



WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 22 May 2018

Call to Order at 7:32 - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Chuck Bolanis, Vice President, Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Wayne McCulley, Treasurer; Matt Rademacher, Commonwealth Rep; Doug Strong, Axis Rep.

Members Attending: John Keaton, David Serikaku,

Approval of Agenda

RK motioned to approve the agenda. DS seconded. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Reading of April Meeting Minutes

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

Officer Reports:

Vice President: CB has nothing new to report for Charters. No new charter submissions have been made. Still waiting on end of the year reports from Jarger Div. 28. CB also recently submitted a request to the 82nd AB, 507th, H Company out of Nebraska, and that is supposed to be submitted to CB by the end of the month.

Treasurer –

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF APRIL 30TH 2018

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| PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account | \$8,128.04 |
| PNC Bank Money Market Account | \$44,516.25 |

Account Totals

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| \$52,644.29 |
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INCOME FOR APRIL 2018

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| Reimbursement for Insurance Rockford WW1 event | \$300.00 |
| Interest from Money Market Account | \$3.78 |

Total Income

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| \$303.78 |
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EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL 2018

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| Liability Insurance for WW1 Rockford | \$699.00 |
| Email Marketing Service | \$12.80 |
| Membership Refund | \$5.00 |

Total Expenditures \$716.80

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| 2018 Membership Income | \$7,200.00 |
| 2018 Interest Income | \$15.79 |
| 2018 Miscellaneous Income | \$300.00 |
| 2018 Total Income | \$7,515.79 |
| 2018 Expenditures | \$12,195.59 |
| 2018 Total Income less 2018 Expenditures | (\$4,679.80) |

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INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT 2016

2016 INCOME

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| Membership Income | \$12,640.00 |
| Interest from Money Market Account | \$54.58 |
| Insurance Reimbursement from Rockford World War 1 Weekend | \$300.00 |
| Total Income | \$12,994.58 |

2016 EXPENDITURES

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| Liability Insurance | \$6,205.75 |
| Director's and Officer's Insurance | \$744.00 |
| Marketing | \$869.18 |
| HRS Scholarship | \$750.00 |
| Email Marketing Service | \$153.69 |
| Post Office Box Rental | \$86.00 |
| Membership Card Supplies | \$181.12 |
| Refund of Membership Overpay | \$65.00 |
| Postage | \$376.04 |
| Illinois Secretary of State Fees | \$26.00 |
| Bank Charge | \$7.50 |
| Legal Fees for Review of Waiver Forms | \$1,600.00 |
| Payment of Approved 2015 Event Support for Rails to Victory | \$155.88 |
| Eventbrite Service Fees | \$1,733.79 |
| Total Expenditures | \$12,953.95 |

HRS SUPPORT TO EVENTS IN 2016

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| Dundas Minnesota World War 2 Weekend | \$300.00 |
| Rockford WW2 Weekend Vehicle Inspection Drawing Prizes | \$1,000.00 |
| Rockford WW2 Weekend Thursday Evening Reenactor Meal | \$963.44 |
| Rockford WW2 Weekend Sunday Morning Reenactor Breakfast | \$900.00 |
| Advance to St. Lo Tactical, Haugen Wisconsin | \$165.23 |

TOTAL HRS SUPPORT TO EVENTS **\$3,328.67**

EXPENSE & INCOME REPORT 2017

2017 INCOME

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| Membership Income | \$12,280.00 |
| Interest from Money Market Account | \$44.76 |
| Insurance Reimbursement from Rockford World War 1 Weekend | \$300.00 |
| Total Income | \$12,624.76 |

