



WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

WWII Historical Reenactment Society Minutes of the Board Meeting 10 September, 2024

Call to Order at 7:31 CST pm - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Adam Bednar, Axis Rep; Wayne McCaulley, Commonwealth Rep

Members Attending: Dominic Cairo, Andrew Tripp, Andrew Poppe, Leha Wurth, David Serikaku, Brad Buddehagen, Warren Klein, Don Coffman

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of July 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Officer Reports:

Vice President: JS had one person contact him regarding the possible position of VP.

New Units:

Russian Unit - Osoaviakhim Foundation. Leha Wurth was in attendance and explained/discussed their new Unit. This will be the cadre of instructors who were left after the Russian army was devastated in the beginning of WW2. They will not be an operational military unit, but "trainers" of the Red Army. They are likened to the Home Guard who served the war effort but not in combat. They see their role in reenacting as helping units learn how to set up camp, introduction of other units, assist units in growing and developing, etc. JS asked if they were a civilian-type unit or a military unit. Leha advised they are para-military but leaned towards the civilian-type of unit. JS also asked about the ideological aspect of the Unit. Leha advised that they would lean towards the training portion of the unit. WM asked about the list of members who seem to be in the East and Mid-Eastern areas. Leha responded that they do attend events as far west as Illinois and Wisconsin and recently attended the Lockport event. They also host a monthly event at which people all around the world share research and other info.

JS made a motion to accept the unit as a probationary unit, which was seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and passed. The Unit will be added as a Probationary Unit in the HRS. JS will reach out to them for web contact info.

716th Infanterie (German) will be submitting a new Charter through Rick Pennington. This will be tabled.

There was a Change of Unit CO for the 105th Engineers Phil Owens to Ken Fasching

Probationary Units: None to discuss at this time

Dissolved/Disbanded Units: None to discuss at this time

Treasurer:

In JeffS's absence, JS reported that we closed out the CD at PNC Bank and moved the money to an account paying approx. 4% interest at PNC. Savings is \$10,075.59; checking is \$8,508.35 and the new CD is \$25,500.00.

Secretary: The July 2024 Minutes will be sent to the webmaster.

Commonwealth Rep: Nothing

Allied Rep: Nothing

Axis Rep: Nothing

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator: Tabled.

Committee Reports:

Governance	Tabled
Safety and Authenticity	Tabled
Scholarship	JS has had two inquiries but no submissions yet.
Publications and Promotional	Tabled
Vehicle	Tabled
Civilian	Tabled

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Tabled

Old Business:

Chippewa Valley BSA Camp: Additional Insured Certificate was accepted as is and they did not need the increase to \$2 million.

New Events: None

Website Host Update: We were required to move our “web site” to a new host. Some data was messed up/lost in the move but the webmaster has squared away most of the problems

2024 HRS Scholarship: Discussed above

Candidate for Vice President: Don Coffman, a member of the new Luftwaffe Field Division was on the call and discussed the reasons he wants to give back to the HRS. Don would like to have a National Battle again in 2025. JS made a motion to accept Don Coffman as a candidate for VP and interim vice president in the HRS which was seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and passed. Don also volunteered to be a member of the S&A Committee.

Rockford 2024 Update. RK reported about the 2024 Rockford event.

New Business:

HRS Sponsorship of the Rockford Breakfast: RK made the motion to support the HRS breakfast by the 353rd in an amount up to \$600.00 with the 353rd providing receipts and the number of members served. This was seconded by AB and CV. A BOD vote was taken and passed.

New Events: None

Safety & Authenticity Committee (Process for adding new members): AB offered to assist in setting up or adding to the S&A Committee. JS advised AB that he was an automatic member of the Committee anyway. AB will jump in and assist in bettering the S&A Committee.

Open Comments: Warren Klein asked about getting a copy of the By-Laws which were submitted to the HRS when the Unit was originally chartered. JS is trying to retrieve the old “paper” records of the HRS from a former board member who has custody of them. JS to report on this as he obtains new information.

Dominic Cairo, from JP2, a Finnish Unit asked on “how” to register a vehicle which they recently obtained. RK advised on the registration and JS advised on the requirements listed on the HRS website.

Announcements: The next meeting will be targeted for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:30.

Adjourn: RK made a motion to adjourn, seconded by WM and AB. A BOD vote was taken and meeting adjourned at 8:39.