Committee and voting is taking place. CB expects both charters to be submitted to the BOD in April.

Probationary charters: End of Probation Period Report:

FeldLazarette Grosdeutschland This Unit has also not submitted their end of year Report and will be tabled until next month.

First Co, 1st Battalion, Jaeger Div 28 This Unit contacted CB and asked for more time to submit their end of year Report. This will be tabled until next month.

Combat Command B, 3rd Armored Division Alan Jones submitted a Charter Revision for this Unit. A vote was taken and the vote passed by 10 YES, 3 NO and 2 abstentions. CB made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee, CV seconded. A vote was taken and it was approved by BOD vote.

3rd Pioneer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Dave Gordy voluntarily withdrew his Charter Application for this Unit. He will work on proving that he can safely run a Unit before he resubmits any Charter Application.

=====

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOURTH QUARTER 2017
MARCH 15TH 2018**

BEGINNING BALANCES 4TH QUARTER

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$7,517.73
	\$49,488.12

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	\$57,005.85
---------------------------------	--------------------

4TH QUARTER INCOME

Membership Income	
PNC Bank Money Market Account Interest Income	\$1,600.00
Reimbursement from Midway Village for Thursday Eve. Meal	\$12.34
	\$551.38

TOTAL 4TH QUARTER INCOME	\$2,163.72
---------------------------------	-------------------

4TH QUARTER EXPENDITURES

Food for Rockford Sunday Breakfast	
2017 WW2 HRS Scholarship	\$900.00
Event Support for Big Lake Minn. Event	\$500.00
Rockford Vehicle Inspection Supplies	\$163.42
Email Marketing Service	\$48.63
Eventbrite Service Fees	\$38.40
Postage	\$191.68
	\$3.35

TOTAL 4TH QUARTER EXPENDITURES	\$1,845.48
---------------------------------------	-------------------

ENDING BALANCES 4TH QUARTER 2017

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$7,823.63
	\$49,500.46

TOTAL ENDING BALANCES

\$57,324.09

2017 MEMBERSHIP INCOME

2017 INTEREST INCOME

\$12,280.00

2017 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

\$44.76

2017 TOTAL INCOME

\$851.38

2017 EXPENDITURES

\$13,176.14

2017 INCOME LESS 2017 EXPENDITURES

\$15,906.03

(\$2,729.89)

=====
ANNUAL REPORT 2017

For the Period January 1st through December 31st 2017

March 15, 2018

BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCES

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account

PNC Bank Money Market Account

\$7,598.28

Account Totals

\$52,455.70

\$60,053.98

2017 INCOME

Membership Income

Interest from Money Market Account

\$12,280.00

Insurance Reimbursement from Rockford World War 1 Weekend

\$44.76

Reimbursement from Midway Village for Thursday meal at WW2 days

\$300.00

Total Income

\$551.38

\$13,176.14

2017 EXPENDITURES

Liability Insurance

Director's and Officer's Insurance

\$6,205.75

Event Support

\$744.00

Eventbrite Service Fees

\$5,321.17

Marketing

\$1,712.10

HRS Scholarship

\$193.92

Email Marketing Service

\$500.00

Post Office Box Rental

\$153.60

Membership Card Supplies

\$86.00

Refund of Membership Overpay

\$307.89

Postage	\$65.53
Illinois Secretary of State Fees	\$349.51
Domain Renewal	\$26.00
Vehicle Inspection Supplies	\$191.93
Total Expenditures	\$48.63
	\$15,906.03

ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCES

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$7,823.63
Total Ending Account Balances	\$49,500.46
	\$57,324.09

2017 INCOME LESS 2017 EXPENDITURES

(\$2,729.89)

HRS SUPPORT TO EVENTS IN 2017

Delay the Inevitable	
Weldonkrieg	\$1,250.00
Kennekuk (Danville) WW2 Days	\$1,250.00
Dundas Minn. WW2 Weekend	\$355.00
Midway Village WW2 Days (\$551.38 reimbursed by Midway Village)	\$300.00
Big Lake Minn. Event	\$2,002.75
TOTAL HRS SUPPORT TO EVENTS	\$163.42
	\$5,321.17

=====

TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 2018

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$6,342.46
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$49,508.73

Account Totals \$55,851.19

INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Interest from Money Market Account	\$3.80
Total Income	\$3.80

EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Liability Insurance Extended Coverage January 31st- March 8, 2018	\$519.12
Directors and Officer's Insurance	\$744.00
Military History Fest table staff admissions	\$70.00
Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Illinois Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing	\$16.00
Illinois Secretary of State Annual Report	\$13.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,374.92

2018 Membership Income	\$0.00
2018 Interest Income	\$8.27
2018 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
2018 Total Income	\$8.27
2018 Expenditures	\$1,481.17
2018 Total Income less 2018 Expenditures	(\$1,472.90)

=====

Secretary - Ron K reported. We have currently have 754 members and 11 Minor members for 2018 as of 3/20/2018. The Membership Coordinator mailed out 275 Membership Cards in February, 2018 and 306 WW2 HRS Membership Cards in January, 2018. Approximately 80% of members asked for paper cards.