2017 EXPENDITURES

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Liability Insurance | \$6,205.75 |
| Director's and Officer's Insurance | \$744.00 |
| Eventbrite Service Fees | \$1,712.10 |
| Marketing | \$193.92 |
| HRS Scholarship | \$500.00 |
| Email Marketing Service | \$153.60 |
| Post Office Box Rental | \$86.00 |
| Membership Card Supplies | \$307.89 |
| Refund of Membership Overpay | \$65.53 |
| Postage | \$349.51 |
| Illinois Secretary of State Fees | \$26.00 |
| Domain Renewal | \$191.93 |
| Vehicle Inspection Supplies | \$48.63 |
| Total Expenditures | \$10,584.86 |

HRS SUPPORT TO EVENTS IN 2017

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| Delay the Inevitable | \$1,250.00 |
| Weldonkrieg | \$1,250.00 |

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

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Secretary – Ron K reported as of 22 May 2018 we have 861 Members and 15 Minor members. 675 Members (about 81%) have requested (and have been mailed) Membership Cards. All unit commanders have been e-mailed there (monthly) unit membership reports by Jeff Skender.

Commonwealth Rep - Matt has nothing to report.

Allied Rep - RK reported that he spoke with someone interested in chartering a 1st Infantry Division. They will be submitting their Charter Application.

Axis Rep - Doug tried to reach out to those German Units that have 0-1 members, but received no response from any of them. 1st SS Panzer LAH; 5th SS Panzer; 11th SS Feldgendarme; 7th Panzer, 7th Grenadier Regiment; and Grossdeutschland Feldlazarette.

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator – Jeff Skender Report provided by RK in the Secretary Report. JS heard some very positive comments from UC's lately about Jeff. Thanks for the hard work Jeff!

Committee Reports:

S&A – Nothing to report.

Unit Commanders - No report

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten sent a note that he was resigning as the Chair of the Vehicle Committee due to a lack of participation and responses from members on the committee.

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

Old Business:

2018 HRS National Event – No news. Tabled for now.

Event support: Dundas, MN Event sent a request for event support, and the event was this past weekend, but because the meeting was postponed last week, it was not considered. The Event Funding will be tabled as it was not received in enough time to consider their funding request.

Ohio Event JS received a request for a copy of the HRS Insurance Policy from the event that John Keaton is putting on July 21st, 2018. JS will send them a copy of the policy.

New Business:

Vehicle Transport Reimbursement MR reported as follows:

It can all be based on vehicle weight and distance travelled. (From vehicle storage location to event location - one way.) Most standard modern cars/trucks are under 6,000 lbs, so that's where I started. All allocated funds will be based on a flat dollar amount per vehicle. Requests for funding will need to be submitted for each vehicle, listing vehicle type, year, weight, owner, and storage city. Mileage calculated by Google Maps shortest route.

0-5,999 lbs, no transport reimbursement

6,000-9,000 lbs, travelling over 100 miles = \$50

9,001-15,000 lbs, travelling over 50 miles = \$150

15,001-40,000 lbs, travelling over 25 miles = \$500, and written justification required

40,001 lbs. and up, travelling over 5 miles = Funding by special request, written justification required.

Anything under 9,000 lbs, I figure can be towed by fairly standard equipment. A normal truck with a normal trailer, which any vehicle owner will already own. The \$50 covers the added fuel expense due to towing.

9-15k would require special towing equipment, but that would be relatively readily available, and would likely also be privately owned by the vehicle owner. The mileage requirement drops, and the allocated funds increases.

15-40k lbs. would likely need to go by semi, or some sort of special hauling vehicle. The mileage requirement drops to 25, and the available funding increases to \$500. Specific justification for why THAT vehicle is needed at the event would be required.

Anything over 40,000 lbs. would most likely end up being an oversized semi load, and any distance travelled over 5 miles would be a financial burden. This is mostly just tanks falling into this category, and funding should be by special request, again with justification as to why that specific vehicle is required.

Additional funds may be allocated on a case by case basis depending on distance travelled and justification by the event organizer for a specific vehicle, pending board approval.

Facsimile vehicles will be reimbursed by actual weight, not the weight of the original WW2 vehicle specification. Proof of weight will be required to be on file for facsimile vehicles to receive funding for transportation.

