Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 20 March 2014, 8:00 pm

Welcome and ROLL CALL:

Position	Name	Present
President:	Jonathan Stevens	YES
Vice President:	Mike Kaczorowski	YES
Treasurer:	Wayne McCulley	YES
Secretary:	Eddie Mayton	NO
Allied Representative:	Ron Kapustka	YES
Commonwealth Rep:	Bryce Seyko	YES
Axis Representative:	Doug Loge	YES
Newsletter Editors:	Jeff Skender	YES
Business Manager:	David Jameson	YES

HRS Members Present

Alan Miltich
Jim Schouten
Carlos Ramirez
Sue Miller
Rey Ramirez
Scott Bacon

Reading of the February, 2014 Minutes:

The February, 2014 meeting minutes were read by Ron Kapustka. A motion was made by Ron Kapustka to approve the minutes as read, which was seconded by Wayne McCulley. A vote was taken and the Minutes were approved as read.

Old Business

2014 Membership Process: The 2014 procedure was discussed by Wayne McCulley. The minor forms have been handled, about 18 so far. There are 620 total members, with about a dozen or so that were manually entered by Wayne.

New Business

Unit Charters:

New Charters: The Polish 10th Dragoons have passed the S&A Committee. Jon Stevens made a motion to accept them as a Probationary Unit, which was seconded by Ron Kapustka. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. The Unit will be accepted as a Probationary Unit in the HRS.

Probationary Charters: The 3rd Infantry Division, 15th Regt., B Company was a "tie" in the S&A Committee. Mike recommended them as a Probationary Unit and asked for a motion. A discussion was held regarding the reason for the "tie" which was due to their footwear, which was a Korean War era boot. Doug Loge discussed the reasons to call for a vote tonight. Jon Stevens asked for comments from the BOD. Jon suggested that the Unit be probationary for another year. Rey Rameriz commented that the "boot issue" has been resolved and the M1943 "two-buckle" field boot was adopted as their only approved footwear. Rey discussed the attributes of the Unit and that he felt the Unit was deserving of a vote as a fully chartered Unit in the HRS. Doug asked Mike if he was asking for a Board vote. Doug called for a vote for B Company to be accepted as a full fledged Unit or rejected. The motion was seconded by Mike K. A vote was taken and the motion died, as there were 2 Yes', 2 Abstentions and 2 No's. Therefore, B Company stays as a Probationary Charter. Based on the vote, the possible second motion is moot. Jon Stevens suggested that B Company clarify their footwear issues for a future vote.

Defunct Charters:

4th Infantry Div, 22nd Regiment, Company A: Jon believed they had no members from 2013. Jon suggested that the vote to defunct them be tabled.

<u>29th Infantry Div., 116th Regiment</u>: Jon reported that their members were in the active military and their members have been deployed. Jon suggested that Mike try to get in touch with their Unit CO before a final vote was taken.

<u>2nd SS Division, Aufklarungs Battalion, 3rd Kp.</u>: Doug researched this Unit and Jon reported that the Unit had asked that it be removed. Bryce made a motion to defunct them, which was seconded by Wayne. A vote was taken and the Unit was stricken from the Unit Rolls as a Unit.

The <u>9th SS</u> was discussed by Doug Loge, that they had two members. They told Doug in December that they would contact him if they wanted to be kept as an HRS Unit. Jon suggested that they be given a little more time as they had some members in 2013 and the issue be revisited a little later in the year.

The <u>Hermann Goering Flak Regiment</u> was reported that they had no members in 2013. Doug Loge has spoken to their Unit CO and reported that he told him that if they were interested, they'd contact him. Doug called for a vote on disbanding this Unit.

Treasurer Report:

This is the report of financial balances deposits and expenditures for February, 2014. Some of these items were covered in the report for the February meeting.

