



WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 15 January 2019

Call to Order at 7:31 - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Chuck Bolanis, Vice-President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Jeff Skender, Treasurer; Matt Rademacher, Commonwealth Rep; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Axis Rep, Doug Strong

Members Attending: Brad Buddehagen, Brian Jones, Dave Serikaku, Jim Schouten

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

The December, 2018 Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for review by the BOD. JS motioned that the December Minutes be approved as prepared and reviewed by the board members. That was seconded by DS. The December Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice-President:

New Charters: CB received one new Charter submission, from the 4th Gebirgs out of Indianapolis, Indiana. CB should have the results by the February Board meeting. CB is familiar with the Unit from other events and sees no issues and DS has been working with them. There will be two Units coming up in April for Charter approval.

CB reported that the 1st Kompanie, 1st BN, Jaeger Regiment 83, Jaeger Div 28 is over a year overdue on their end of Probation Unit Report, which was due in December, 2017. CB will move the Unit to the disbanded List.

Frank DeBartolo's, 115th Infantry, 29th Infantry Division, is way behind in submitting their end of the year report as well. CV will follow-up with Frank and CB will extend their period to do so for one more month.

Lastly, the issue of Units that did not have 5 members in 2018 will be tabled until the February, 2019 BOD Meeting. At the end of January, 2019, any Unit that did not have at least 5 members in 2018 and does not have 5 members by January 31, 2019, will be eligible for disbandment.

Treasurer: PNC asked for copies of the Board Meeting Minutes providing that Jeff Skender is to be put on and Wayne removed from the bank accounts. The Board approved the addition of Jeff Skender on the PNC accounts for the WW2 HRS, as he was elected to the board position of Treasurer, and that Wayne McCulley be removed from the accounts.

Secretary – Ron K reported that there has been a steady stream of members signing up since we released the 2019 membership info, which is 207.

Commonwealth Rep - Matt reported that the Unit records needs to be amended to change No. 10 Commandos as a fully chartered Unit, and off probation. JS made the change.

Allied Rep - Corey reported on several Units that do not have a UC and is continuing to work with those Units. Further, Units that had no members in 2018. CV made a motion that the 17th Airborne Division, 513th Parachute Regiment, G Company, which has not had a member for over two years, be removed as a chartered Unit in the HRS. CB and DS seconded. A BOD vote was taken and the Unit will be removed as a fully chartered Unit in the HRS.

CB brought up the 2nd Infantry Division 23rd Inf. Rgt. I Co., David Jameson, has not had any members for several ears as well. CB made a motion to disband the Unit and make David Jameson an Associate Member of the HRS, which JS seconded. A BOD vote was taken and was passed. JS will contact David Jameson and pass on the information.

The 4th Armored Division 704th Tank Destroyer Batt. Unit was on probation in 2016, taken off in 2017 and had no members in 2018. CB made a motion to place the Unit on probation, which was seconded by CV. A vote was taken and the Unit is put on Probation. CV will contact him.

Axis Rep - Doug reported that Großdeutschland Combat Trains, UC, Todd Machin said he has been having health issues and would be stepping down. They have a new unit commander selected and DS forwarded him the change of command form. The 3rd SS Totenkopf, advised that they would take care of memberships in 2019. The 7 Fallschirmjager Rgt. 6 also reported that they would get their memberships in.

CB reported that 1st SS Panzer Division, LAH, recently signed up with the HRS, but is a competing society. CB suggested that the HRS not allow competing societies charter Units in the HRS. They are merely holding the Charter to tie up the 1st SS Panzer Division in the HRS. A discussion was held regarding not allowing competing societies hold Units in the HRS. Doug Strong will speak to Dave Burch about the issue.

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator – JS will continue to do the work of the Membership Coordinator.

The Edge Editor - JS will remain as the Interim Edge Editor until a full-time Editor is found. Something will be posted in The Edge asking for an editor.

Committee Reports:

S&A – CB reported that their only current topic of discussion is the 4th Gebirgs Division.

Unit Commanders - JS reported that the UC had nothing new except the 2019 EventBrite info posted.

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten reported that he is sitting on several years of Vehicle Inspection Reports which will be scanned at Kinko's and put on a flash drive and turned over to the Secretary.

Civilian Committee – Report tabled.

Old Business:

2018 Election: Corey Vaughn was re-elected as Allied Rep; Chuck Bolanis was re-elected as Vice-President; and Jeff Skender was elected as Treasurer.

By-Law Vote Report:

By-Laws, Article III, Membership, Section 3, Annual Dues:

The previous wording:

The membership shall determine by vote all dues and fees to be assessed. All renewals must be paid by April 1 of each year to ensure unit standing. Elected officers must have their dues paid in order to hold office. (Dec 2015)

The NEW change:

The Annual Membership Dues, charged to all members, shall be set by a majority vote of the Board of Directors each December for the upcoming year. The Board shall consider the current financial strength of the HRS; the projected upcoming annual budget; the expenses and income for the past year; and projected growth, if any, of the HRS, into consideration when setting the amount of the Annual Dues. The Board may apply a reasonable "early pay" discount to the membership dues if the dues are paid before March 31st of each year. Elected officers must be current with their dues in order to hold office.

WWII HRS OPERATIONS GUIDEBOOK, Article III, SOCIETY HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS, Section 2:

The previous wording:

...2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are as follows: a. Regular Membership - \$15.00 per individual via electronic application b. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per individual c. Family Membership - \$10.00 per each additional family member [Updated Jan 2014] d. Associate Membership - \$25

The NEW change:

...2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are set by the Board per the By-Laws. The suggested Fee Schedule is: a. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per individual; b. Family

Membership - \$10.00 per each additional family member [Updated Jan 2014]; and c.
Associate Membership - \$25

New event requests: Need 2019 requests for additional insured from events as soon as possible in order to save the HRS the (later in the year) charge of \$100.00.

New Business:

HRS Accounts: Discussed above

Treasurer Supplies: JS asked for a budget of \$250.00 for 500 stamps, which was seconded by DS. A vote was taken and was passed. JS may purchase the stamps and will be reimbursed by the HRS. JS also needs a PO Box for the HRS. CB made a motion to approve the purchase of a PO Box, which was seconded by RK. A vote was taken and JS may spend the \$250.00 for the PO Box and will be reimbursed by the HRS.

Regional Events or National Event: The BOD received a submission from 3rd Armored to host a National Event at Camp Atterbury in October, 2019 and the BOD discussed numerous options. CV and CB will speak with Alan Jones and Dave Weakley about the possibility.

Open Comments: The issue of pyro guidelines has stalled in the UC and S&A Committees.

Announcements: The next meeting is February 18, 2019.

Adjourn RK motioned to adjourn, DS seconded. Approved by BOD vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.