

WWII Historical Reenactment Society Minutes of the Board Meeting 20 October, 2024

<u>Call to Order at 7:10 CST pm</u> - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Don Coffman, Interim Vice President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Wayne McCaulley, Commonwealth Rep.

Members Attending: Lauren Feldkamp (11th Nordland), Leah Wurth

Approval of Agenda

RK motioned to approve the October 2024 Agenda as revised, which was seconded by DC. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Officer Reports:

Vice President: JS discussed the functions and responsibilities of the VP. Once he gets the spreadsheet/list of units from the Membership Coordinator, he will get it to DC.

Change of Command Forms: I&R Platoon, 180th Regiment, 45th ID old CO was Keith Bonney and the new CO is Matthew Hodig.

38th Jaeger old CO was David Oversmitt and the new CO is Nicholas Cortas

<u>New Units</u>: JS is still waiting for the Charter for the 716th Infanterie. Once he gets it, he will forward to DC.

Probationary Units: None to discuss at this time

Dissolved/Disbanded Units: None to discuss at this time

Treasurer:

No one on the board has heard from JeffS for several months. It was reported that JeffS no longer was interested in assisting with the WW2 HRS. JS mentioned that WM, who was a Treasurer in the past, was interested in assisting. RK made a motion to appoint WM as the Interim Treasurer, seconded by DC. A BOD vote was taken and passed by the BOD.

RK mentioned that someone needs to contact JeffS to get whatever documents he has. RK to draft a letter and submit to the BOD for review before it goes out via email and certified mail. 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 \$10,075.67; checking is \$8,435.21 and the new CD is \$25,500.19.

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

Commonwealth Rep: Nothing

Allied Rep: Tabled

Axis Rep: Tabled

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator: Tabled.

Committee Reports:

Governance Tabled

Safety and Authenticity Tabled

Scholarship Tabled

Publications and Promotional Tabled

Vehicle Tabled

Civilian Tabled

WWI Tabled

Old Business:

Safety & Authenticity Committee (Process for adding new members and activity of the Committee). JS discussed the mechanics of the google group for the S&A Committee. JS mentioned there are 6-7 people on that group currently. He asked for thoughts/ideas

for proceeding. RK mentioned using a regular email group, JS mentioned using a service so the discussions are saved and are accessible in a standard form.

Website Host Update No news at this time, seems to be working fine

2024 HRS Scholarship Update No updates

Rockford 2024 Update RK gave a short discussion on the event and that it was very successful.

New Business:

New Events:

Berlin: Death of the Reich, May 21-25, 2025, PA. Leah Hurth advised they needed the liability insurance and asked that the event be listed as an HRS event.

Occupation & Rebellion, June 26-29, 2025, Ohio. Leah Hurth advised they needed the liability insurance and asked that the event be listed as an HRS event.

RK made a motion to accept the events as an HRS event, which was seconded by CV. A BOD vote was taken and the events will be added as an HRS event. The event organizer will send the info to the webmaster.

Exploratory Committee for a National Battle. DC asked that an exploratory committee be set up to try to set up a National Battle for 2025. DC explained his idea for resurrecting the HRS National Battle for 2025. RK made a motion to set up a Committee as the Exploratory National Battle Committee and appointing DC as the Chairman, seconded by DC. A BOD vote was taken and the Exploratory Committee will be established. WM mentioned funding issues and possibly adding money to the dues to support a National Battle. A further discussion was had by JS and DC regarding the national organizations and their participation in a national battle.

HRS Commitment of Funds for a National Battle discussed above.

<u>Open Comments:</u> Lauren Feldkamp asked about the possibility of a small group or small unit membership joining the HRS or an umbrella chapter for these smaller units. DC and RK and JS mentioned the various concepts behind chartering specific units and the value of the HRS insurance.

JS mentioned kudos to Corey Vaughn for his years of service to the BOD.

Announcements: The next meeting will be targeted for Tuesday, November, 19, 2024 at 7:00.

<u>Adjourn:</u> RK made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DC. A BOD vote was taken and meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.