Balances as of 2/28/2014:

PNC checking account \$8,717.50
PNC Money Market Account \$43,321.60
Wells Fargo Account: \$

Deposits

02/07/14 Deposit of Money orders from 2013, \$80.00

2 Money orders were returned without payment Actual Deposit \$40

02/07/14 Deposit of Member checks from 2013 after 8/13 \$245 02/10/14 Eventbrite Automatic deposit \$4,332.56

Expenditures:

\$7,000.00

2/3/14 Online transfer from Money Market Account to Checking account for insurance payment \$5,000.00

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2/13/14 US Postal Service PO Box 6mths rental	\$39.00
2/19/14 Office Max for Stamps and Membership card supplies	\$478.75

2/19/14 Walgreens Envelopes

\$4.51

On March 3rd 2014 we incurred a \$27 service charge from PNC for the two returned money orders deposited in February. \$12.00 for each money order and a \$3 charge for viewing copy of deposit receipt online.

2014 Eventbrite Memberships

February 187 memberships Net Sales \$2,398.06

Secretary Report: Eddie Mayton was unable to attend, No Report.

Membership Coordinator: 2014 Eventbrite Memberships were as follows:

627 memberships as of March 20, 2014. Craig Dvorack is working on the membership cards from mid-March, all prior card requests have been sent out.

Commonwealth Report: Nothing to Report.

Allied Report: Nothing to Report

Axis Report: Nothing to Report

Edge Report: Jeff Skender is waiting for announcements on upcoming events to be included in the next issue of The Edge. He would need the info by the weekend in order to get The Edge out on time.

Business Manager Report: Nothing to Report. Jon Stevens asked about the additional insured requests. The same procedure as last year, but with a reduced time frame. Wayne asked about the deposits to the Wells Fargo account, which has not yet been completed.

Committee Reports:

S&A - Nothing to Report.

Unit Commanders - Nothing new happening.

Vehicle – Jim reported that the HRS has 230 WW2 vehicles registered. There have been no inquiries about Vehicle Lists yet. A question came up regarding Authenticity Standards for vehicles. Jim asked if the Committee should come up with Vehicle Authenticity Standards. Jim will further discuss this issue with the Committee and Jon Stevens.

Event Listing Procedure – Jon discussed the necessary forms, approval, event reports, funding, additional named insured, etc, that are required before and after the event. The form should be amended to list the necessary documents and that failure to comply could result in a denial of future events.

Society Publicity – Jon Stevens mentioned that any publicity issues should be deferred/referred directly to the board or the Publicity person, which is provided for in the By-Laws as the VP.

MN "Dinner" Disclaimer The information posted on the Facebook page, is as follows:

"The WWII Historical Reenactment Society Inc. has never hosted, supported, or financed any events, or dinners at the Minneapolis based Gasthof Zur Gemutlichkeit Restaurant. The only officially sponsored WWII HRS events are listed on our website http://worldwartwohrs.org/Events.htm.

Information about our non for profit organization can be found here: http://worldwartwohrs.org/AboutUs.htm

Any activities by our members and member units that violate the stated bylaws and regulations of the Society are reviewed for disciplinary action up to dismissal and banning from future participation."

On behalf of the WWII HRS Inc. Board of Directors,

Michael Kaczorowski

WWII HRS Inc. Vice President

WWII HRS Inc. Head of Safety and Authenticity"

A Board of Inquiry, with Mike K as the Chairman, has been formed and it will look into the facts and circumstances regarding the MN "Dinner". The Board of Inquiry will have more information on this issue for the next Board Meeting.

ADDENDUM: Between the March and April, 2014 Board Meetings, the BOD discussed a request by Midway Village to utilize the HRS insurance for their WW1 Event being held in April. Midway Village agreed to reimburse the HRS for the \$300 cost to the HRS. The BOD voted on and agreed to allow the event to use the HRS insurance.

Open Comments:

A few general comments were made about the "MN Dinner".

A motion to adjourn the Meeting was made by Bryce Seyko and seconded by Wayne McCulley. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.