



# WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

## WWII Historical Reenactment Society Minutes of the Board Meeting 28 March, 2024

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

Members Attending: Matthew Wach; Charles Saint, Jim Schouten, Jason Vickers, Pete Wach, Wojtec Swic

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The February 2024 Minutes were previously distributed to and reviewed by the board members. RK motioned that the Minutes be approved, which was seconded by CV. The Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **Vice President:**

New Units: 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Paras: Jason Vickers spoke about the new unit and advised that he has two solid members who will do an encampment display. JS asked about the use of US weapons by the 1<sup>st</sup> Can Paras. Jason explained that they trained at Fort Benning and were familiar with US weapons and were issued various US uniform items and weapons and gear. JS made a motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Can Para as a Probationary Unit, seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and the 1<sup>st</sup> Can Paras were approved as a Probationary Unit. Jason will send the Unit info to the webmaster to be added to the HRS website.

12<sup>th</sup> Podolian Lancers: This charter has been reviewed by the S&A Committee. JS and WM mentioned that they need to be careful on the wearing of certain mediterranean uniforms at certain ETO events. Wojtec Swic mentioned they have two different uniforms which adhere to the ETO. JS added lastly, that if something negative happened and a unit member was disciplined by the HRS, would the Unit accept the discipline, to which Wojtec Swic agreed. JS made a motion that the 12<sup>th</sup> Lancers be

accepted as a Probationary Unit and RK seconded it. A BOD vote was taken and passed. Wojtec Swic will send his Unit information to the webmaster to be added to the HRS website.

17<sup>th</sup> Shidan (IJA): Charles Saint, the UC of the Unit, explained the history of the unit and its participation in WW2. Adam Bednar discussed the charter and issues which can be better explained in it. RK asked about membership, and Charles mentioned they currently have 10-12 primary and secondary members. Adam advised that the vote on the Unit can be taken. JS made a motion to accept the 17<sup>th</sup> as a Probationary Unit, seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and passed. Charles Saint will send his Unit information to the webmaster to be added to the HRS website.

After Action Report: 82<sup>nd</sup> Recon, Able Company. JS asked for comments from the BOD on their report. JS read through the AAR and recognized that the Unit identified their own issues and inaccuracies over the past year and that they were working to correct those. Matthew Wach advised they attended 8 events over the past year, refined their grooming standards and others and were looking forward to more events in the future. Adam Bednar commended them on putting together a year end review. JS made a motion to accept the 82<sup>nd</sup> Recon, Able Company as a full Unit, which was seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and the Unit will be added as a fully chartered unit.

Dissolved Units: None

Probationary Units: 1st USMC Raider battalion D Co. Under 5 members since charter issued. Unit to be contacted by CV. The 29th Infantry Division 116th Regiment - low members for 2 years. CV spoke with the unit and they advised they were adding in more members.

**Treasurer:** JS checked on the financials and we have \$10,075 and \$8082 in checking.

**Secretary –** The previously approved February, 2024 Minutes were sent to the webmaster to be put on the HRS website.

**Commonwealth Rep:** Wayne McCulley had nothing new to report.

**Allied Rep:** Corey Vaughn had nothing to report.

**Axis Rep:** Adam Bednar had nothing to report.

### **Staff Reports**

**Membership Coordinator:** Tabled.

### **Committee Reports:**

Election – The Election Committee has not yet found a VP.

Safety and Authenticity- The committee has picked up a few new members and is back to functioning as it should.

Scholarship- Nothing to report.

Publications and Promotional – JS reported that he is still looking for an Editor.

Vehicle – Nothing new to report.

Civilian – Tabled.

WWI – Tabled.

### **Old Business:**

Insurance: General Liability Insurance was paid and was renewed and we are waiting for some paperwork to be returned.

Approval of Expenses for Victory in the Ardennes: RK reported that Adam had sent in the Waivers and the receipts for expenses. CV made a motion to pay the Victory in the Ardennes their event money of \$1,000.00 which was seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken, with AB abstaining, and passed. Adam will contact JeffS with payment instructions.

Renewal of CD: JS has been in contact with the bank regarding the change over of president and they can then work on the interest rate and we can renew the CD. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

Approval of Expenses Request – Romanian Spring Event. Adam Bednar is requesting \$750.00 for this Eastern Front event being held in Dodgeville, WI. They have 175 people registered at \$35.00 per person. Total hauling cost is \$3,200.00 plus the unit will be spending \$750 on food, \$280 in smokes, plus \$1,000.00 and the total out of pocket expenses will be in excess of \$6,000.00. WM brought up that this expenditure so early in the year may be depleting our funds early. RK mentioned there are so few Eastern Front events that some support should be considered. CV and JS mentioned possibly reducing the amount to the same vehicle allowance that we did for the prior event. RK made a motion to reduce the support to \$500.00, seconded by JS. A BOD vote was taken, with AB abstaining and the support of \$500 was approved. Receipts and waivers to be sent after the event.

New Event: Tonganoxie Military Encampment, June 22-24, 2024, in Kansas. JS mentioned the city wanted to be assigned as an Additional insured, but he suggested it be given proof of insurance instead. JS made a motion, seconded by WM. A BOD vote was taken and the Event was accepted as an HRS event. JS will contact the Unit and take care of the insurance issue.

**Open Comments:**

None

**Announcements:** Next meeting is targeted to be Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

**Adjourn:** RK made a motion to adjourn, seconded by everyone, a BOD vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.