Commonwealth Rep.- Matt Rademacher report was tabled. JS reported that No. 10 Commandos has 5 members. CB made the motion to remove them from Probation, which was seconded by CV. A BOD vote was taken and they were removed from Probation.

Allied Rep - Corey Vaughn has no updates on units with less than 5 members. 2/5 USMC wants to go to inactive status. CV has spoken with all other Units with less than 5 members except Kissinger's Unit and Dan Overschmitt's 17th Airborne. CV is running an experiment on Google Groups as an option instead of Yahoo Groups. CB asked if both of these Units had less than 5 members in 2017 and have failed to respond to CV and that these two Units should be put on Probation now for less than 5 members. CV responded affirmative. WM reported that Kissinger has 4 members currently and the 17th has no members. CB made a motion to put the 17th Airborne on Probation for having less than 5 members and RK and CV seconded. A vote was taken and was passed by BOD vote. The 17th Airborne was put on Probation and CV will advise the Unit Commander. CV's only other question was regarding insurance and what it covers. The BOD will be sending out an informational e-mail in the future on this issue.

Axis Rep - Doug Strong reported that he was working on getting through to Units that have less than 5 members.

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator – Jeff Skender is not in attendance, so his report will be tabled.

Committee Reports:

S&A Committee- Chuck discussed the incident that took place this past weekend at the Stalingrad tactical in Ohio. A young female reenactor was asked to open her bolt, which had a live round in it. She was advised not to participate in the event and she left the event. John Keaton will be sending a full written report in the mail in the next few days. The participant was Melody Hubertus who was quite shaken up and very cooperative. Mr. Shaw was in command of that Russian Unit and is also very cooperative. The S&A Committee is still conducting its investigation and will have a full report at the next BOD Meeting.

John Keaton reported that he had 155 pre-registered reenactors who showed up, had registration on Friday and Saturday and fully explained the registration and safety/authenticity meeting. UC's were asked to conduct their own inspections of weapons and blanks. However, John was not satisfied with that inspection, so he instructed others to do a third safety check of the weapons. It was during this third safety inspection that the live round was discovered. A fourth inspection of weapons was then conducted. Thereafter, it was discovered that Melody had a registration card but never signed a Waiver card. There were two total people who had received a registration card but no waiver. These Russian reenactors were part of a Russian group known as the 416th Rifles and run by John Boroom, but they are not part of an organized group and/or society.

CB again stated that the Committee is still in the process of the investigation and will fully report to the BOD at the next meeting.

The next issue is regarding the Rockford 2017 incident. CB reported that Mason Valdivia was reported to be the person who actually threw the grenade. I've learned that one of the young men suspected of throwing the grenade is Mason Valdivia. He was attending the event as a member of the 353rd. He was barely 16 at the time (He turned 16 in June of 2017). He has never been an HRS Member and as such, there has never been an HRS Parental Waiver on file for this young man. CB spoke with Dave Fornell and he knew that Mason was not an HRS member and that no Parental Waiver was on file but apparently belonging to a recognized historical society was not a requirement at Rockford. (is certainly should be required to be a 353rd member but apparently it never got done.) Mason advised CB that Dave Gordy told him that he "could" be in the battle. According to Dave Fornell the young man was told that he was to be in camp only, not to hold a weapon but was a participant in the town battle on Sunday where the grenade incident took place.

However, it appears the young man showed up late to the event and was somehow given an adult wrist band and checked through S&A since he was not there during formal S&A on Saturday. There are two conflicting stories that he registered using his own name and correct age, and a second story that he was registered (by another 353rd member) using an adult's name and was given an adult wristband.

This same young man is also the one who discharged a blank from a K98 at Military History Fest, also as a member of the 353rd and Dave Gordy's Pioneer section of the 353rd.

Dave Gordy made the grenade that was thrown and led the battle in which it was thrown. However, the S&A Committee is unanimous that the 353rd should be held responsible for the actions of Mason and Dave Gordy.

