



# WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

## WWII Historical Reenactment Society Minutes of the Board Meeting 18 February 2021

**Call to Order at 8:03 pm** - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Chuck Bolanis, Vice President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Jeff Skender, Treasurer; Doug Strong, Axis Rep; and Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep.

Members Attending: Alan Jones, Roger Marvel, Alex Lohse, Wayne McCauley, Dave Serikaku

### **Approval of Agenda**

RK motioned to approve the agenda, as amended by CB to include WW1 and Rockford, which was seconded by CB. Agenda, as amended, was approved by BOD vote.

### **Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

The November, 2020 Minutes were previously distributed to and reviewed by the board members. JeffS motioned that the Minutes be approved, which was seconded by RK and CV. The Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Vice President:** CB reported there was one complete charter submission from the Commonwealth Home Guard which was posted to the S&A Committee. CB asked that it be set for the March BOD meeting and it should be ready for vote.

**New Charters:** The second charter, already reviewed by the S&A Committee, was for Tim Utesch, US First Infantry Division, Company A, First Engineer Combat Battalion. CB mentioned this was one of the most impressive charters he had seen. CB made a motion to grant this Unit a probationary charter. DS, CV and JeffS all seconded. A BOD vote was taken and passed. The Unit will be approved as a Probationary Charter and added to the Unit Rolls.

**Rockford:** CB reported that he had a very productive ZOOM meeting with the new director of Midway Village. There were numerous questions on how exactly the WW2 event was going to be administered by the museum and the reenactors. CB gave a discussion of the history of the events that led up to the 2020 event issues. Midway Village is looking for insurance for their events, such as the WW2, WW1 and the

Prohibition events. CB asked that if the HRS was providing the insurance, that it be involved in the administration of the event, in the safety and authenticity of the event and other issues. The museum agreed to that and the events are going to be back in the administrative control of the HRS. Going forward, Dave Fornell will be the primary committee member with Chuck Bolanis and Ron Kapustka making up the rest of the committee. The museum will dictate terms to the committee through Caitlin Treece to Dave and to Chuck and Ron. There will be further discussions with the museum and the HRS regarding the events with reports to the BOD as they occur.

CV asked if this relates to the WW1 event as well, and CB mentioned that the HRS will be working with the museum with regard to the WW1 as well as the WW2 event.

**Probation Review:** No Units up for Review.

**Unit Probation/Dissolve Review:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div, UC asked that his Unit be dissolved. This will be handled by JeffS.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **WORLD WAR 2 HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY**

**12 February 2021**

#### **BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES**

<b>PNC Bank Business Checking Account</b>	<b>\$13,533.36</b>
<b>PNC Bank CD</b>	<b>\$30,416.37</b>
<b>PNC Bank Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$14,570.48</b>
<b>PNC Bank Account Totals</b>	<b>\$58,520.21</b>

#### **YEAR 2021 Total Income**

<b>January Membership Income</b>	<b>\$1,616.90</b>
<b>January Minor Membership Income</b>	<b>\$8.51</b>
<b>February Membership Income</b>	<b>\$2,170.05</b>
<b>February Minor Membership Income</b>	<b>\$8.51</b>
<b>Total Membership Income</b>	<b>\$3,803.97</b>

<b>January Interest Income</b>	<b>\$0.11</b>
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>\$0.11</b>
<b>2021 ALL Income</b>	<b>\$3,804.08</b>

#### **YEAR 2021 ALL Expenses**

<b>PO Box for 2021 Year</b>	<b>\$288.00</b>
<b>Insurance D&amp;O</b>	<b>\$783.00</b>
<b>2021 ALL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,071.00</b>

**YEAR 2021 Total - GAIN**

**\$2,733.08**

**YEAR 2021 Approved Expenses NOT PAID**

**Rails To Victory Event Support (not Paid)**

**\$441.00**

Jeff also reported that the HRS has filed its 2020 tax return as well.

**Secretary** – The recently approved November, 2020 Minutes will be sent to the webmaster to be put on the HRS website.

**Commonwealth Rep:** NO report.

**Allied Rep:** CV has nothing new to report. He will start to review units that are below strength.

**Axis Rep:** DS has nothing to report. He will start to review units that are below strength.

### **Staff Reports**

**Membership Coordinator:** JeffS reported there are 500 members. JeffS reported that we can't afford to send out membership cards in 2021 as that cost us \$700.00. CB and JS advised that we should still offer a membership card for those who want it. DS suggested that we offer a digital card to members who want it. Dave Serikaku suggested charging an extra \$1.00 for a card. A further discussion was held and it was decided that we will still send out membership cards. The expense of cards to be sent out was approved by the BOD. JeffS also sent out Unit Strength numbers to the BOD and that any UC that asked for a membership report will be sent one.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Committee Assignments**

**S&A:** CB has nothing further to report.

**Unit Commanders:** Nothing to report.

**Vehicle Committee:** JS started a form for insurance and vehicle information. JS will send it to the BOD for review and comments.

