



WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

WWII Historical Reenactment Society Minutes of the Board Meeting 25 January, 2024

Call to Order at 7:02 CST pm - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Jeff Skender, Treasurer; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Wayne McCulley, Commonwealth Rep; Adam Bednar, Axis Rep.

Members Attending: Dave Serikaku

Approval of Agenda

RK motioned to approve the January 2024 Agenda, which was seconded by JS. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes

The December 2023 Minutes were previously distributed to and reviewed by the board members. RK motioned that the Minutes be approved, which was seconded by AB. The Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President:

New Units: We do not have a VP at the moment. JS asked that each Nationality Rep step in and assist with the new unit review for their respective nationality. The new Units are as follows: 1 st Canadian Para, the Polish Lancers, and a German Unit: Stevens/Yaw. WM advised that the Polish Lancers are ready for S&A review. JS mentioned another new unit forming, a Japanese Infantry Unit with 7-8 potential members and are located in Northern Illinois.

Dissolved Units: JS asked JeffS to prepare a report of those Units needing to be dissolved.

Probationary Units: JeffS was asked about a Unit that also needed a Probation Review and he will also provide that info to each Nationality Rep.

Treasurer: No income is expected until mid-March, 2024 as that is the next pay period from EventBrite. JeffS will give a condensed financial report for the next meeting of bank totals and any funds spent.

Secretary – The previously approved December 2023 Minutes, will be sent to the webmaster to be put on the HRS website. The Secretary will also take responsibility for preparing the Agenda and distributing it to the BOD in advance of the meeting.

Commonwealth Rep: Wayne McCulley had nothing new to report other than the Polish Lancers and the 1st Cana Para to go through S&A.

Allied Rep: No report. JS mentioned there was a GI Unit to be sent for review.

Axis Rep: No report other than assisting a German unit with password problems. JS mentioned there was one German Unit coming for review.

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator: HRS 2024 is currently at 148. JS led a discussion about a central cloud or drive, like Google Drive, for central access by the BOD. JeffS reported certain problems with access to the drive itself. JeffS will look into access abilities for the BOD to access and use the drive.

Committee Reports:

Governance – The Governance Committee shall be renamed Election Committee and should report quarterly.

Safety and Authenticity- JS is starting to build that committee back up. WM to assist in getting more people on the committee.

Scholarship- JS will chair that committee.

Publications and Promotional – JS reported that he is speaking with a graphic designer who is interested in doing The Edge. JS to report on this at the next meeting. AB will chair this committee

Vehicle – RK to chair that committee.

Civilian – CV to chair that committee.

WWI – This committee should develop the WW1 events and assist in bringing the WW1 Units into the HRS. JS, CV and WM will co-chair this committee. Dave Fornell to be included in the committee.

Old Business:

Insurance: The D&O Insurance policy is due 1/31/2024 and the premium is \$783.00. RK made a motion to approve payment of the policy, seconded by JeffS. A BOD was

taken and passed. JS to send the payment instructions to JeffS to pay by the end of the month.

New Business:

Elections: JS reported the results of the election. 49 votes cast, 47 for Jon Stevens, 1 vote for Andrew Geisert and 1 for Chuck Bolanis; RK and AB each received 49 votes for their respective positions.

Victory in Ardennes Support: Adam Bednar reported on his Victory in the Ardennes Funding Request for the upcoming event in Dodgeville, WIS in mid-February. \$500.00 each for hauling the 401st Field Kitchen and Roger Marvels armored cars plus \$316.00 for Porta-Potties. RK reported on the level of support from 2023 was \$500.00 for the Marvel transportation and \$575.00 was paid to the GD for porta-potties and food. RK reported on the level of support for each of the events in 2023. RK, WM and CV all suggested the level of support be \$1,000.00 and the three of them made a joint motion to spend \$1,000.00 for the event, seconded by JS. A BOD vote was taken, with AB abstaining, and was passed. The HRS will support the event with \$1,000.00. The waivers and receipts to be supplied by AB for the event to obtain the check.

Open Comments:

Announcements: Next meeting is targeted to be February 22, 2024.

Adjourn: RK made a motion to adjourn, seconded by AB, a BOD vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.