



WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

WWII Historical Reenactment Society Minutes of the Board Meeting 24 April, 2025

Call to Order at 7:03 CST pm - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Don Coffman, Vice President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Wayne McCulley, Treasurer; Adam Bednar, Axis Rep; Daniel Rowicki, Commonwealth Rep

Members Attending: Rich Russo, Parker Hancock, Lea Wurth

Approval of Agenda

RK motioned to approve the April, 2025 Agenda, which was seconded by DC. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Approval of March, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The March, 2025 Minutes were previously distributed to and reviewed by the board members. RK motioned that the Minutes be approved, which was seconded by DC. The Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: DC sent out a proposal for a National Battle to the BOD. That will be tabled until the next meeting.

New Units: None

Probationary Units: 12th Podolian Lancers are still on probation through September, 2025. DC has received a response from them regarding the issues and he will share them with the BOD for the next meeting.

Dissolved/Disbanded Units: 3rd ID 3rd Recon Troop shall be disbanded per their request.

Treasurer:

TREASURER'S REPORT

**WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
APRIL 2025**

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$4,728.54
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$2,576.14
PNC High Yield Money Market Account	\$33,598.08

Account Totals	\$40,902.76
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INCOME FOR MARCH 2025

Membership Income	\$2,430.00
Interest Income from Money Market Accounts	\$100.12
Total Income	\$2,530.12

EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH 2025

Email Marketing Service	\$52.25
Liability Insurance	\$9,692.78
Bank Service Charge	\$3.00
Total Expenditures	\$9,748.03

2025 Membership Income	\$4,905.00
2025 Interest Income	\$266.64
2025 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
2025 Total Income	\$5,171.64
2025 Total Expenditures	\$10,842.85
2025 Total Income Less 2025 Total Expenditures	(\$5,671.21)

Secretary: The approved March, 2025 Minutes will be sent to the webmaster. The 2025 Secretary of State filing was filed and RJK has submit an Invoice. There 329 regular members and 2 Minor members as of 4/23/25.

Commonwealth Rep: Tabled.

Allied Rep: Vacant at this time

Axis Rep: 5 KP GD (change in leadership from Adam Bednar to Rich Russo) The Panzer Lehr charter (Parker Hancock) discussed their charter application is about 99% done and should be submitted by the next meeting.

Staff Reports.

Committee Reports: All tabled

Governance

Safety and Authenticity

Scholarship

Publications and Promotional

Vehicle

Civilian

WWI

Old Business

National Battle: JS mentioned that next year is the 50th anniversary year for the HRS and JS suggested the National Battle be coordinated with that. DC agreed that made sense and strongly suggested that funds be set aside for the National Battle. DC further suggested that the HRS breakfast funding at Rockford be eliminated to move those funds over to the National Battle. DC made a motion that \$3,000.00 be set aside for transportation and \$1,000.00 be set aside for meals at the battle. RK seconded the motion. A BOD vote was taken and passed.

The Edge – AB reported that Lindsey Hancock is not available to assist, however, Leah advised that she has five (5) people and will be happy to assist as The Edge editor. JS mentioned a few guidelines, such as 6 times a year would be good, photographers would be useful and happy to assist with pictures. JS asked that Leah send some samples of what “their” vision would be. Rich Russo suggested that it contain a calendar of upcoming events. Leah proposed that there be an addition added to The Edge in which articles about museums that appeal to reenactors be added to the Edge editions. All agreed that was a great idea.

Reimbursement of Battle of Seelow Heights event expenses of \$500.00. The documentation was received and reviewed. RK made a motion to pay \$500.00, which was seconded by DC. A BOD vote was taken and passed. Once the bank issues are worked out, WM will send out the payment.

New Business:

Safety & Authenticity Committee – Safety Booklet. DC started drafting a Safety Booklet for events as an alternative to S&A inspections for events. It would be used for events, crew served weapons, vehicles, etc. DC had a lengthy discussion about the mechanics and will submit a written proposal to the BOD prior to the May board meeting.

Fall of France - Event Funding Request and insurance request. Rich Russo has 80 guys registered at \$35.00 each and is requesting \$750.00 (\$500.00 for site rental and \$250.00 for food) for the event. RR discussed the event and other issues such as transportation costs, etc. JS mentioned that the HRS already paid \$160.00 for the additional insurance. AB suggested that the HRS fund \$300.00, DC suggested \$140.00. DC made a motion to fund an additional \$140.00, seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and passed.

HRS Event – Marengo WW2 Days Austin Collins, the 29th, with no funding request. RK made a motion to approve, WM seconded. A BOD vote was taken and passed.

JS brought up an issue of units with smaller numbers asking for the HRS to approve their events. DC suggested that the BOD look into a future issue that units who want to get events approved must meet the minimum number of unit members.

HRS Event - Tonganoxie VFW Military Vehicle Show & D-Day Encampment. RK made a motion to approve, DC and WM seconded. A BOD vote was taken and passed. The event will be a sponsor HRS event.

Secretary of State Invoice. RK made a motion, seconded by DC that the KSN Invoice for \$14.00 be paid. A BOD vote was taken and passed. A check will be sent.

New Event Request - June 2025 tactical: Stalemate: Kuban 1943. A discussion about the self-funded event was given by Parker Hancock, which is 5th Companie, Panzergrenadier, Lehr. The sponsoring unit is 50th Rifles. DC made a motion to approve the event as an HRS sponsored event, seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and approved. The event will be accepted as an HRS sponsored event.

Open Comments:

DC suggested we continue the “day membership” discussion. JS suggested we not call it a membership so there is no confusion whether they are or are not “members”. DC gave a short history of the prior reciprocal insurance issue with other organizations such as LHRA.

WM had a comment about the base rate of \$20.00 per member and possibly eliminating the early-bird discounts.

RK needs to send out the UC commander lists.

Leah asked about the use of Zeffy if an organization does not have an EIN. JS suggested he’d look into it and would speak directly with Leah. RK mentioned that the HRS possibly look into using Zeffy to assist units collect event charges and pay those back to the unit itself as event funding.

Announcements: The next meeting will be targeted for May 17, 2025.

Adjourn: RK made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DC. A BOD vote was taken and meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.