### **Committee Reports:**

## **Committee Assignments**

### WWII HRS Committees 2021

Inter-committee communication can be done however the committee best sees fit such as via email, facebook, etc as long as a record is kept of official business. If board members would like to be non-voting members of any committee they may do so. With the exception of S & A which should have a monthly report, each committee should have a quarterly report prepared for board meetings.

### Governance

Tasked with finding suitable candidates to run for board positions and By-Law updates/changes. Should be composed of 3 board members and up to 3 members. Should meet quarterly.

### Safety and Authenticity-Chuck Bolanis

Tasked with any and all safety and authenticity related issues to include updates/changes to the existing S/A rules; review of new units for membership; review of probationary units; review of violations. Should meet monthly or higher frequency as needed. To be composed of board members and members chaired by the Vice President.

### Scholarship-Doug Strong

Tasked with promoting and recommending the award of the yearly academic scholarship. Should be composed of a board member and three members with backgrounds in education. Should meet twice per year.

### Publications and Promotional-Jeff Skender and Jon Stevens

Tasked with preparing a monthly or bi-monthly publication highlighting the organization, achievements, promoting events, and reporting all board meetings. This includes the Edge, Facebook page, website, and any other promotional materials. Should be composed of two board members and an appropriate number of members to function properly. Should meet monthly or as needed.

### Vehicle-Ron Kapustka

Tasked with any and all questions pertaining to WWII vehicles used or displayed at events. Should develop and maintain a safety checklist for vehicles at events to be used by event hosts to ensure personal vehicle insurance is maintained on each vehicle and safety standards are met. Should meet at least quarterly or as needed and be composed of at least 1 board member and the appropriate number of members with a minimum of 5.

### Civilian-Corey Vaughn

Tasked with the oversight of civilian reenactors to integrate them into events and maintain a historical impression. Should meet at least quarterly and submit any S&A rule change proposals to the S&A Committee. Should be composed of at least 1 board member and an appropriate number of members with a minimum of 3.

### WWI-Doug Strong

Tasked with promoting WWI reenacting for HRS members including all WWI authenticity and events. This group will develop any policy for WWI reenacting as needed. Should be composed of at least one board member and an appropriate number of members. Meet at least quarterly.

### **Old Business:**

**Covid Policy for Future** – The waiver would be used to protect the event hosts as well as the HRS with regard to events. RK will review the forms which were used in the past and make a recommendation to the BOD at the March meeting.

**Bylaw Vote and Election Results:** DS reported that we received a total of 111 responses and that all prior board members were re-elected. The By-Law amendments all passed as well. DS used the google program which was at no cost to the HRS. DS suggested using this in future votes as well.

### **New Business:**

**New Events:** The 11<sup>th</sup> SS Norlund Request for an event in Kansas in June, 2021. There was a submission for a tactical in Minnesota by the 30<sup>th</sup> ID. There was a Dundas, MN event submitted by John Broom and Robert Clouse. And lastly, the 10<sup>th</sup> SS has a tactical set for the weekend of 12-13 March, 2021 in Logansport, IN. CB made a motion to approve all of the events which was seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and all events were approved. They will all be added to the HRS website as sanctioned events. JeffS will work with the webmaster to get the forms filled out and the events listed

**Event Support:** A Funding Request was submitted for \$400.00 for the event to cover expenses of the porta-johns. The Unit will cover the remainder of the expenses of the porta-johns. RK made a motion to approve and DS seconded. A BOD vote was taken, with CB abstaining, and was passed. The Funding was approved for this event.

A request for Vehicle Funding was made by Alex Lohse and Roger Marvel for the Logansport tactical event. They reported that the total cost of the transportation will be \$1200.00 for the three armored cars to and from the event. CB made a motion that the the Funding Request be awarded in the amount of \$500.00, which was seconded by DS. A BOD vote was taken and was passed.

**D&O Insurance Renewal:** The BOD voted, between meetings, to approve the renewal of this insurance in the amount of \$783.00. This has been already paid.

**Liability Insurance Renewal:** The annual liability insurance policy needs to be renewed as well. The insurance company has asked for clarifications on some wording on our website. The insurance broker is explaining to the company about the use of “Hollywood” style pyrotechnics and “blanks”. It appears that the insurance company is

satisfied with our explanations. They further advised that for any event that uses pyrotechnics, that the vendor of the pyro provide the HRS with a copy of its insurance policy. The BOD is waiting for an exact quote on the policy. JeffS suggested that the BOD approve an expenditure of “up to \$9,000.00 for the insurance renewal”. RK made the motion which was seconded by CB. A BOD vote was taken and passed. In the event the quote is in excess of \$9,000.00, the BOD will discuss and vote on that expenditure between meetings.

**Open Comments:** None.

**Announcements:** Next meeting will be March 16, 2021.

**Adjourn:** RK made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DS, a BOD vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 9:34.