These amounts are not designed to cover the total cost for transporting a vehicle. They're only meant to make it easier for the vehicle owners to bring their toys out to events. I'm of the opinion that if the event requires a specific vehicle, then the event itself should be covering all or part of the cost for transportation. We should also require some sort of verification that the approved vehicle did in fact participate in the event before funds are released. Additionally, requests should be made for each specific vehicle, not a list of vehicles the event organizer hopes will show up.

JS mentioned that he liked what MR started with. CB mentioned that the BOD should consider that a cap be put the funding for each year; how many times a vehicle owner can apply for the funding; etc.

Rockford Accident Report CB finished his investigation and submitted his report to the BOD earlier this month. The key findings are as follows:

It is inconclusive as to who threw the grenade or who gave the order to throw the grenade. Mason Valdivia was the one who possibly threw the grenade. Further, it was learned that Mason was an unauthorized minor participating in the event. There was a breakdown in the chain of command as the 353rd; there was a breakdown of the procedures set up for registration; there was a lack of safety inspection prior to the major battle.

CB's recommendations are:

1. In regards to Dave Gordy, the S&A Committee voted to ban Dave Gordy from attending HRS events for one year.

The BOD held a discussion and it was suggested that there be a one year ban with a one year probation period after the ban is lifted. Further, it was suggested that he be prevented from forming a Unit in the HRS. However, he has already chartered his Unit with the LHRA, so his chartering a Unit with the HRS won't likely happen. CB made the motion to ban Dave Gordy from any HRS event for one year, and possibly a lifetime ban if there were any infractions after the one year ban, which was seconded by DS. A BOD vote was taken and it was passed.

2. In regards to Mason Valdivia, the S&A Committee voted to ban him from any involvement with any HRS Unit or HRS Event until he reaches the age of 18.

The BOD held a discussion and CB made a motion to ban Mason Valdivia from any involvement with any HRS Unit or HRS Event until he reaches the age of 18, on June 12, 2019. DS seconded the motion. A BOD vote was taken and was passed.

3. In regards to the 353rd, the S&A Committee voted to a one year Unit Charter Probation and a two year oversight on any event that they host.

The BOD held a discussion and CB made a motion that the 353rd be put on Unit Charter Probation for one year, which was seconded by DS. A BOD vote was taken and was passed.

4. In regards to the Rockford/Midway Village Event, if the Midway Village wishes to use the HRS insurance, the HRS will have total oversight on the planning and administration of battles, skirmishes or engagements, the firing of firearms, use of pyrotechnics, and safety inspection issues, etc., and oversight on registration procedures.

The BOD held discussion. JS mentioned that the HRS oversees S&A anyway at Rockford, but asked how would the HRS manage or have oversight over the registration process. CB mentioned that administration should require proof of age with ID's; a limit on times for registering people at Rockford, etc. JS's concern was with regard to the HRS involvement in registration. CB reminded that the HRS would have oversight over, not have to actually handle the registration, of the reenactors at Rockford. CB suggested that this be tabled until June to give Dave Fornell a chance to attend the next BOD meeting to discuss the issues that the S&A Committee is suggesting. CB will prepare an e-mail to be sent to DS who will send it to Dave with an invitation to attend the June meeting.

CB will send out the information to the parties affected by points 1-3.

Open Comments:

MR had a comment regarding standards for homemade pyro and is suggesting that the S&A Committee adopt standards for homemade pyro. Further, perhaps the HRS should ban the use of homemade pyro until such standards are adopted. He copied the GWA Rules and guidelines on pyro and sent them to the S&A Committee in 2016. MR will resubmit those suggestions to the BOD for review and consideration. JS will review the insurance policy to see whether the policy even allows homemade pyro before the BOD or the S&A Committee discusses standards for homemade pyro.

Announcements: The next meeting is June 26, 2018.

Adjourn RK motioned to adjourn, WM seconded. Approved by BOD vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.