CB discussed the reasons for the safety protocols the HRS has in place and that unless the HRS makes an example of these people, that someday we will eventually have a disaster.

Unit Commanders Committee- Jon reported the e-mail problems seem to have been resolved by Yahoo.

Vehicle Committee – JS not in attendance. Report tabled.

Civilian Committee – Nicole Fornell not in attendance, report tabled.

Old Business:

2018 HRS National Event: – JS reported that in light of the insurance issues, that was not worked on and will be tabled until next month.

Insurance: JS reported on the situation with regard to the old policy having been canceled and that the HRS, through its insurance broker, worked to get a replacement policy. On March 7th, the day before the interim policy was to expire, from AIX Specialty. That was voted on by the BOD and bound on March 8, 2018, the deadline. JS discussed the details of the policy and that we have already received a Certificate of Liability for events occurring in March, as the policy will be issued in April. JS will prepare a written informational e-mail that can be sent to all members.

Event Support: Last month, the BOD held off on event support until the insurance issue was resolved. WM reported that the insurance policy was \$8,755.00 plus additional riders for a total \$10,018.12. In 2017, the insurance cost was \$3,500.00 less. JS reported that support of event will put the HRS in the negative category.

Danville: Asked for \$500.00, which was \$355.00 for portable toilets and \$145.00 for food and supplies. Last year, they received \$355.00 in support. Last year, they had 106 HRS and 120 total attendees. JS asked for comment on what would be appropriate support for 2018. Further, the event has no other funding other than the HRS. RK suggested that the support be limited to \$355.00 for the porta-johns. CB made the motion and it was seconded by RK and DS to supply \$355.00 to Danville. A vote was taken and the approval was made, pending receipts. WM to let the Event organizer know.

Rails to Victory: This event requested \$538.86 to pay for some participation of heavy weapons vehicles (\$250.00) such as a tank at the event and requesting (\$286.00) for reimbursement to print Reproduction French & German Period Poster Advertising Cards to decorate the Trolley Interiors with to give the audience more of a feel that they are in Occupied France. CB made a motion to approve \$393.00 to cover the vehicle cost and half of the poster cost. That was seconded by DS. A vote was taken and the approval was made, pending receipts. WM to let the Event organizer know.

Weldonkreig: They have asked for \$2,500.00 to cover a Saturday night meal and to cover the transportation for armor. Dave Goodwin reported that last year, there were 258 total participants and this year, they have 300 registered and 180 HRS members. In 2017, of the \$2,500.00 requested, the BOD approved \$1,250.00. These two events were considered HRS Regional Events last year, so the funding was increased. One event considered a Northern

Regional and the second was considered to be a Southern Regional. CB made the motion to approve \$600.00 which was seconded by WM and RK. A vote was taken and the approval was made, pending receipts. WM to let the Event organizer know.

CB asked whether the site is a realistic site for an HRS National Battle and a discussion was held regarding this issue. They will discuss the issue at the event this year.

New Business:

New Event Requests:

WW2 Rockford. JS presumed that the HRS wants to consider WW2 Rockford as an HRS event.

WW1 Rockford. A discussion was started by CB regarding WW1. CB mentioned the previous poll that was taken by the HRS and there seemed to be support for a WW1 event. CB further discussed the lack of the BOD and Safety & Authenticity members at the event based upon the fact that most of the WW1 guys are not HRS members or members of the S&A Committee. DS suggested that pulling support of the event at this time is unfair to the WW1 event. CB again raised the S&A issues that the WW1 Event would be up against. CV mentioned the past poll as well and that if the HRS continues to support events outside of WW2, where does the support end.

JS asked if there were stipulations that might be put into place and suggested that in the event the WW1 event would not be supported, there were insurance companies that might be willing to insure a single event.

CB made the motion that the WW1 Event acquire their own insurance policy and that HRS will pay 75% of that insurance policy for the 2018 WW1 event and that for future WW1 events, they will have to provide their own insurance for future events. If the event cannot get their own insurance for the event, the BOD will further consider the insurance request made by the WW1 event at an emergency meeting. RK seconded the motion. A BOD vote was taken and the BOD approved the motion. JS will act as the lead on the insurance issue for the WW1 Event. Dave Fornell will be notified of the decision.

Open Comments:

Jon asked for open comments. Bill Sheets mentioned the Tarawa 75th Event in Alabama and invited people to attend the event. They will be using Higgins boats in the event.

The Next Meeting would be April 24, 2018.

Adjourn

RK motioned to adjourn, CB seconded. Approved by BOD vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.