WWII Historical Reenactment Society
Minutes of the Board Meeting
20 August, 2026

Call to Order at 7:02 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; Robert Blecke, Allied Rep (absent), Edge Editor, Lea Wurth

Members Attending: Charles Saint, Roman Zoltowski, Ralph Kowalczyk, Jakub Baraniak-Cuba, Wojtek Swic

Approval of Agenda

RK motioned to approve the August, 2026 Agenda, which was seconded by AB and DC. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Approval of April, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The April, 2026 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:

President: JS worked with Zeffy and figured out how to send email blasts out to the members with current info and events. An email blast was sent out and was well received. LW asked about using the WW2 HRS email for communications. A discussion will be held off-line regarding this.

With regard to HRS Events, we have to do a better job of getting the events listed on the website. We all need to pitch in and get events listed.

WM reported that he was working on updating the units listed on the website and Unit info needs to be sent to the webmaster.

Vice President: DC reported that 2nd Panzer members went to the site to review it and were to speak to DC and advise. Kingsbury submitted a National Battle proposal for a March event. DC wanted to discuss their proposal with the board. Further details need to be handled. Dave Gordy and Weldon Springs also made suggestions.

Dave Gordy also advised that the LHRA is in agreement that people are members of the HRS and/or LHRA to attend events. Northwoods Living History Group would also be considered. RK suggested that DC to contact Mike Boden to further discuss.

A discussion was held regarding a HRS Unit to host the National Battle and what requirements might be.

New Units: New Polish Unit, tentatively 3rd Carpathian Rifle Division. Several members of the Unit attended the meeting and have submitted further information about the unit. Their charter has been submitted. A discussion was held regarding their tentage; the name will be named the Independent Carpathian Rifle Brigade; and NO bear during public hours. The females of the unit will be portraying the Women's Auxiliary Service and will not participate in battles. The women can participate in non-firing scenarios, such as the town skits. Pending receipt of a Revised Charter, correcting the name to the Independent Carpathian Rifle Division, the board will take a vote on the Unit. RK made a motion, seconded by AB. A BOD vote was taken and the Independent Carpathian Rifle Brigade is accepted as a Probationary Unit.

Probationary Units: None

Dissolved/Disbanded Units:

Treasurer:

AUGUST 2026

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JULY 31st 2026

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	$12,858.79
PNC High Yield Money Market Account	$29,295.34
Account Totals	
INCOME FOR JULY 2026	**$42,154.13**
Membership Income	$440.00
Interest Income	$61.38
Total Income	**$501.38**
EXPENDITURES FOR JULY 2026	
Bank Service Charge	$3.00
Total Expenditures	

2026 Membership Income	**$3.00**
2026 Interest Income	
2026 Total Income	**$7,480.00**
2026 Total Expenditures	**$461.37**
2026 Total Income Less 2026 Total Expenditures	**$7,941.37**
	$11,330.98
	($3,389.61)

Secretary: The approved April, 2026 Minutes will be sent to the webmaster to be added to the HRS website. There were 396 regular and 4 Minor members as of 8/20/26. We had 530 regular members and 6 minor members in 2025.

RK and DC reported on the Lockport and Rockford Committees. DC and RK previously attended a meeting at Midway Village to discuss a major re-design of the large public battlefield with representatives of the museum. This will be a multi-year project to re-design the battlefield making it safer and easier for the public to see the battle. Rockford Work Day is Saturday, August 29, 2026.

Lockport has two work days in the middle of the week.

Commonwealth Rep: DR reported on the new Polish Unit, with regard to tents, uniforms, etc. Had conversations with Dave Gordy as well on the same issues and his camp location at Lockport.

Allied Rep: Robert Blecke absent, tabled

Axis Rep: JS asked about the name change of the 10th SS from "Frundsberg" to the 7/SS Panzergrenadier Regiment 4, “Der Führer" 2. SS Panzer Division, “Das Reich" was completed. AB advised it was done..

Staff Reports.

Committee Reports: All tabled

Governance

Safety and Authenticity

Scholarship

Publications and Promotional (The Edge) LW reported that the next edition should be launched by the end of April, beginning of May. LW is having a hard time getting

people to submit content. JS suggested that LW possibly pull pictures off FaceBook from the photographers when they post groupings.

Vehicle

Civilian

WWI

Old Business

HRS 50th Anniversary. JS mentioned we need to do a 50th Anniversary design, to keep it simple and have the items to hand out at Rockford and possibly sell T-shirts, etc.

Charging non-members an attendance fee for attending events: DC and RK are working on finishing the Insurance Reciprocity Agreements with other organizations and the HRS policy for insurance. DC and RK to put together a proposal on the requirement of either being an HRS member OR buying a "day membership" to attend the event.

HRS National Battle was discussed in the VP Report.

New Protocol for Funding Requests: RK to write up a new Event Funding Request protocols and a new form and will submit it to the BOD for review and discussion.

Macomb, IL Event. AB suggested the HRS set up an HRS booth to sell shirts, etc., and to give the HRS exposure at events.

New Business:

The Edge new issue publication date. LW was unable to get The Edge out, as planned, due to a personal situation. LW expects to have it out in the next week or so.

Camp Ripley tactical event request and funding request. This is an event RK made a motion to accept this as an HRS Event, which was seconded by DC. A BOD vote was taken and the Event will be accepted as an HRS Event. A further discussion was held about the Event Funding Request. DC made a motion to fund $125.00 for the Event which was seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and passed. JS will advise Ross Hedin.

Rockford HRS Breakfast: RK added this to the agenda because the 353rd asked if the HRS was going to sponsor the breakfast for 2026. A discussion was held about putting the meal out for bids to HRS units for 2027. The BOD mentioned that he thought the meal should be offered to HRS members as a "perk" for the HRS membership fee. RK made a motion to approve an expenditure of funds to the 353rd to pay for the HRS breakfast on Sunday in the amount of "up to $500.00".This was seconded by WM. A BOD vote was taken and passed. RK to let the 353rd know.

Open Comments:

None

Announcements: The next meeting will be targeted for October, 2026.

Adjourn: RK made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DC. A BOD vote was taken and meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.